



1st Reading

Exodus 19:2-6

The Lord speaks to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

2nd Reading

Romans 5:6-11

We are justified by the blood of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

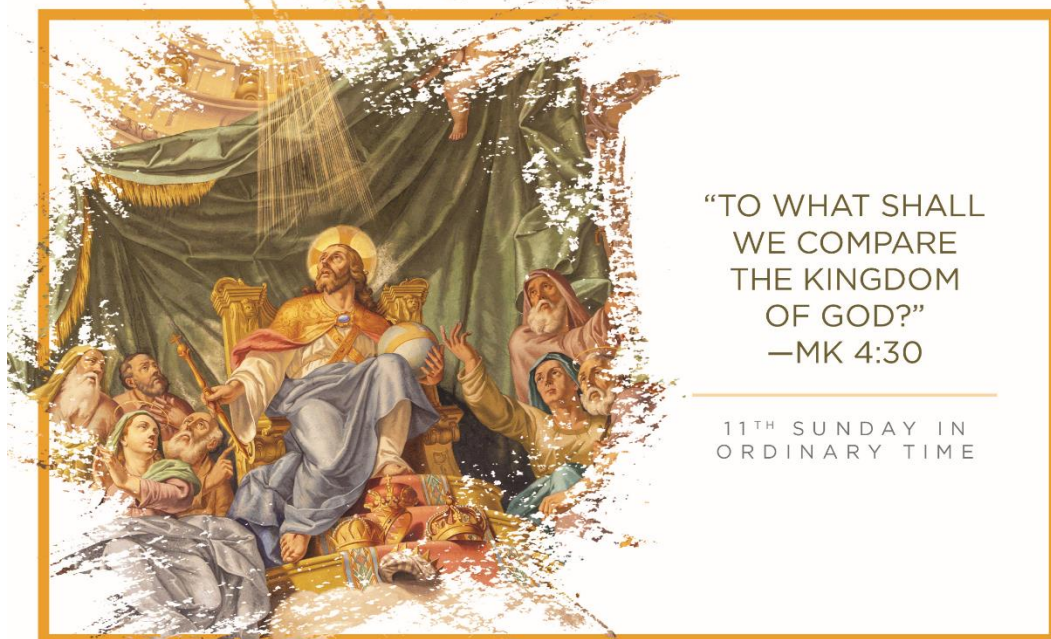
Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is near;
Repent and believe the Good News.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

The Twelve are sent on a mission.



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VOICE FROM THE PEWS

GIVE WITHOUT PAYMENT

The apostles were not lost sheep. They weren't troubled or abandoned. They had found their shepherd. Each day Jesus helped them see their individual gifts and worth. He nurtured them with love and compassion on a daily basis, and then he sent them out because the gifts God freely gives are meant to be shared. The apostles were not lost sheep. They weren't troubled or abandoned. They had found their shepherd. Each day Jesus helped them see their individual gifts and worth. He nurtured them with love and compassion on a daily basis, and then he sent them out because the gifts God freely gives are meant to be shared.

We have all been blessed with unique gifts and talents, and like the apostles we are expected to appreciate them and freely share them. Unfortunately, for me it is much easier to talk and write about this fact than it is to take it to heart.

Sometimes just accepting that I have a gift

is a problem. People tell me how good my stew is, and I will tell them it was way too salty. The fact is I am a pretty good cook, but it has taken me years to learn how to say a simple "thank you" to the person who gives me a compliment.

The point is even if your only gift is that you can make the best gosh darned oatmeal in the world, you should have the grace to share it with whomever you can. If you were gifted with a college education or a good profession, you should try to do some pro-bono work, sharing those gifts with folks who need your help.

Finally, God has gifted us with the privilege of parenting—accept it and practice it by helping your children discover their own gifts. Like Jesus did for his apostles, help them see their individual gifts and worth. Nurture them with love and compassion on a daily basis. And finally, affirm, counsel and support them as they learn to develop and share their gifts with others.

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

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

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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/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,
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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, Mario C Molina, Jam Viriato M Utleg, Kim Hak-Doo, Emilio Baccay, 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, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, Glen Root, Rosie Casha, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, John Warner.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Hawley, Savio Fernandes, Anabel Jader, Urbano Laquesta Jr, Gordon Fernando, Peter Mathias, Long Bosco Tran, Zach Brae, Mervin Fernandez.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Katrina Mercia, Lourdes Sampan, Connor John Richard Thomas, Edward Slater, Vincenzo LaBarbera, Doreen Dirk, June Rose Slater, Peter and Lourdes Farrugia, Gordon Sinclair, Jackie Cook.

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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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week

My faith

IS BIGGER THAN MY FEAR



Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Much of the book of Job addresses the mystery of suffering and God's role in human affairs. Today we hear part of God's response to Job's questioning with images of the sea and raging waters, representing God's power and omniscience. What helps remind you it is God who governs the universe with purpose and fidelity?

Second Reading: Paul encouraged the Corinthians to have the conviction of faith that since Christ died for all, believers should now live for him. In doing so, we become a "new creation." How have you seen this happen in your life as a person of faith?

Gospel: Early in their following of Jesus, the disciples' witness of the miracle of Jesus calming the storm at sea led them to ask: "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" How would you explain to others who wonder about the divinity of Jesus?

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Father's Day is a great celebration of the special men in our lives who have been a source of strength, encouragement, protection and guidance as well as providing, teaching and admonishing. Being a dad is complex. It isn't something one can plan out and schedule... it evolves and grows as their children do. One cannot study all the right ways to be a great dad. There is something organic and ever-changing in the role of a dad. All people need someone in their life who will love them unconditionally, but many have not had that gift. Today there are children and teens in your community, parish and school that need guidance, love and security. Your challenge this week is to reflect on how you can be an advocate for these things where you live. Can you mentor after school or volunteer at a Boys and Girls Club? Could you offer to chaperone an event for youth or children at your parish? Could you pray each day for your eyes and heart to be open to the needs of children and youth where you live and work? You may not be a father or a dad... but you have the capacity to love and make a difference.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

Sheepish Question:

Who have I failed to forgive? Why?
Who has surprised me with mercy?

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 TBA.



SANTIAGO CRUZ CABRERA
(Son of Roberto and Antonia)

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.

1. Tuesday 4 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3
2. Monday 10 July (6.30pm-8.30pm) for Modules 1 and 3
3. Tuesday 11 July (6.30pm-8.00pm) for Module 2
4. Saturday 22 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3

Please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or winstonhills@parracatholic.org to register for one of these face-to-face opportunities to complete your Mandatory Safeguarding Training.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

2023 Sacramental Preparation

Bookings can be made online thru the Parish Website
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:
W: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au • E: sacraments@holyspiritstclair.com.au
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Between the 26th and 30th June
our Priests/Deacon will be in an
Augustinian Retreat.

Therefore, we are **NOT** having
Masses during that week.

Office will be opened from
Monday to Thursday between
9am to 5pm.

Bishop Vincent has announced and convoked the first **Diocesan Synod** for Parramatta from 10 – 15 October 2023. With this Diocesan Synod, Bishop Vincent also invites all the faithful in the Diocese to contribute to the development of the new Diocesan Pastoral Plan by means of listening and consultation forums. We invite you, then, to attend in person the Western Deanery Listening and Consultation Night on Saturday, 24th June from 7:00pm – 9:30pm at Holy Spirit Primary School, St. Clair. Bishop Vincent will be present to listen to your voices. **You need to register in advance** via <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/#> (Click on the “Western Deanery Consultation” and put your details to register).

If you want to explore the individual submission follow the link:

https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_submissions/

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



The Social Justice Commission members would like to thank all parishioners who donated to our annual collection of socks/scarfs/beanies. The response was excellent. The donations have been sorted and will be distributed to Mama Lana's homeless service (Penrith), Jesuit Refugee Service/House of Welcome and St. Vincent De Paul.

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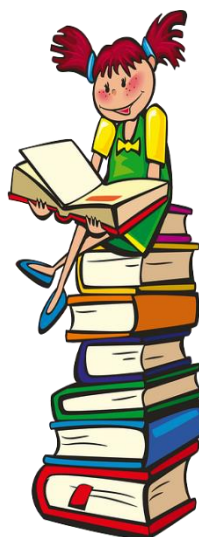


“The language of the Spirit, the language of the Gospel, is the language of communion that invites us to get the better of closedness and indifference, division and antagonism”.

St Augustine of Hippo

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CREATION CARE TIPS

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” —Matthew 9:37-38

There is so much work to be done in this environmental crisis, and it may be easy for those working in the field to lose hope and burn out. This week, spend time praying for those working in any way to restore the environment. Pray that they will be infused with hope that with God, all things are possible. Also, pray that God will use you to labor for creation in the way you are most suited to do so.



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question: The Sign of Peace

Why do Catholics give the sign of peace to one another at Mass?

Answer:

The sign of peace is a part of the Mass that takes place immediately after we offer the Lord's Prayer. Inspired by the Jesus' words to his first followers, we stand together in a spirit of communion to pray as Jesus taught us: "Our Father who art in heaven..." In this prayer, we call for the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness and ask that God provides for our needs — "Give us, this day, our daily bread" — to forgive our sins and to bring us to the joy of heaven.

It is almost natural, then, that the rite of peace would follow. As the celebrant prays that Christ's peace will fill our hearts, our communities, the Church, and the whole world, we extend to those around us a sign of peace (usually a hug or a handshake) as a symbol of the communion that we experience now and will experience forever in the fullness of the reign of God.

We are also reminded of Jesus' teachings that if we are at prayer and remember that a brother or sister is holding something against us, then we are to go and seek reconciliation with them before we continue our prayer (see Matthew 5:23). And so, the sign of peace also reminds us of the need to truly be in communion — united in love and peace — with God and one another before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

So, the next time you're at Mass and the time comes for the sign of peace, remember that this is a moment to celebrate the gift of Christ's peace that each of us has received from God and to pass that peace along to those around us. We need this moment to practice, because this is also the same peace of Christ that we are instructed to carry out into the world at the end of Mass when the priest or deacon says to us, "Go, in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

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NEXT WEEKEND (25 JUNE): 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

1st Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13
The Lord is with Jeremiah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68:8010. 14. 17. 33-35. R.
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Lord, in your great love, answer me.

2nd Reading

Romans 5:12-15

As sin entered the world through one man, so through one man are we saved.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26.27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

Those who acknowledge Christ will be known to the Father.

24 JUNE, 6PM

Minister at the Altar
Madeline Mostert

Eucharistic Ministers

Lea Jadraque
Fe Uy
Aruna Heslop

Reader 1

Romeo Prieto

Reader 2

Lea Jadraque

Commentator
Janice Salmon

Music

Couples for Christ

Powerpoint

Nanette I.

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Terry Serrao
Olga Esguerra

Volunteer Needed

25 JUNE, 8AM

Minister at the Altar
Victor Brangwin

Eucharistic Ministers

Gloria Slade
Fiona Ferreira
Ron Brackett

Reader 1

Millie Perez

Reader 2

Espy Sarno

Commentator
Louise Bucholtz

Music

Peter Mercia

Powerpoint

Manuel Fidow

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Angela Pecnik
Espy Sarno

Volunteer Needed

25 JUNE, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar
Alice Zafra

Eucharistic Ministers

Nilo Gajo
Marthese Grima
Anabel Jader

Reader 1

Michael Paulo

Reader 2

Carmen Marcelo

Commentator
Tina Fernandes

Music

Luchie's Choir

Powerpoint

Joseph Valladores

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Joe Duval
Volunteer Needed

Volunteer Needed

25 JUNE, 6PM

Minister at the Altar
Victor Bangwin

Eucharistic Ministers

Lumen Decena
Peter Smith
Robert Lees

Reader 1

Jodie Donlan

Reader 2

Robert Lees

Commentator
Genevieve Luangratt

Music

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Powerpoint

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Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Esther Rose
Eleanor Stuart

Volunteers Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 18 JUNE

Mon 19 June: Saint Romuald, Abbot

Tue 20 June: Tuesday Of The Eleventh Week In Ordinary Time Year 1

Wed 21 June: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Thu 22 June: Saints John Fisher, Bishop, And Thomas More, Martyrs

Fri 23 June: Saint Paulinus Of Nola, Bishop

Sat 24 June: The Nativity Of Saint John The Baptist (Vigil)

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