



1st Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46:2-3. 6-9. R. see v.6

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

Christ is head of the church.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

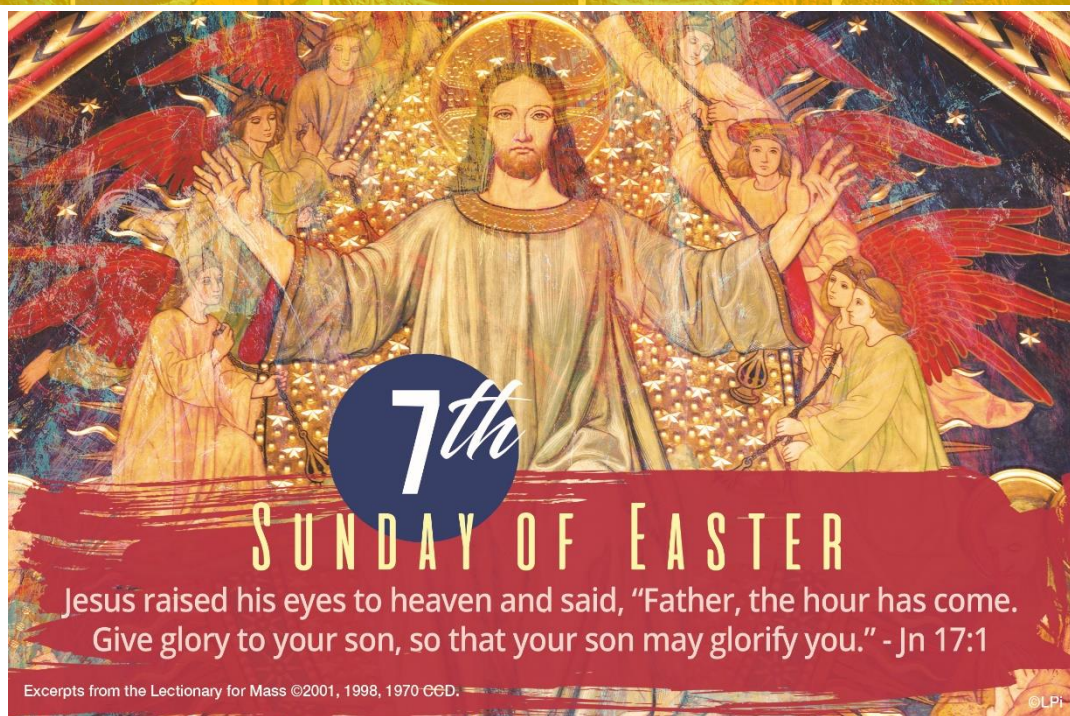
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sends forth the apostles with the promise to be with them always.



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

At Mass, one of my favorite prayers is the "Gloria." I love to sing this prayer. It is so majestic. Sometimes when I come to Sunday mass in a so-so mood, I join in the singing of the "Gloria" and I feel my spirits lift. Today's Gospel, however, tells us that giving glory to God involves more than our voices or words, and has nothing to do with our moods.

According to this reading, when we want to give glory to God, our actions will speak louder than our words. Read again Jesus' prayer to his Father. Like Jesus, we glorify God when we are doing the work God gave us to do.

The work list is different for each of us, designed according to our own unique talents and limitations. Some of us give glory to God by being a part of the choir or a lector. We give glory to God by working in a soup kitchen or teaching religious education at the parish. We glorify God by becoming police officers, teachers, factory workers, doctors, lawyers, or missionaries.

For parents, the toughest work God has given us is to raise our children to be spiritually, emotionally and physically healthy adults. We give glory to God by sharing our paychecks and the best of our time and energy with our families. We give glory to God with every peanut butter and jelly sandwich we make, with every dish we wash. We give glory to God when we use our gifts and talents to share who we are with those God has entrusted to our care.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Name each family member's specific talents. Discuss how they can use their talents to give glory to God.

PERSONAL RESPONSE: Where are you in your relationship with God? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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LITURGY TIMES

Saturday

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm

Vigil Mass, 6pm

Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm

Youth Mass, 2nd & 4th Sun, 6pm

Monday and Wednesday

Mass, 7am

(except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Mass, 9.05am

Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

1st Friday Night Devotion

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament, 7.30pm

Children's Liturgy

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass & Sun 9.30am

1st & 3rd Sun of the month

(during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,

Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

*The Holy Spirit Parish pays respect to the Darug People,
the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God.
We acknowledge with respect the elders past and present.*



We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit.

If you are not an active member of this Community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perhaps you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries as: Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, Choir, etc.

Persons are formally registered by filling out a form that is then entered into the parish data system (information supplied remains confidential). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

To know more about the life of the parish, you can grab a copy of our Welcome Newsletter available in the foyer or go to this link on our website:

<https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Holy-Spirit-Parish-Welcome-Newsletter.pdf>

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the People of God at Holy Spirit Parish is to witness to and to proclaim the word of God, and to pray and celebrate the Liturgy in word and sacraments so that we may be of service to others and form a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God." (St Augustine)

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office at 9670 8222 or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

There is strength and peace that comes from when we pray for one another. If you have a prayer request or want to offer a Mass for a special intention, go to: <https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/>
We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

SICK:

John Hawley, Joseph Valladores, Linda Allen, Yvonne Funnell, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Belle Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, Glen Root, Rossie Casha, Zephyr Morales, Renee Channel, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, Florencia Cunanan, Jose Antonio Rodriguez, Patricia Hogg, John Warne, Habib Younes, Bernadette Stevens.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Claude Corcoran, Rosemarie D Battung, Alizah Lewis, Henry Dithmer.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Florence Oliveira, Choi Tena Ramirez, Margot Tena Castillo, Gustavo Cantalicio, Remedios Buning, Belen Valladores, Sandra Louis, Ronald D'Costa, Raphael Thomas, Christopher Thomson, Enid & Arthur Falleiro, Douglas Brohier, George Herft, Rebecca Herft, Sergio De Lor Santos, Edward Anthony Slater, Sheila Tham, Sofia Falcatan, Nenita Perocho, Oscar Bertumen, Noel Bartholomeusz, Frank Xiberras.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

PARISH COLLECTIONS & REGULAR CONTRIBUTION

If you are a new parishioner to Holy Spirit or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Regular Parish Contribution, forms are available for completion in the foyer of the church or go to the link provided below. Please complete your details and email it to accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au or hand it to any of our priests. 30% of the collection is for the care of our Augustinian clergy and the 70% is for the administration and maintenance costs of the parish.

Regular Parish Contribution Form and other ways to donate:

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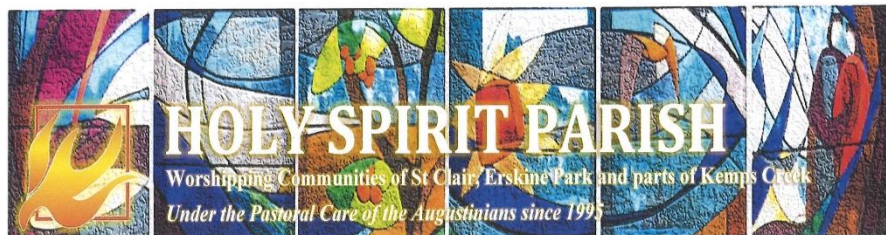


We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish.

GOD BLESS YOU.



LETTER TO THE PARISH VOLUNTEERS



9 May 2023

Thank You Parish Volunteers

"The main purpose for you having come together is to live harmoniously in your house, intent upon God in oneness of mind and heart." This first sentence in Chapter One of the Rule of St. Augustine has been the road map of every Augustinian and Augustinian ministries for centuries. As an Augustinian parish, Holy Spirit - St. Clair has been guided by this religious ideal. We are all called, the people of God, to come together as one to build this community, the Body of Christ.

One of the pillars of our parish is our committed volunteers. Many extended a helping hand that made a lot of difference in the life of the parish. The Holy Spirit - St. Clair Parish Pastoral Council would like to acknowledge you for extending your time, talent and energy for our parish community.

On the Feast Day of our parish, Pentecost Sunday - 28 May 2023, a special blessing will be given to the volunteers in all our masses. This letter serves as our personal invitation to you for your generosity and service. After the 9:30am mass, a special morning tea will be served to honour you and everyone in the parish is invited to join.

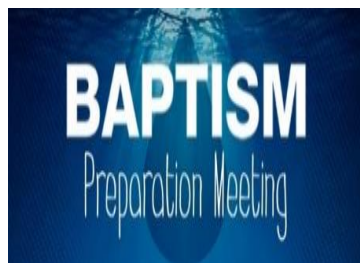
We hope to see you and celebrate with you on this special day!

With prayer,

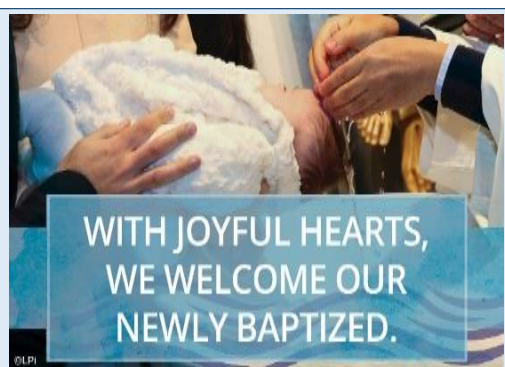
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Ana Gregoriou
Chair
Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Jeppia Bermudez, OSA
Parish Moderator



Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on Tue 13th June 7.00pm, via Zoom. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.

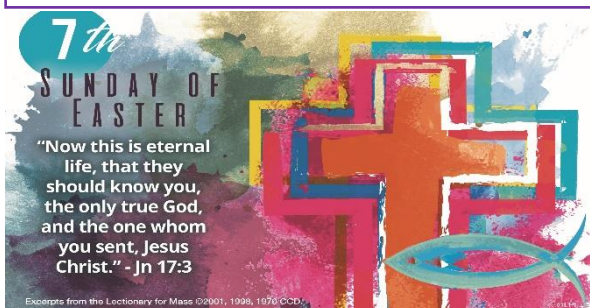


TYLER JAY NAIR & LUCAS JAY NAIR
(Children of Jaynesh and Ann)
LOLA ANASTASIA LAROCHE-AZAR
(Daughter of Norman and Cynthia)
LUCAS WILLIAM JACKSON
(Son of Alexander and Alicia)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This week we have a really special feast—the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The Ascension reminds us that we are now the physical body of Christ on earth. Jesus could physically leave because he trusted us to be his hands and feet, his ears and voice, his heart, his very being for those who need an encounter with him. We are the Body of Christ on earth. Your challenge this week is to enter into the Sunday Eucharist more deeply, remembering that when you consume the host, Christ is dwelling in you in a very intimate way. Then when you leave Mass, find someone who needs an encounter with Christ, someone who needs to know they are loved unconditionally. Reach out and give a hug or a listening ear or a helping hand. Be Christ in the world!

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Sheepish Question:

What am I waiting for?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Safe Parishes Week – Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now!

Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not completed your Safeguarding training?

Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?

You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on:

Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm
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www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Bookings available from 1 June 2023
- Parent Information & Catechesis - Tuesday 25 July 5pm or Wednesday 26 July 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be August (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 20 August 11.30am, 26 August 3pm, 27 August 11.30am

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation.

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:
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Join us as we celebrate our Being Church

PENTECOST

PENTECOST: Sunday 28 May

Bring a plate for morning tea after the 9.30am Mass

At the Holy Spirit Primary School Grounds there will be lots of fun for all ages

(Jumping Castle, Fairy Floss, Craft & Balloon Sculpting, Face Painting)

For more information, contact parish office:

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

The **Social Justice Commission** is once again holding its annual request for donations of **warm socks, beanies, and scarfs** to be distributed to charities assisting the poor and homeless in our area. The collection will commence next week the 20/21st of May and the 27/28th of May. **A box will be placed in the foyer for the donations.**



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NOW**



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Find us on 

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When you come to our Parish and park your car in the parking across Moore St and in Todd Row – please make sure you have locked your vehicle and do not leave any valuables.

We are aware of some vandalism/robbery occurred to some cars during Mass.



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Christ to our
First Nations
people**



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AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"As the soul is the life of the body, so God is the life of the soul. As therefore the body perishes when the soul leaves it, so the soul dies when God departs from it."

St Augustine of Hippo

WORDSEARCH Jesus is given all authority in heaven and earth

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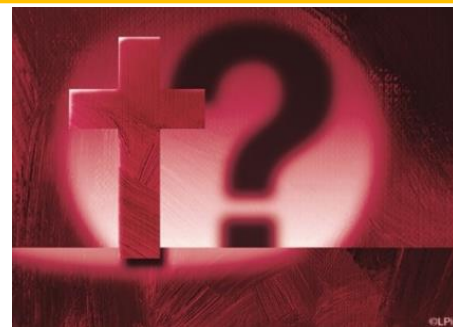
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CREATION CARE TIPS

Community gardens are in full swing this time of the year. Do you know if you have one in your area? These gardens are usually a piece of land rented very inexpensively so people without yards can grow food to feed their families. It is a good and holy thing to work with the earth, plant seeds, and tend them.

Jesus used stories of farmers in Scripture—he spoke of seeds scattered and seeds that take root. He spoke of a tiny mustard seed that grows into a mighty plant. Your challenge this week is to seek out a garden in your community. Volunteer to help weed or water and support those who are caring for God's creation or feeding those most in need.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

At a parish council meeting, our pastor mentioned the need for deacons. It is something I am considering. How do I know if I have a vocation? What steps should I take next?

Answer:

Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the Body of Christ, what one member does affects all. What the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service.

If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply. You might also begin to see a spiritual director, someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices. Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply. Best wishes!

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NEXT WEEKEND (28th MAY) PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A

	27 MAY, 6PM	28 MAY, 8AM	28 MAY, 9.30AM	28 MAY, 6PM
1st Reading Acts 2:1-11 <i>The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.</i>	Minister at the Altar Madeline Mostert	Minister at the Altar Victor Brangwin	Minister at the Altar Alice Zafrá	Minister at the Altar Edward De Leon
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30 <i>Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.</i>	Eucharistic Ministers Lea Jadraque Fe Uy Aruna Heslop	Eucharistic Ministers Gloria Slade Fiona Ferreira Ron Brackett	Eucharistic Ministers Nilo Gajo Marthese Grima Anabel Jader	Eucharistic Ministers Lumen Decena Peter Smith Robert Lees
	Reader 1 Janice Salmon	Reader 1 Louise Buvholtz	Reader 1 Tina Fernandes	Reader 1 Genevieve Luangratt
	Reader 2 Romeo Prieto	Reader 2 Millie Perez	Reader 2 Michael Paulo	Reader 2 Jodie Donlan
2nd Reading Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 <i>We are one body with different gifts.</i>	Commentator Lea Jadraque	Commentator Espy Sarno	Commentator Carmen Marcelo	Commentator Robert Lees
	Music Couples for Christ	Music Peter Mercia	Music Children's Choir	Music BASIC GIFT
	Powerpoint Nanette I.	Powerpoint Manuel Fidow	Powerpoint Joseph Valladores	Powerpoint BASIC GIFT
Gospel Acclamation <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i>	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed
Gospel John 20:19-23 <i>Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the Apostles.</i>	Welcomers Terry Serrao Olga Esguerra Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Espy Sarno Angela Pecnik Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Joe Duval Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 21 MAY

Mon 22 May: Saint Rita Of Cascia, Religious
Tue 23 May: Tuesday Of The Seventh Week Of Easter
Wed 24 May: Mary, Help Of Christians Year A
Thu 25 May: Saint Bede The Venerable, Priest And Doctor Of The Church, Saint Gregory VII, Pope, Saint Mary Magdalene De' Pazzi, Virgin
Fri 26 May: Saint Philip Neri, Priest
Sat 27 May: Saint Augustine Of Canterbury, Bishop

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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Mila, accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au. Thank you so much for your support of our parish!

