

1st Reading

Kings 4:8-11. 14-16 Elisha promises a son to an influential woman.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 88:2-3, 16-19, R, v,2 Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

2nd Reading Romans 6:3-4.8-11 We are baptized into Christ's death.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 2:9 Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42 Take up your cross.

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)

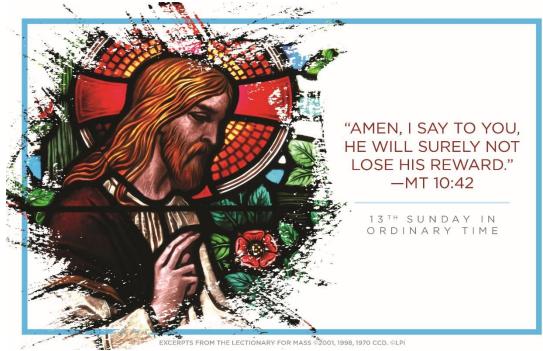
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

1st Friday Night Devotion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

Children's Liturgy

Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am 2nd & 4th Sun of the month (during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick by appointment



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

We try to shelter our children from harm. But eventually there comes a day when we realize we can no longer protect them from an imperfect world. They have to deal with illness, a pet dying, or friends talking about them behind their backs. Crosses are a part of the human condition. Jesus asks us to accept our crosses and instead of feeling sorry for ourselves to pick them up and somehow be graced through them.

Jesus was fully human, as human as we are, and he accepted his humanity. I think that is what Jesus asks of us, to simply accept the fact that we are human with all the limitations and restrictions that being human brings with it. We fall down and we get hurt. Friends and family disappoint us and sometimes even abandon us. Life is difficult, and no one can escape its crosses. Not even Jesus.

We can work hard to change the things we do not like, but inevitably we cannot control our lives. When we accept this fact in our heart of hearts, we can surrender control and begin to experience the peace of Christ's divinity. We can walk through the bitter haze of any physical or emotional pain because we share in Christ's strength and courage. We have his divine light to shine in all the dark corners.

Teach your children how to accept their disappointments and crosses by carrying your own crosses with grace. Help them to figure out what pain can be legitimately avoided and what pain just has to be suffered Allow them to through. face consequences of their actions. And when they are old enough, pray with them the Serenity Prayer, "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen."

FAMILY RESPONSE: Talk about how everyone has crosses in life, some are big and some are small. Ask everyone to share a cross they carried last week. End with the Serenity Prayer.

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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:

Bernadette Stevens, Jose Miguel Rodriguez, Andy Thomas P Aguirre, Tonia Smith, Andrew Smith, Nelson Banguis, Thomas Funnell, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, Glen Root, Rosie Casha, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, John Warne, Alex Allayban, Fatin Bahgat. Fr Cal Ashton, Lillian Rowsell.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Hawley, Vilma D'Souza, Urbano Laquesta Jr, Earl Edwards, Ferdinand Amores, Savio Fernandes, Violeta Santos, Rizalina Santiago, Maria Elena Javier, Dannie De Leon.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Teiris Samuel, Feras Bahjat, Donato P Uy, Gerarda Molina Balisi, Viriato M Molina Jr, Jose Licuanan Snr, Maria Gabriella Licuana.

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.

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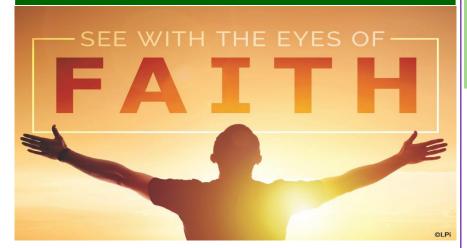


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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



"Do not be afraid, just have faith." God does not rejoice in our demise or our destruction. Rather, He made us in his image and desires that we have life. He also desires that we be healed and know His loving touch. There is great power in an embrace offered in love. The touch of another can heal wounds and restore life. There is also power in faith. Faith can turn us toward the truth and turn us toward God. Both love and faith can lead us to hope that no matter what we encounter, God will continue to sustain us in being. He will not allow us to perish. God can profoundly change how we see Him, ourselves, and one another. God desires that we turn toward Him and be healed of all that wounds and binds us so that we can be free and enjoy the fullness of life.

We are asked to arise and walk proudly with this life-giving faith. Reach out and share this faith with someone this week so that they too can receive God's life changing embrace and heed His call to wholeness. There are many in our world wandering around aimlessly without hope. Bring it to them.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

First Reading: We learn from the Jewish Wisdom writer that God did not create death; rather, death entered the world because of the envy of the devil. How does this insight shape your understanding of death?

Second Reading: Paul encourages the wealthier believers in Corinth to share their surplus wealth with those in need in the church in Jerusalem. What do you find interesting in Paul's appeal?

Gospel Reading: In these two separate miracle stories, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and the haemorrhaging woman because of their faith in Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus bring about healing in your life?

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 Tue 11th July 7.00pm. Presenter Joyce McMahon.



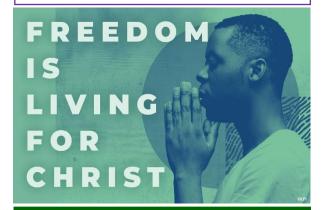
DAVINA ASHLEY BOWYER

(Daughter of Dhayana Ashley)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Summer is a great time to eat out with your family. How do you choose the restaurant? Have you tried that new ethnic restaurant which will introduce your family to new flavors and textures of food? When you decide on a restaurant, do you check to see if the restaurant uses locally-produced food instead of buying it from thousands of miles away? Your challenge this week is to check out the restaurants in your town and then support those which provide healthy, farm-to-table options which also care for God's creation. Discover how amazing your community is and what a gift God has given you!

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK





"Whoever receives you, receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Sheepish Question:

How have I been blessed by the hospitality of another? How did I express my gratitude?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Safeguarding Mandatory Modules Face-to-Face Training

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are organising sessions for parish clergy,

staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules 1-3

throughout July at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills.

Tuesday 4 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3

Monday 10 July (6.30pm-8.30pm) for Modules 1 and 3

Tuesday 11 July (6.30pm-8.00pm) for Module 2

Saturday 22 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3

Please email <u>safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org</u> or <u>winstonhills@parracatholic.org</u>

to register for one of these face-to-face opportunities to complete your Mandatory Safeguarding Training.



REQUEST IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM JANICE:

There was a black handbag in the kitchen during 9.30am Mass last Sunday (25/6) which contained a wooden Schoenstatt shrine/novena and it has gone missing.

It would be lovely to have it back so it can be passed to the next person. It belonged to Corine Morgan so I feel terrible.

Thanks so much!

Janice Stuart

In Loving Memory



John Charles Hawley

SINCERE THANKS

Fr Dave Austin OSA, Fr Jepser OSA, Fr Peter Tangey OSA

Holy Spirit Parish Staff & Community, The Parish Flowers Ministry, Parish Prayers Ministry

We would also like to acknowledge the comforting messages, floral tributes, and other expressions of kindness during this time of bereavement.

In particular, those of you who spent time with John, assisted with his care, kept vigil and joined the family during the Novena.

It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Nida, Anne-Marie, Craig, Lucas, Elliot and Family

TALKS ON FAITH AND MODERN SPRITUALITY 7:30 PM

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HUGE THANK YOU to all our parishioners at Holy Spirit parish for your generous donations of \$3,064.40 to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal.

Our parishioners have made an extraordinary difference in our local community especially for those who are in need.

As always the response is overwhelming.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy.".

St Augustine of Hippo

WORD SEARCH Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me

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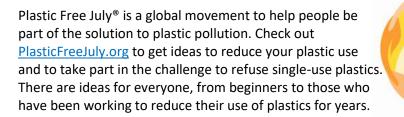


TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

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disciples	Matthew	sent
follower	prophet	water
good	rewarded	welcome

CREATION CARE TIPS





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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question: The Sign of PeaceWhy do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straight forward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31]) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

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NEXT WEEKEND (9 JULY): 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

1st Reading Zechariah 9:9-10 *Rejoice O Zion.*

Responsorial PsalmPsalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R.
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I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading

Romans 8:9. 11-13 Life in the Spirit brings life everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:25
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth; you have
revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30 *Christ will refresh the weary.*

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Office Hours

8 JULY, 6PM Minister at the Altar

Madeline Mostert

Eucharistic Ministers

Dita Sy Moira Rebello Janice Salmon

Reader 1

Florence Pusey

Reader 2Dudley Littlewood

Commentator

Corinne Cerdor *Music*

Victor Brangwin *Powerpoint*Nanette I.

Junior Servers
Volunteers Needed

Welcomers
Terry Serrao
Olga Esguerra
Volunteer Needed

9 JULY, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Belen Leynes Dawn Timmins Margaret Portelli

Reader 1Manuel Fidow

Reader 2Sally Banguis

Commentator Dawn Timmins

Music Pierre D'Cunha

Powerpoint Christine Younes

Junior ServersVolunteers Needed

Welcomers
Sarah Damole
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Espy Sarno

9 JULY, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen

Eucharistic Ministers

Ken Allen Cathy Allen Jenny Kyd

Reader 1 Ray Zafra

Reader 2 Uinise Blake

CommentatorBianca Dowsett

*Music*Mary Immacualte Choir

PowerpointBoy SAnosa

Junior Servers
Volunteers Needed

Welcomers
Jenny Kyd
Sue Oram
Volunteer Needed

9 JUY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Tony Cleary

Eucharistic Ministers

Kate Blasco Esther Rose Angela Pecnik

Reader 1 Marty Facciol

Reader 2 Kate Blasco

CommentatorCandice Salmon

Music Volunteer Needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers
Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 18 JUNE

Mon 3 July: Saint Thomas, ApostleTue 4 July: Saint Elizabeth Of PortugalWed 5 July: Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

Thu 6 July: Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin And Martyr

Fri 7 July: Blessed Peter To Rot, Martyr

Sat 8 July: Saturday Mass Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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