



1st Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice O Zion.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

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!

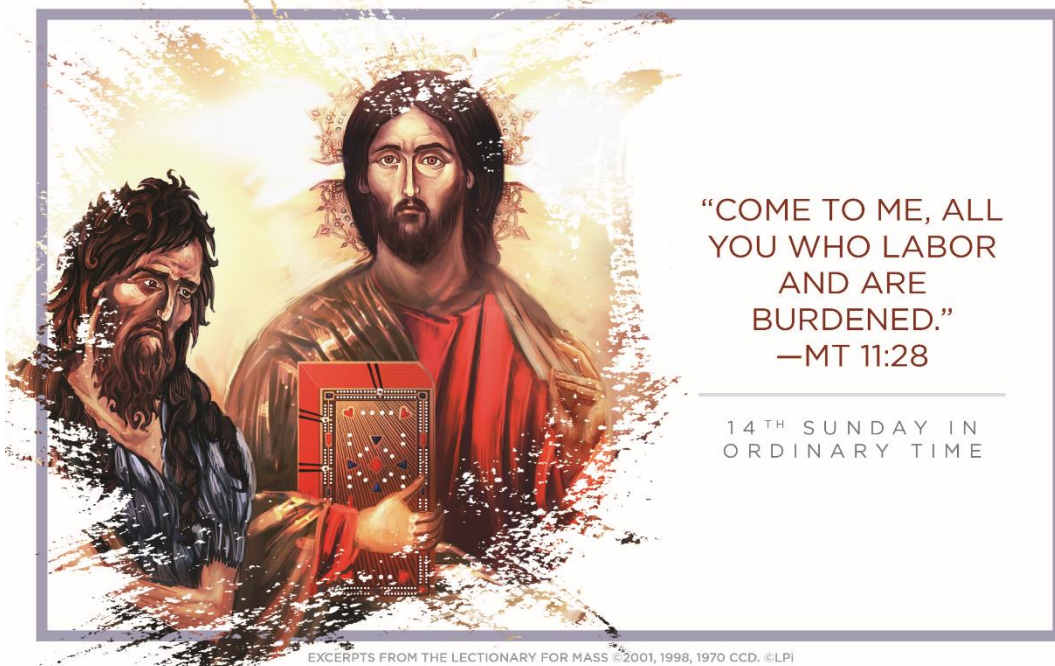
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Christ will refresh the weary.



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

I WILL GIVE YOU REST

We don't have to have birthed children to know about labor and burdens. Children, of course, are not the burden; however, the financial and emotional cost of raising them sure can be at times. Labor and burdens are a part of every person's life. I think that is Jesus' point. We need to accept this fact meekly and humbly; figure out which burdens are rightly ours, accept his help, and then get on with carrying them.

Picture all your problems on a rickety cart with a "T" shaped wooden yoke attached. Imagine yourself and Jesus putting the yoke on and pulling the weight together. Heads bent by the wooden bar, you and Jesus are walking in step. You are focusing on his feet and yours. You are breathing in sync—you breathe in and he breathes out.

I remember my Lamaze training before the birth of our last two sons. Focus and breathing were an important part of that process. During those labors my husband was my coach.

We breathed and focused together, and the labor was bearable, far easier than my first three experiences.

I also remember the days I take my problems with me to centering prayer. I say a simple prayer and place them in Jesus' and my rickety cart. I sit still, focusing on Christ's presence, slowly breathing in and out. Those are my good days, when my problems are bearable, and I'm even sometimes able to help shoulder someone else's burdens.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Talk about some of the problems the world is facing. Say a prayer together mentioning some of those problems.

PERSONAL RESPONSE: Who do you know that could use some help carrying their burdens? How can you help? 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 and Sun 9.30am

2nd & 4th 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:

Fr Carl Ashton, Lillian Rowsell, Bernadette Stevens, Jose Miguel Rodriguez, Tonia Smith, Andrew Smith, Thomas Funnell, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen, Ron Brackett, 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, Chelzee de la Cruz, John Cassar, Juliet Gonsalvez, Josette Gonsalvez.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Hawley, Robert Dirk Jr., Dannie De Leon, Alexander B Allayban, Carlos Amibar Chavez Najarro, Daniel Letuguta, Brian Yardly, Norma Cross, Alessandro Cicinelli, Maria Elena Javier.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Antonia Pirotta, Rustico Liquido, Teresa Pinto, Larry LeFeuvre, Lance Currion, Ernesto Ramos Leano, Shirley Salmon, Olive Yeoh.

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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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



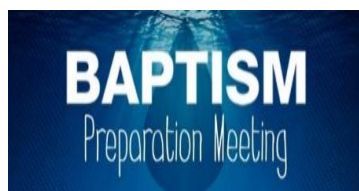
God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

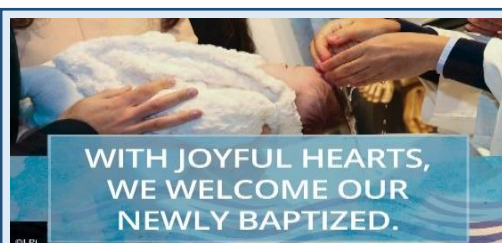
First Reading: Today's reading is an excerpt from the prophetic call Ezekiel received while in exile in Babylon (Ez 1:1-3:27). The Lord commissioned Ezekiel to go and confront the "rebellious house" of Israel. How do you imagine the Israelites received Ezekiel's message?

Second Reading: Paul learned that the "thorn in his flesh" taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone. Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?

Gospel Reading: Jesus was "amazed" at the lack of faith his fellow Nazareans had in him, suggesting Jesus expected a different response. Why do you think the villagers of Nazareth "took offense" at Jesus? What does this tell us about divine justice?



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.



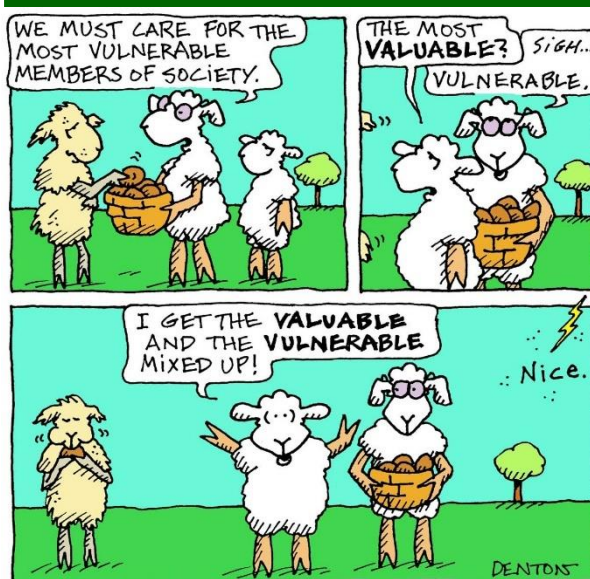
JAMES AND NICHOLAS EASON
(Sons of Matthew and Lucia)
HAVEN SMITH
(Daughter of Daniel and Althea)
ALARA JANE DE VRIES
(Daughter of Albert and Sarah)
LUCA FALANGA
(Son of Christopher and Melissa)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

July 14th is the feast day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the patron of the environment and ecology. She was from an Algonquin tribe that had been hit with a smallpox epidemic which took the lives of her family. As a teenager, she was introduced to Scripture by missionaries and she was baptized. She led a very prayerful life devoted to the Eucharist and to serving others. Some in her tribe ridiculed her and she endured great suffering for her faith. Yet she never wavered in her beliefs. Your justice challenge this week is to take a step out in faith like Kateri, talk with a friend or someone in your family about your faith. Share what is important to you about it and then encourage those you talk with to do the same. You may be laughed at or ridiculed, or even surprised by a warm reception. Whatever the response, thank God in prayer for the opportunities you have to bring the good news to others and continue to be a living witness of your faith. ©Center for Ministry Development. Published by the Pastoral Center.



THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Sheepish Question:

Whose burden can I relieve this week? Why is he or she so valuable?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

In Loving Memory



John Charles Hawley

SINCERE THANKS

Fr Dave Austin OSA, Fr Jepsen 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

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

DIVINE MERCY

14th July 2023

7.30pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



TALKS ON FAITH AND MODERN SPIRITUALITY
7:30 PM

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23 July 2023, 9.30AM MASS

Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in the month of July are most welcome to join us.

Morning Tea available after Mass.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

INVITATION to register for the **CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR** 26 July 2023. Be inspired, challenged, and uplifted as we approach the referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Hear from those focused on this critical time in Australia's emergence as a just Nation:

- Rachel Perkins; Yes 2023.
- Dr Shireen Morris; Indigenous Constitutional Recognition.
- Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO; Catholic Social Teaching, things to consider.

Event: **CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR – LIFT YOUR VOICE!**

Format: In-person presentations discussion, Q&A. Morning Tea and Lunch provided

Date: Wednesday 26 July 2023

Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Venue: Peter Cosgrove Centre, ACU

Address: L18, Tenison Woods House, 8–20 Napier St, North Sydney

Registration: [Register online](#) by 20 July 2023

<https://events.humanitix.com/cra-national-justice-seminar-lift-your-voice>

Registration Fee: (includes Morning Tea and Lunch)

CRA Member: \$160 per person

Non-member: \$180 per person

Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: ea@catholicreligious.org.au

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 to the **Holy Spirit Parish Listening and Consultation Night on Friday, 21st July from 7:00pm – 9:30pm at Holy Spirit Church, St. Clair**. Everyone in the parish is invited to share your experience in the church and as a Church.

If you are interested to participate, **please register your name at the foyer**.

Thank you.

THERE WILL BE NO MASS

ON FRIDAY 14TH JULY

THE AUGUSTINIANS

WILL BE IN BROOKVALE FOR A MEETING

FUNERALS THIS WEEK:

12 July 11am - *Alessandro Cicinelli*

13 July 12.00 - *Norma Cross*

TBA - *Brian Yardly*



Parish Administrative Support Officer.

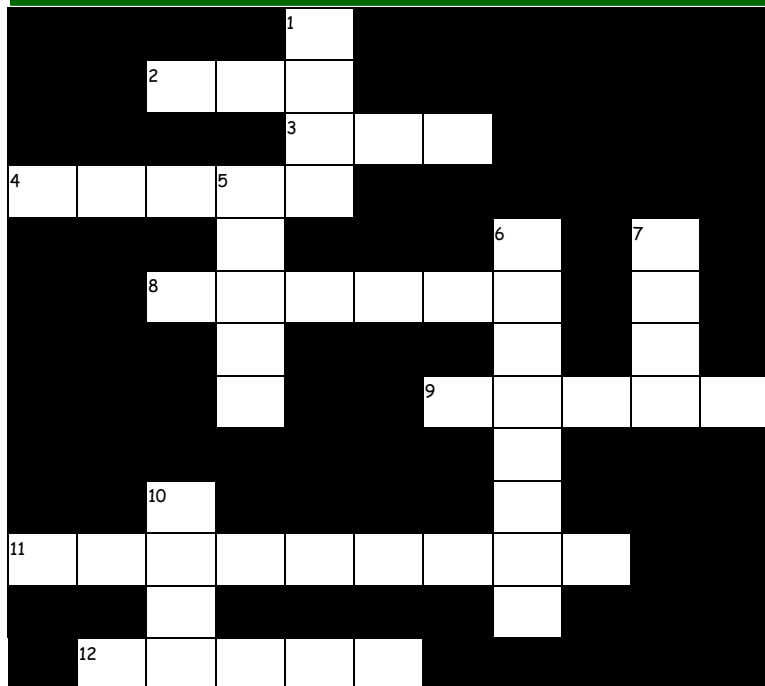
AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance".

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD If you are burdened, I will give you rest



DOWN:

1: to take a break and relax
5: something that weighs a lot
6: plain, nothing special
7: someone who has wisdom is this
10: a harness worn by two animals.

ACROSS:

2: the first number
3: a mother and father's male offspring
4: something that is not heavy
8: Jesus said, "the only one who truly know the ----- is the Son"
9: you go to sleep when you feel like this
11: Jesus said "Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your -----"
12: what you do when someone is teaching you

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"RE-USABLE CUP"....

Keep an empty, clean coffee mug in your car or your bike pannier so that you can get your coffee in a re-usable cup rather than a disposable one. Bring a mug from home when you're headed to a cafe to meet a friend. Compostable coffee cups are a second-best option, but they don't often make it to a composting facility and are sent to the landfill anyway.



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics baptise babies?

Answer:

For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism.

After all, if we make adults who want to become Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who "do nothing" — be baptized?

Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church.

We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God's initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life's journey. Salvation isn't something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be.

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1250-1252 and 1262-1270).

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NEXT WEEKEND (16 JULY): 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

<p>1st Reading Isaiah 55:10-11 <i>The Lord's word refreshes and stimulates.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 64:10-14. R. Luke 8:8 <i>The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading Romans 8:18-23 <i>Our suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! <i>The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel Matthew 13:1-23 <i>Parable of the sower.</i></p>	<p>15 JULY, 6PM Minister at the Altar Jacob Fonseca Eucharistic Ministers Bernadette Stevens Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca Reader 1 Marinella Licuanan Reader 2 Madeline Mostert Commentator Fe Uy Music St Joseph's Choir Powerpoint Nanette I. Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira Corinne Cerdor</p>	<p>16 JULY, 8AM Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade Eucharistic Ministers Pat Dowd Celeste Lapid Elsa Roberto Reader 1 Shirley Croning Reader 2 Carol Vella Commentator Sarah Damole Music Peter Mercia Powerpoint Louise Bucholtz Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Sarah Damole Jun Damole Remia Morada</p>	<p>16 JULY, 9.30AM Minister at the Altar Fred Harris Eucharistic Ministers Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley Reader 1 Nida Hawley Reader 2 Derrick Pereira Commentator Joanne Staunton Music Laudate Choir Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Joe Duval Sue Oram Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>16 JULY, 6PM Minister at the Altar Peter Smith Eucharistic Ministers Lena Maclean Robert Lees Romana Cunanan Reader 1 Joseph Valladores Reader 2 Corinne Brooker Commentator Sheila Francis Music Esther Rose Choir Powerpoint Volunteer Needed Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteers Needed</p>
<p>CLEANERS: Group 2 BANNERS: White</p>	<p>OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 18 JUNE Mon 10 July: Monday Of The Fourteenth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1 Tue 11 July: Saint Benedict, Abbot Wed 12 July: Wednesday Of The Fourteenth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1 Thu 13 July: Saint Henry Fri 14 July: Saint Camillus De Lellis, Priest Sat 15 July: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church</p>			

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