

1st Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

The Lord's word refreshes and stimulates.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 64:10-14. R. Luke 8:8 The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

2nd Reading

Romans 8:18-23
Our suffering is nothing compared
to the coming glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23 *Parable of the sower.*

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)

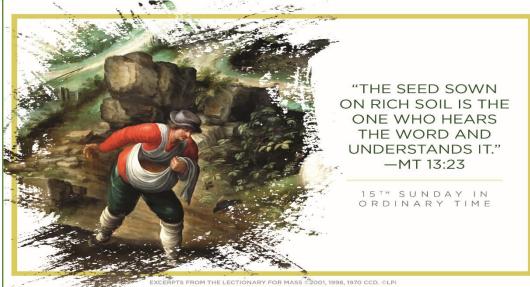
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

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



Fr Dave writes......

'LIVING SYNODALITY' – WHY WE NEED THE PARISH LISTENING CONSULTATION!

Amidst all its imperfection, it's probably true to say that we love the Church and acknowledge the many opportunities we receive to deepen our relationship with God. Imperfect? Yes! Sometimes frustrating? Yes! Yet the bonds of community hold us together.

Many hold strong views on what the Church should be and how that might be achieved. Some are at a loss as to where we go from here. These are among the reasons why Pope Francis is convening a World Synod of the Church in Rome in October this year. It is also why Bishop Vincent is convening a Diocesan Synod at the same time.

According to the Roman Preparatory Document, 'synodality' offers Catholics the 'ability to imagine a different future for the Church and her institutions, in keeping with the mission she has received.'

Our Parish recently hosted the final Deanery Consultation in preparation for the Diocesan Synod. Over 160 representatives from the 12 Western Deanery parishes gathered with Bishop Vincent and the Mission Enhancement Team to share hopes, dreams, insights, personal and communal experiences, frustrations and challenges. Since then, religious sisters, brothers and priests met for a similar discernment session and in the coming week, priests of the diocese will do likewise.

Synodality works best when the entire community has the opportunity to share their hopes and dreams, joys and struggles. Bishop Vincent wants to hear from persons from all walks of life so that together we can listen more closely to the Holy Spirit and renew participation, communion and mission in the life of our local Church. Community functions best when we are 'journeving together'!

Recently, we celebrated the feast of St Iraneus, famous for the quote – 'The glory of God is the human person fully alive!' This is Jesus' dream for us, our dream for those we love most – the wonderful energy that gives life to our Parish Community, our families, our relationships, and all we do – the Joy of the Gospel!

So why do we need the Parish Listening Consultation? To grow as a community, we need to engage in dialogue with one another about the things that really matter – our loves, our hopes, our family life, our personal, faith journey, our place in the Church. The parish listening consultation offers us a great opportunity to do this.

Please come along on <u>Friday evening 21 July</u> and participate in this important experience. To assist us with planning, we ask that you sign the sheet in the church foyer.

See you there!!

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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:

Joe Gomes, Michael Galea, Bernadette Stevens, Thomas Funnell, Linda Allen, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Yvonne Funnell, 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, Lillian Rowsell, John Cassar, Chelzee de la Cruz, Teresita de Jesus, Juliet Gonsalvez, Josette Gonsalvez, Margaret Gallagher.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Carl Ashton, Savio Fernandes, Brian Yardly, John Hawley, Daniel Letufuga, Alexander B Allayban, Carlos Amibar Chavez Najarro, Norma Cross, Alessandro Cicinelli, Mario Florido, Maria Elena Javier, Dannie De Leon, Emma Fenech.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Zoila M. Decena, Antonia Pirotta, Larry LeFeuvre, Jose Vicente Borja, Bienvenido S. Are, Lance Currion, Ernerto Ramos Leano, Shirley Salmon, Victorino & Corazón Salvador, Robert Dirk Jr, Olive Yeoh, Rustico Liquido.

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



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

GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.

OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The priest Amaziah was threatened by the visions of the Lord received by Amos that warned of Israel's destruction. Amos' defense is that he was chosen by God to prophesy. When has your faith been a threat to others?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of the abundance of blessings we receive from God as believers in Iesus Christ, Paul asserts these blessings make us "holy and without blemish" before God. To whom in your life should you share this message of hope and redemption?

Gospel Reading: During his public ministry, Jesus commissioned the twelve Apostles to evangelize by preaching repentance and healing the sick and demon possessed. What do you see as effective tools for evangelization today?

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 8th August 7.00pm. Presenter Seaview Kama.



AMAIA PHILOMENA HEKE (Daughter of Jyrome and Tiah)

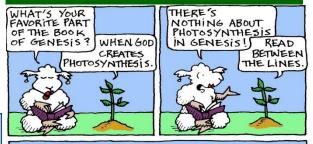
WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Saint Camillus de Lellis, whom we honor on July 18th, is one of the patron saints of those who are sick. He himself was afflicted with illness, yet he reached out to care for those who were suffering—in hospitals, on plague-ridden ships, even on battlefields with injured military troops. He risked his own life to relieve the pain of others. Your challenge this week is to reach out to someone who is suffering—from physical pain, from depression or sadness, from alienation or bullying. Can you be the gentle hands and compassionate heart of Jesus for him or her? Who is it in your family, neighborhood or community who needs a healing touch?

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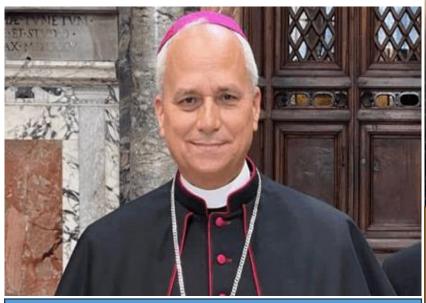
"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."

Sheepish Question:

What new insights from God's Word have influenced my actions?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

AUGUSTINIAN CARDINAL – FR ROBERT PREVOST



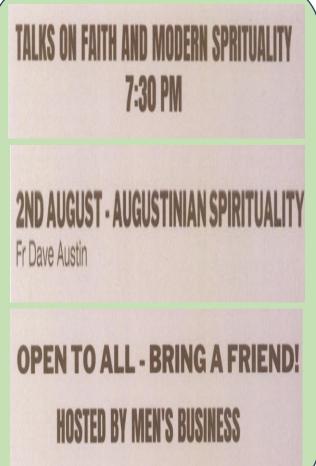
Among the 21 new Cardinals, Pope Francis has appointed Augustinian Archbishop Robert Prevost. As Prior General of the Order, Chicago-born Fr Prevost visited St Clair in December 2005 while on visitation to Australia. After 8 years as Bishop of Chiclayo in Peru, he recently took up the position of Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops in Rome. We congratulate Archbishop Robert on his appointment as a Cardinal.





Wedding Anniversary Mass 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, 21**st **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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fr Jepser, Our Parish Priest, will be on holidays from 17th July to be back on 9th Aug.

For important Parish matters please contact Fr Dave or our office.

Check Parish Bulletin page 7 for contact details.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK:

Brian Yardley - Tue 18th July, 10.30am

Dear parishioner: we are reserving this space to announce funerals in our parish. Please don't hesitate in advise us for details.

From: Parish Secretary

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.".

St Augustine of Hippo

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Read the Gospel and Color

SHARING THE GOSPEL -The farmer is God. The seed is God's Word. That makes the soil your heart. If your heart is angry or stubborn, God's Word can't sink in. If your heart is shallow, God's Word can't take root. Instead, you will worry about getting power or riches. If your heart is discouraged by people who hate God, your faith will choke. If your heart is soft, God's Word will change your life, and it will show.



CREATION CARE TIPS

"Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."
—Matthew 13:8

Jesus uses an analogy of how God's kingdom grows through a multiplier effect. Take an action that will help you care for creation over and over. For example, get a re-usable water bottle and commit to taking it with you wherever you go so that you can avoid buying a disposable cup or bottled water. It takes roughly 17 million barrels of oil to make plastic water bottles every year, and approximately 1.5 million tons of plastic are expended in the bottling of water each year.

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Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who are—God's people. relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward.

Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts.

By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

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NEXT WEEKEND (23 JULY): 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

1st Reading Wis 12:13. 16-19 God is mighty and gentle.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R.v.5 Lord, you are good and forgiving.

> 2nd Reading Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit overcomes our weaknesses.

Gospel Acclamation

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 13:24-43 Parable of the weeds in the field and the mustard seed.

CLEANERS: Group 4 **BANNERS:** White

22 JULY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Madeline Mostert

Eucharistic Ministers

Lea Jadraque Fe Uy Aruna Heslop

Reader 1 Lea Jadraque Reader 2

Janice Salmon

Commentator Romeo Prieto

Music

Couples for Christ Choir

Powerpoint Nanette I.

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

> Welcomers Terry Serrao Olga Esguerra

Volunteer Needed

23 JULY, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Victor Brangwin

Eucharistic Ministers

Gloria Slade Fiona Ferreira Chris Younes

> Reader 1 Espy Sarno

Reader 2 Louise Bucholtz

Commentator Millie Perez

Music Peter Mercia

Powerpoint Manuel Fidow

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteers Needed 23 JULY, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Alice Zafra

Eucharistic Ministers

Nilo Gajo Marthese Grima Anabel Jader

Reader 1 Carmen Marcelo

Reader 2 Tina Fernandes

Commentator Michael Paulo

Music Luchie's Choir

Powerpoint Joseph Valladores

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Joe Duval Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed 23 JULY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Victor Brangwin

Eucharistic Ministers

Lumen Decena Peter Smith **Robert Lees**

Reader 1 **Robert Lees**

Reader 2 Genevieve Luangrat

> Commentator Jodie Donlan

Music **BASIC GIFT**

Powerpoint BASIC GIFT

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers **Eleanor Stuart** Volunteer Needed Volunteers Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 18 JUNE

Mon 17 July: Monday Of The Fifteenth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1 Tue 18 Iuly: Tuesday Of The Fifteenth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1 Wed 19 July: Wednesday Of The Fifteenth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1

Thu 20 July: Saint Apollinaris, Bishop And Martyr Fri 21 July: Saint Camillus De Lellis, Priest

Sat 22 July: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church

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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!

