

**1st Reading** Jeremiah 20:10-13 The Lord is with Jeremiah.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 68:8010. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14 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.

## LITURGY TIMES

Saturday Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm Vigil Mass, 6pm

Sunday Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 9.05am

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Night Devotion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, \_\_\_\_\_\_7.30pm

> **Children's Liturgy** Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of the month (during school term)

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



#### FROM FR DAVID...

#### 'Living Synodality' – Invitation to Journeying Together!

This weekend, Holy Spirit Parish St Clair hosts the final Deanery Consultation in preparation for the Diocesan Synod in October. Representatives of the 12 Western Deanery parishes gather with Bishop Vincent and the Mission Enhancement Team to share hopes, dreams, insights, personal and communal experiences, frustrations and challenges.

Some will be familiar with an insight from St Augustine - **Ecclesia semper reformanda est**, describing how, **'the Church is always in need of reform'**. To be faithful to Jesus and alert to the ever-present voice of the Holy Spirit, we continually reexamine our faithfulness to the Gospel so that our faith as individuals and as Church is continually refreshed and responsive to the evolving demands of living a Christian life in today's world.

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from the entire community, persons from all walks of life, and expresses the hope that the Synod will inspire us, 'to listen to the Holy Spirit and to renew **participation**, **communion and mission** in the life of our local Church.' The Synod's success depends on our participation. Our Deanery Consultation is one such opportunity.

Imagine the potential of these discussions to generate fresh energy and commitment as we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal Church in this Diocese. Several dioceses are engaged in similar consultative processes, one fruit of the 20212022 Plenary Council and inspired by the forthcoming World Synod of the Church in Rome.

Synodality, according to the Preparatory Document, will grant Catholics the 'ability to imagine a different future for the Church and her institutions, in keeping with the mission she has received'. In the meantime, please keep in mind the following aspects of 'lived synodality':

a) **The Journeying Companions** - In the Church and in society, we are side by side on the same road – 'journeying together'!

b) **Listening** - Listening is the first step, but it requires having an open mind and heart, without prejudices.

c) **Speaking Out** - All are invited to speak with courage, freely and candidly, that is, integrating freedom, truth, and charity.

d) **Celebrating** - 'Journeying together' is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Bishop Vincent's decision to convene the Synod is a vote of confidence in the **maturity** of each of us to draw collectively on our call to follow Christ and the **equality** we enjoy by virtue of our **Baptism**. In addition to the group consultations, you are welcome to organise conversations with others, participate in parish listening consultation, submit proposals, share on social media, and apply to become a member of the Synod.

The <u>Winter 2023 edition of Catholic Outlook</u> contains lots of information about our Synod and resources available – website address is: parracatholic.org/synod2023.

🖎 Fr Dave Austin, OSA

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/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: <u>https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/</u> 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, Mario C Molina, Jam Viriato M Utleg, 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, Alex Allayban. Fatin Bahgat.

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

John Hawley, Savio Fernandes, Fr Paolo Cardona, Urbano Jader, Urbano Laquesta Jr, Gordon Fernando, Long Bosco Tran, Peter Mathias, Zach Brae, Mervyn Fernandez, Nancy Podesta, Ferdinand Amores, Violeta Santos Andres, Rizalina Santiago, Vilma D'Souza, Teiris Samuel, Feras Bahgat

### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Katrina Mercia, Jose Licuanan Snr, Maria Gabriella Licuanan. Vincenzo LaBarbera, Doreen Dirk, June Rose Slater, Peter and Lourdes Farrugia, Lourdes Sampan, Connor John Richard Thomas, Edward Slater, 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.

Regular Parish Contribution Form and other ways to donate: <u>www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations</u>



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



## LIVE THE LITURGY Death Isn't the Worst



In this Gospel reading, Jesus is speaking to the apostles immediately after giving them a terrifying task to "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons" (Mt. 10:8) and to take nothing for their journey: no money, food, or extra clothing. Naturally, they were likely concerned about not having enough of the basic necessities for such a mission (Mt 10:9-10). Finally, Jesus told them the kicker: "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves… beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me… and you will be hated by all because of my name" (Mt. 10:17- 18, 22). Having heard all these instructions and predictions, we can imagine the apostles might not have wanted to go through with their mission after all. Who in their right mind would sign up for such a job?

Just when all the apostles may have been reconsidering their mission, Jesus addressed their fears. He told them boldly that they shouldn't fear anyone. He urged them to speak with confidence and strength. He reminded them that they are worth far more than two song birds who are known, watched over, and cared for by God. He taught them that the life of their soul is more important than their physical life. He put their physical worries and fears into perspective. Death is not the worst that can happen, so they do not need to live in fear. Instead, they can go out to proclaim Jesus' message and live in confidence and trust that God will watch over them, until, through, and beyond their death.

### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First:** Think about a time in the past when you were fearful of following Jesus' lead because of some real or imagined hardships it would entail. What did you do? What happened?

**Second:** Is there something worrisome or scary you are being invited to do in your life now? Does it help your resolve to hear Jesus' assurances of God's care for you? Why or why not?



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 11<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm. Presenter Joyce McMahon.

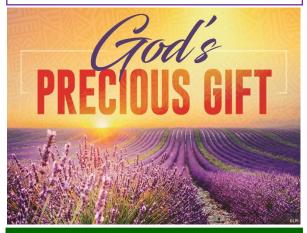


(Children of Timothy and Skye) **ARIELLA LOUISE ALINGASA** (Daughter of Jamaine and Alecsandra) **CHARLOTTE WALLACE** (Daughter of George and Aimee)

## WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

There is much in our neighborhoods and communities that needs attention: parks and streets, homes and businesses. Our bishops challenge us as Catholics to care for God's creation and to be good stewards of all we have been given. Make a list of things in your community that you are thankful for. Take time to volunteer with something on the list or to thank those who make it possible for you to enjoy the place you call home. Be a good steward to ensure that those who come after you have the same things to enjoy!

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### THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"You taught your people by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind."

Sheepish Question:

Which is more difficult for me: being good and just, or being kind? What must I fix?

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Between the 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June our Priests/Deacon will be in an Augustinian Retreat. Therefore, we are NOT having Masses during that week.

Office will be opened from <u>Monday to Thursday</u> between 9am to 5pm (For the security of the staff the doors will be closed, you will need to ring the door-bell.

FOR EMERGENCY OR ANOINTING PLS CONTACT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH ST MARYS

A NOTE FROM FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE - We will meet on Friday 30 June at 7:00pm in the Pioneers Room, anyone interested in attending will be most welcome.



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish – St Marys

For emergency or anointing please call: Ph: 9623 1962

## Daily Masses Information:

Mon, Tue, Thur 6.30am and 9.00am Wed 6.30am and 12.00noon Fri, 6.30am and 9.15am Sat, 8.00am Sun, 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

# Watch Bishop Vincent on ABC TV's Compass

this Sunday 25 June at 6.30pm



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TALKS ON FAITH AND MODERN SPRITUALITY 7:30 PM

5TH JULY - MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE Ted and Fe - Couples for Christ

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CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

FROM THE FOYER

Worshipping communities of St Clair, Erskine Park and parts of Kemps Creek

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit <u>www.aidtochurch.org/transport</u> or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.



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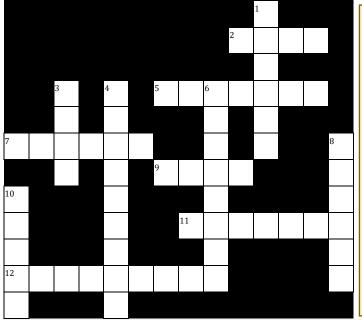
## AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"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

## CROSSWORD All that is hidden will be made clear



## ACROSS:

2: the part of you body that has eyes and ears 5: wreck, break apart 7: frightened 9: to hurt another person 11: Jesus says even the hairs on your head are ------12: the roofs of houses (2 words)

#### DOWN:

- 1: something you do not tell anyone
- 3: the absence of light
- 4: to have spoken very quietly
- 6: you are worth more to God than these small birds

8: Jesus said, "everything that is ----- will be found out"

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## CREATION CARE TIPS

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father." —Matthew 10:29

God doesn't lose sight of any of his winged creations. How often do you really notice and appreciate birds? This week explore the website https://www.birds.cornell.edu to learn how you can support bird life in your area.

Then spend some time looking for and enjoying the birds in your neighborhood.

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#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

#### **Question: The Sign of Peace**

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

## Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event.

We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred.

When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints. ©LPi

## NEXT WEEKEND (2 JULY): 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

**1st Reading** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 Elisha promises a son to an influential woman.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 88:2-3, 16-19, R. v.24 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**

Iohn 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.

**CLEANERS:** Group 5 **BANNERS:** White

### 1 JULY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Lorensz Herft **Eucharistic Ministers** Hazel Littlewood Sylvia Herft

> Jeanne Appleton Reader 1 Moira Rebello

Reader 2 Sylvia Herft **Commentator** 

Sheila Francis Music AMEN Choir

**Powerpoint** Volunteers Needed

**Junior Servers** Volunteers Needed Welcomers Sonia Oliveira

Selwvn Oliveira Volunteer Needed **2 JULY, 8AM** 

Minister at the Altar Carol Vella **Eucharistic Ministers** Louise Bucholtz **Ron Brackett** 

> Lisa Brackett Reader 1 **Christine Younes**

Reader 2 Sonia Sultana

**Commentator** Stephen Middleton Music

Manuel Fidow **Powerpoint** 

Volunteers Needed

**Junior Servers** Volunteers Needed

> Welcomers Angela Pecnik Remia Morada Volunteer Needed

#### 2 JULY, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis

**Eucharistic Ministers** Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandes Seaview Kama

> Reader 1 **Tess Barnes**

Reader 2 Joy Rulewski

*Commentator* Cathy Allen

Music Luchie's Choir

Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes

**Junior Servers** Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed **2 JULY, 6PM** 

Minister at the Altar **Tony Cleary** 

**Eucharistic Ministers** Esther Rose Lumen Decena Sue Oram

Reader 1 **Robert Lees** 

Reader 2 Romana Cunanan

**Commentator Charlotte Smith** 

Music El Shaddai SG Choir **Powerpoint** 

El Shaddai SG Choir

**Junior Servers** Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Esther Rose Volunteer Needed Volunteers Needed

## **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 25 JUNE**

Tue 27 June: Wed 28 June: Thu 29 June: Fri 30 June: Sat 1 July:

**Mon 26 June:** Monday Of The Twelfth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1 Saint Cyril Of Alexandria, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church Saint Irenaeus, Bishop And Martyr Saints Peter And Paul, Apostles The First Martyrs Of The Holy Roman Church Saturday Mass Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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The remaining 30% is to provide for the household expenses of our priests and to support the ministry of the Augustinians.

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



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