



1st Reading

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Hate and anger lead to death; love and forgiveness to the kingdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102:1-4. 9-12. R.v.8

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

2nd Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Christ is Lord of the living and the dead.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Parable of the official who, receiving mercy, does not show it to others.



**24TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

- Mt 18:21-22

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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

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

FROM FR HUY NGUYEN

Dear friends,

In the last few weeks people started calling me 'father'. I think it will take a while for me to get used to it. But please allow me to call you 'friends'.

I came to Holy Spirit Parish in July 2022 without knowing anyone. It wasn't long that I was accepted to be a friend among you.

Today, as an ordained priest, I reflect on the words of Jesus, who addressed His disciples with these words: "I call you friends." These words resonate with profound significance in our faith journey. They are a reminder that our faith is not a solitary effort but a shared

journey of spiritual growth and divine friendship.

It's a beautiful reminder that God, the ultimate source of love and friendship, calls me to be His friend, and through this divine connection, I am called to be a friend to each of you and to all those I have the privilege to serve. This sense of friendship in faith is what binds us together. Our faith is not just a set of beliefs; it's a living, breathing connection that binds us as a community. Let us continue to nurture this divine bond, helping each other grow spiritually and offering a hand of friendship to those who seek it.

With gratitude and love, from you little friend, *Huy*.

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:

Michael Hay, Kyla Aggar, Ronald Pangilinan, Harry Young, Tony Bernard, Sendhil Kumar, Joe Overlunde, Dot Gray, Joe Gray, Dedrie Dimech, Mike Cimerman, Ramia Jajo, Butch Rivera, Michelle Pecnik, Josip Pecnik, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, Rosie Casha, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, John Warne, Salvador Espadilla, Robert Lees.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Glenn Root, Marilou Peña Ramirez, Eras Castro, Margaret Herbert, Mike Cimerman, Epifanio Harina, Dustin Herft, Rosario Ribay Hutchings.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Marina Paz, Rosalia Berin, Jeanette Paz, George Paz, Edwin Molina, John Sequeira, Elena Fajardo, Mervin Gabin, Yozkovic Manda, Max & Pamela Gonsalvez, Yozkovic Toma, Ester Ferrer, Donna Bouche, Theresa & John Amjad Ali, Bernard Fonseca, Nelia Nicolas Reyes, Sherwin Gonsalvez, Wencelao Viajar, Elisa and Lydia Viajar, Danny Barnes.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

PARISH COLLECTIONS & REGULAR CONTRIBUTION

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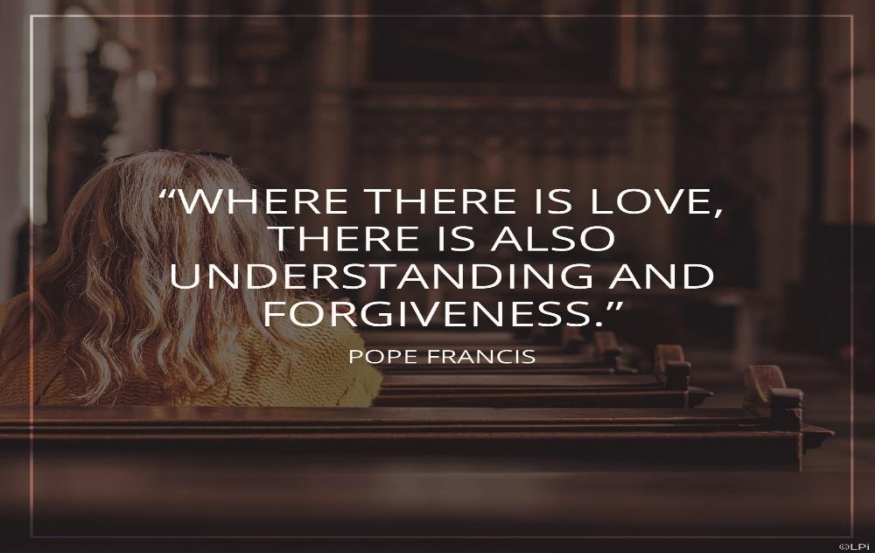
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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



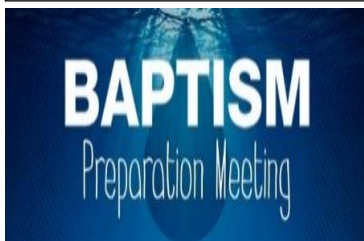
Deciding to travel the challenging road of forgiveness is choosing a journey toward greater freedom. Resentment, anger, and clinging to past hurts not only keep open wounds that long for healing but bring us down paths that are eventually self-destructive. Harboring grudges and withholding forgiveness not only shut down relationships with others, but with God and myself as well. To choose to forgive another person, regardless of how grave the wrong, is a choice to be released from bondage to past wounds and scars and to pursue the gift of life and love again. Who among us has not wrong or sinned against another? We certainly would want God to understand, forgive, and show mercy upon us. It is hypocritical of us to not extend that same grace to our neighbor.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The Jewish sage Sirach warns of the dangers of wrath, anger, and vengeance, urging rather forgiveness and pardon. How do you see this as the recipe for peace of mind?

Second Reading: Paul urges Christians in Rome to “live and die for Christ.” How do you make Christ the ultimate concern in life?

Gospel Reading: The parable of the unforgiving servant teaches us that forgiveness ought to be reciprocal. 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 10th Oct 7.00pm. Presenter will be Michael Zammit.

ANNABELLA M ACEVEDO CURIN
(Daughter of Andre and Francisca)

GABRIELLA CANDIA & CECELIA CANDIA
(Children of Thomas and Taryn)

CAYDEN URSINO & LEXI URSINO
(Children of Cameron and Samantha)

VIOLET RAE DEVLIN
(Daughter of Liam and Breeanna)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

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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?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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2023 MARIAN FIESTA



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Wedding Anniversary Mass
Sunday 24 Sept 2023, 9.30AM
MASS

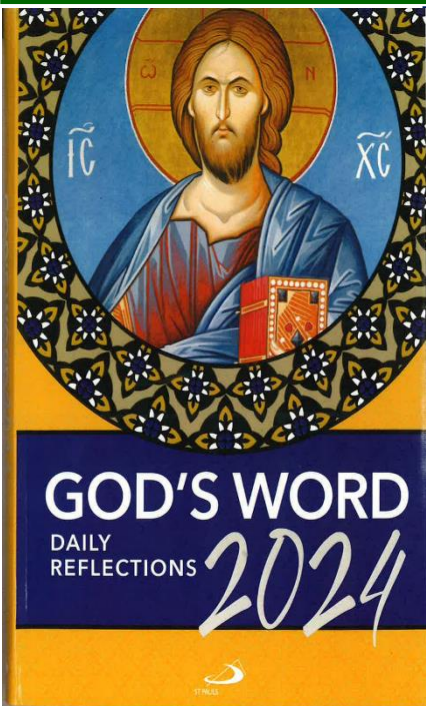
Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in the month of September are most welcome to join us.

URGENT!

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TO KEEP OUR PARISH
NICE AND BEAUTIFUL
TO ADORE
THE NAME OF OUR LORD

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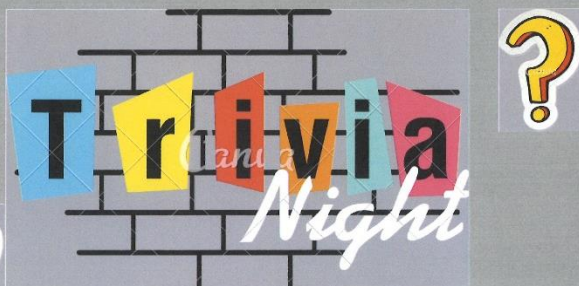
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Sunday, 1 October 2023 at 11.30am.

(Every first Sunday of the month, except on January)

If you need more information, please feel free to call

Olga Esquerre (Mob: 0412086148)

or Sarah Damole (Mob: 0405 756 752).

Listen, Learn, Love

A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples



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

The Social Justice Commission invites all for a yarn to help understand what the Uluru Statement from the Heart is from a Catholic Social Teaching perspective.

Tuesday, September 26, 7pm - 8.30pm

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



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

Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

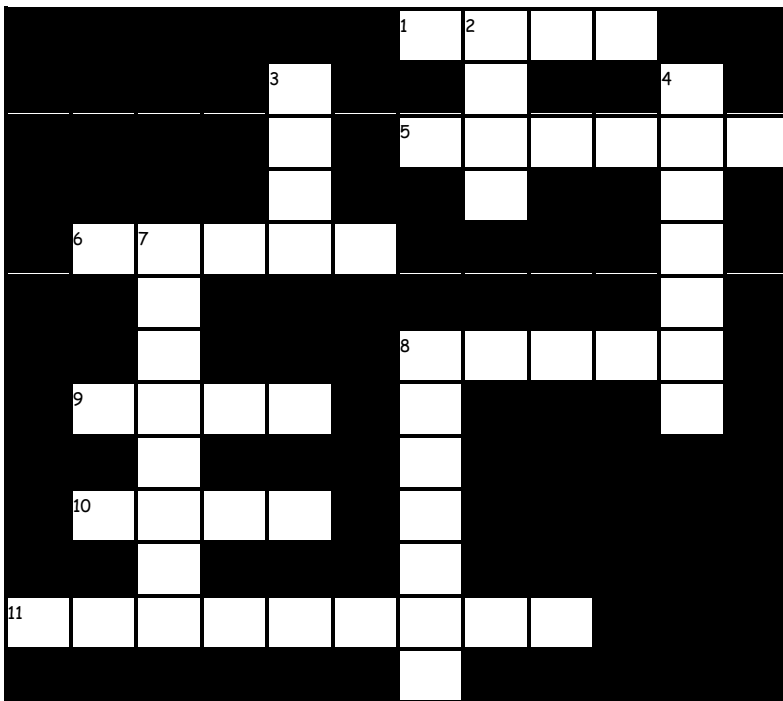
Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbour; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

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CROSSWORD Forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times



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ACROSS:

- 1: exchanged for money
- 5: to have asked for charity or mercy
- 6: we use this to buy what we need
- 8: forgive the Lord's followers with all your h____t
- 9: a male monarch
- 10: feeling sorry for someone
- 11: people who follow

DOWN:

- 2: to have people in debt to you
- 3: released
- 4: Jesus told Peter to forgive not just seven times, but _____ -seven times
- 7: the _____ owed the king fifty million silver coins
- 8: the man owed the official this many silver coins

CREATION CARE TIPS

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NEXT WEEKEND (24th SEPTEMBER): 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

<p>1st Reading Isaiah 55:6-9 <i>Seek the Lord.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R.v.18 <i>The Lord is near to all who call him.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading Philippians 1:20-24.27 <i>Both in life and death, Paul finds joy.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation <i>Acts of the Apostles 16:14</i> <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 <i>Parable of the workers in the vineyard.</i></p>	<p>23 SEPT, 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' Choir Powerpoint Nanette I. Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Terry Serrao Olga Esguerra Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>24 SEPT, 8AM Minister at the Altar Victor Brangwin Eucharistic Ministers Gloria Slade Fiona Ferreira Chris Yones Reader 1 Millie Perez Reader 2 Espy Sarno Commentator Louise Bucholtz Music Peter Mercia Powerpoint Manuel Fidow Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Espy Sarno Angela Pecnik Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>24 SEPT, 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 Children's Choir Powerpoint Joseph Valladores Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Joe Duval Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>24 SEPT, 6PM Minister at the Altar Victor Brangwin Eucharistic Ministers Lumen Decena Peter Smith Robert Lees Reader 1 Jodie Donlan Reader 2 Robert Lees Commentator Genevieve Luangratt Music BASIC GIFT Powerpoint BASIC GIFT Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteers Needed</p>
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 17 SEPTEMBER:
Mon 18 Sept: Monday Of The Twenty-Fourth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Tue 19 Sept: Saint Januarius, Bishop And Martyr
Wed 20 Sept: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-Sang, And Companions, Martyrs
Thu 21 Sept: Saint Matthew, Apostle And Evangelist
Fri 22 Sept: Friday Of The Twenty-Fourth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Sat 23 Sept: Saint Pius Of Pietrelcina, Priest

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