

1st Reading

Acts 6:1-7 Stephen is chosen as the first deacon.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R.v.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9 *Jesus, a living cornerstone.*

Gospel Acclamation

See John 14:6
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the
life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except
through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12 Jesus the way, truth, and life.

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

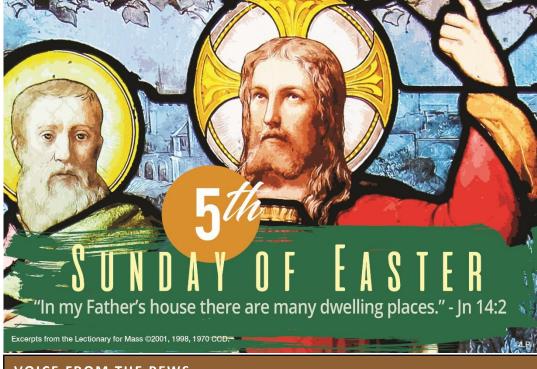
1st Friday Night Devotion

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



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

Today is a very special for our parish community as our beloved Fr. Peter Tangey, OSA celebrates his 60 Years of Ordination to the Priesthood. We are all blessed to have a minister who faithfully cares and loves his flock. For many of us, Fr Peter is not only a priest, but also a friend, and for some, a member of their own families. Fr. Peter is always known to take an extra mile in order to serve and be a gift of presence to all.

The first time I met Fr. Peter was in our Augustinian seminary in Manila in 2001 when he spent his 6 months Sabbatical Program. His impact to many of our seminarians is fondly remembered as many continues to ask about him 22 years after. His friendliness and care were felt authentically. His Spiritual guidance was remembered with gratefulness.

His infectious smile brought peace and joy to many. He was a mentor and a brother to each one of us.

I mentioned before that Fr. Peter was already 15 years a priest when I was born! I mentioned it jokingly, but the implication of the number of years of service he has given to the people of God is more than admirable!

The number 60 signifies his dedication and truthfulness to the Gospel that he preached and lived.

What we can wish and pray for is for Fr. Peter's great health and wellbeing that he may continue to serve us all for many more years to come.

🖎 Fr Jepser Bermudez





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/w p-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:

Linda Allen, Yvonne Funnell, Glenn Root, Violeta Molina Odart, Mario C Molina, Zephyr Morales, Renee Channel, John Warne, Mia Jajo, Rosie Casha, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Charli Rawlings, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dion, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, Bernadette Stevens.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ruza Matic, Margaret Farrell, Eve Kelaart, Julie Wolfram, Romeo Ocampo, Fernando G Molina, Dulcie Shrievs.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank Xiberras, Sarah Wolfgram, Tomislav Duic, Gustavo Cantalicio, Remedios Buning, Mena Valladores, Peter D'Souza, Basil Middleton, Sherwin Gonsalvez, Choi Tena Ramirez, Margot Tena Castillo, John 'Jack' Gore, Anka Marjanovic, Mato Marjanovic, Restituto Pascual, Milagros Nunag.

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: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations



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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually LOVING each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: We hear in Acts how Paul and Barnabas formed Gentilebelieving churches in cities of the eastern Roman Empire. What do you think is needed today to build a strong faith community?

Second Reading: In John's final visions, he sees "a new Jerusalem" coming down from heaven. God is fully present with humanity and there is no more suffering and death. How often do you think about the end-times?

Gospel Reading: As Jesus discussed his impending death with the disciples, he presents them with "a new commandment: love one another." In what ways are you challenged by this commandment?

BAPTISM Preparation Meeting

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 Tuesday 9th May 7.00pm, via Zoom. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



LEO AQUINO

(Son of Philips and Karen)

JACOB T & OLIVIA R COULSON

(Children of Daniel and Michelle)

ANTON MICHAEL VUKELIC

(Son of Joseph and Ellena-Marie)

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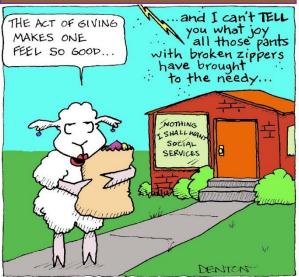
(Son of John and Mabel)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

St. Damien of Molokai is honored on May 10. Damien was canonized a saint because of his dedication and service to the lepers on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. Lepers were considered pariahs who were a threat to healthy people because of their contagious illness. Many of them were torn from their families when they were diagnosed with leprosy. They were taken to Molokai and never saw their loved ones again. (Lepers at the time of Jesus faced a similar alienation. They were often forced to wear a bell around their necks so that people could run from them when they heard the bell.) Damien ministered to the physical and emotional needs of the lepers on Molokai. He followed Jesus' example of reaching out to these rejected human beings, offering them the human contact—the simple touch—which they were denied. Your challenge this week is to look for a leper in your life, but not necessarily in the literal sense of a person with a skin disease. Rather, look for someone who craves human contact and human touch but is denied it. It might be someone who is lonely or angry, smelly or dirty, mentally ill or imprisoned in some way. Whatever the person's reality, reach out in love and compassion. Offer the human touch which every person on earth needs to survive and thrive.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

Sheepish Question:

When I consider the sacrifices I've made lately, which ones likely are most acceptable to God?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING

You are invited to register for this accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as a <u>free course</u> to the Parishes of Parramatta Diocese as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

- 1. St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13th May beginning at 10am, or
- 2. Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.







We all have a part no matter how big or small. You can make a difference and help a refugee family start a new life in Australia.

Join our information session to learn more about the community refugee sponsorship program.

Sunday 21 May 2023 at 2:00pm Mamre House and Farm 181 Mamre Rd Orchard Hills 2748

Please email us if you'd prefer to join us on Zoom. rita.hakkoum@catholiccarewsbm.org.au

RSVP to Rita: 0477 952 024



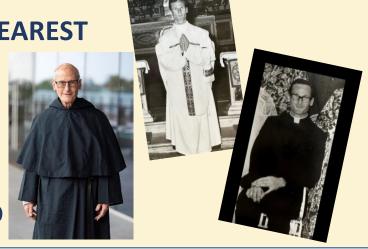


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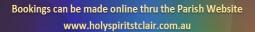
FR PETER TANGEY, OSA

on his 60th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

2023 Sacramental Preparation



CONFIRMATION (Year 5)

- Bookings available from 1 March 2023
- Parent Information & Catechesis Tuesday 2 May 5pm or Wednesday 3 May 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be in May (3 weeks)
- Confirmation Masses: 27 May 3pm, 4 June 11.30am 18 June 11.30am

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:

W: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au • E: sacraments@holyspiritstclair.com.au P: 02 9670 8222 or 0451 279 934 • A: 5 Todd Row, St Clair 2759 NSW

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"He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent".

St Augustine of Hippo

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CREATION CARE TIPS

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, focus on seeing beauty and new life in the natural world. Commit to some small act to beautify your small corner of the world; pick up trash in your neighborhood, sweep a neighbor's walkway, or give a gift of seeds or plants to a lonely friend or family member. Be the solution instead of lamenting the degradation of the environment.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment.

In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest.

If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven."

In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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NEXT WEEKEND (14TH MAY) SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

1st Reading

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 The Messiah is proclaimed and accepted in Samaria.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65: 1-7. 16. R. see v.1

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 4:13-16 Suffering for Christ brings glory.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 14:18
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord said: I will not leave
you orphans.
I will come back to you, and
your hearts will rejoice.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:1-11 Jesus prays to the Father.

CLEANERS: Group 3 **BANNERS:** White

13 MAY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar
Peter Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers

Dita Sy Moira Rebello Janice Salmon

Reader 1 Jan Salmon

Reader 2Corinne Cerdor

Commentator Florence Pusey

Music Volunteer Needed

PowerpointNanette I.

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Terry Serrao
Volunteer Needed
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14 MAY, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Madeline Mostert

Eucharistic Ministers
Belen Leynes

Celeste Lapid
Lisa Brackett

Reader 1

Sally Banguis *Reader 2*Espy Sarno

CommentatorManuel Fidow

Music Pierre D'Cunha

Powerpoint Christine Younes

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Sarah Damole
Jun Damole
Espy Sarno

14 MAY, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen

Eucharistic Ministers

Ken Allen Cathy Allen Jenny Kyd **Reader 1**

Uinise Blake *Reader 2*

Bianca Dowsett **Commentator**Ray Zafra

Music

Mary Immaculate Choir **Powerpoint**

Boy Sanosa

Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Jenny Kyd
Sue Oram
Volunteer Needed

14 MAY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Edward De Leon

Eucharistic Ministers

Kate Blasco Esther Rose Robert Lees

Reader 1
Kate Blasco
Reader 2
Candice Salmon

CommentatorMarty Facciol

Music Alleluia Choir

PowerpointVolunteer Needed

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Esther Rose
Eleanor Stuart
Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 7 MAY

Mon 8 May: Monday Of The Fifth Week Of Easter Tue 9 May: Tuesday Of The Fifth Week Of Easter

Wed 10 May: John De Avila

Thu 11 May: Thursday Of The Fifth Week Of Easter

Fri 12 May: Saints Nereus And Achilleus, Martyrs, Saint Pancras, Martyr

Sat 13 May: Our Lady Of Fatima

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