



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

1st OCTOBER 2023

1st Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Those who turn away from sin shall live.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:4-9. R.v.6

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

2nd Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Jesus humbled himself to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:28-32

The man with two sons.



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"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

- Mt 21:32

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FROM FR DAVE - 'Listen, Learn Love' and the Referendum 2023

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

Divine Mercy Devotion

2nd Friday of the Month
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

By now, many of you will have had the opportunity to peruse the Catholic bishops' Social Justice Statement - **Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples** - released for Social Justice Sunday on 27 August.

As Catholics, we bring a broader perspective to social issues, drawing on the Church's long commitment to Social Justice principles, based on Gospel values. Among the principles considered in relation to the Statement were the *inherent dignity of the human person, the place of the common good in the life of the community, the Church's preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, and the right of all people to participate in the community.*

Our Society often prioritises similar values but at times just outcomes are compromised by the political process and the inability to reach agreement on what is best for all. Aspects of the proposed Voice to Parliament have provoked legitimate and robust debate but on occasion this has become contentious and divisive, sometimes targeting people's fears.

While the Australian Bishops will not tell Catholics how to vote, they do ask all Australians to be properly informed. As the Chief Teacher of the Diocese, Bishop Vincent has written a challenging and informative letter to us that places the Voice to Parliament in context and suggests that we consider a YES vote to the Voice as the most constructive way forward. A copy of the Bishop's letter is included in the bulletin for your reflection, along with a letter from Augustinian Provincial Fr Peter Jones OSA.

I recommend 2 videos for your consideration (with links) - the first featuring NATSICC Chair John Lochowiak and Bishops' Conference President Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB - [Foreword Message](#); the second containing Bishop Vincent's address at the launch of the Statement in Emerton on 17 August - [Bishop's Message](#).

The Parish has also received an additional 50 copies, a very timely gesture, given the forthcoming Referendum on the Voice. **Please collect a copy in the foyer.**

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:

Nimfa Decena, Aaron Kelly, Sheila Glennon, John Cassar, Sarah Michial, Joe Muscat Rose Oliphont, Sombounsouk Rajasombat Na Champusak Felin, Robert Lees, Kyla Aggar, Sendhil Kumar, Joe Overlunde, Dot Gray, Joe Gray, Michelle Pecnik, Josip Pecnik, 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, Michael Hay, Rosie Cash, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, John Warne, Salvador Espadilla.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sam Twal, Margaret Clifford, Elinor Campos Ortiz, Glen Root, Margaret Herbert, Mike Cimerman, Epifanio Harina.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Vena Dudley, Danny Barnes, Lydia Viajar, Michael Rodrigues, Victorina Teodoro, Vincent Carabott, Norbert Mascarenhas, Fr Denis D'Souza, Florence Kearney, Silvestre Decena, Gladys & Tony Veyra, Erwin Dabu, Joseph Mercia, Manuel Inocencio.

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



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else.

That is blatant hypocrisy.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

Second Reading: Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, Emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

Gospel Reading: In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This Sunday's gospel focuses on the difference between words and actions. Jesus teaches us that promising to do something is meaningless when it is not backed by action. Your challenge this week is to reflect on a time when you resolved to do more to help the poor and vulnerable, but then got busy with everyday life and never got around to serving. Or think of a time when you were specifically asked to do something to help others, but said no. Then choose one action you thought of doing or previously turned down and just do it! You may find it so uplifting that you make a commitment to do it on a weekly or even monthly basis. The important thing is to act.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK

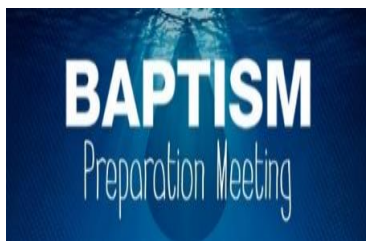


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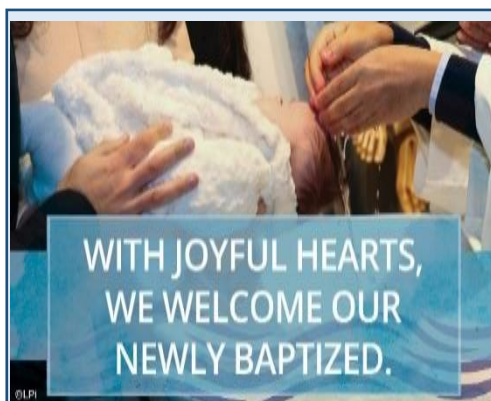
"Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves."

Sheepish Question:

When have I been humbled by serving someone in need? How?



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 10th Oct 7.00pm. Presenter will be Michael Zammit.



LOLA KEITI KAIHAU
(Daughter of Pelenato and Elisapeta)

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

2023 MARIAN FIESTA

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HSC MASS 2023



We invite all Year 12 Students for the HSC Blessing at **ALL MASSES on the weekend** of the 7th - 8th October. Let us keep our Year 12 students in our prayers.

We invite our children who already received their First Holy Communion to consider becoming one of our ALTAR SERVERS.

Training will be conducted on Wednesday, 11th October at 5:00pm in the Church.

Please fill in the ministry form (pink) available at the foyer or contact the parish office on 9670-8222.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM TRINITY:

Join our mailing list. have you started your search for kindergarten 2025?

Our enquiries have already started, and we are more than happy to take your details to join our mailing list and keep up to date with all things Trinity.

Register your details here: <https://rb.gy/8nnjp>



THRIVE IN OUR HIVE IN 2025

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

FUNERALS THIS WEEK:



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

From: Parish Secretary



EVERY SATURDAY, 5:00 – 5:45 PM
RECONCILIATION

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times."

St Augustine of Hippo



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:**

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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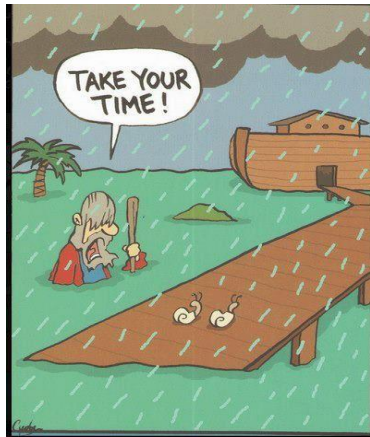
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WHY DON'T YOU STOP WONDERING WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND READ THE MANUAL



CREATION CARE TIPS

Most of us are conscious of our use of paper and try to recycle it. What about other paper products, though, like paper towels and tissues?

How can you reduce your use of those?

Swap out paper towels with dishcloths or rags this week, and consider switching to handkerchiefs instead of using tissues to blow your nose.



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NEXT WEEKEND (8th OCTOBER): 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

<p>1st Reading Isaiah 5: 1-7 <i>Israel is the vineyard of the Lord.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7 <i>(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading Philippians 4:6-9 <i>God's peace will reign in your heart and mind.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation John 15:15 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel Matthew 21:33-43 <i>Parable of the tenants.</i></p>	<p>7 OCT, 6PM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Peter Moriarty</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Dita Sy Moira Rebello Janice Salmon</p> <p>Reader 1 Florence Pusey</p> <p>Reader 2 Dudley Littlewood</p> <p>Commentator Corinne Cerdor</p> <p>Music Victor Brangwin</p> <p>Powerpoint Nanette I.</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Terry Serrao Olga Esguerra Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>8 OCT, 8AM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Hieu Le (Carol Vella)</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Belen Leynes Dawn Timmins Margaret Portelli</p> <p>Reader 1 Manuel Fidow</p> <p>Reader 2 Sally Banguis</p> <p>Commentator Dawn Timmins</p> <p>Music Pierre D'Cunha</p> <p>Powerpoint Christine Younes</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Sarah Damole Jun Damole Espy Sarno</p>	<p>8 OCT, 9.30AM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Ken Allen Cathy Allen Jenny Kyd</p> <p>Reader 1 Ray Zafra</p> <p>Reader 2 Unise Blake</p> <p>Commentator Joanne Staunton</p> <p>Music Mary Immaculate Choir</p> <p>Powerpoint Boy Sanosa</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Jenny Kyd Sue Oram Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>8 OCT, 6PM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Edward De Leon</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Kate Blasco Esther Rose Angela Pecnik</p> <p>Reader 1 Joseph Valladores</p> <p>Reader 2 Corinne Brooker</p> <p>Commentator Sheila Francis</p> <p>Music Alleluia Choir</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteers Needed</p>
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 1st OCTOBER:

- Mon 2 Oct:** The Holy Guardian Angels
- Tue 3 Oct:** Tuesday Of The Twenty-Sixth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
- Wed 4 Oct:** Saint Francis Of Assisi
- Thu 5 Oct:** Thursday Of The Twenty-Sixth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
- Fri 6 Oct:** Saint Bruno, Priest
- Sat 7 Oct:** Our Lady Of The Rosary

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