



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

3 SEPTEMBER 2023

1st Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Despite discouragement, God's word burns in Jeremiah's heart.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62:2-6. 8-9. R.v.2

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Offer yourself as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

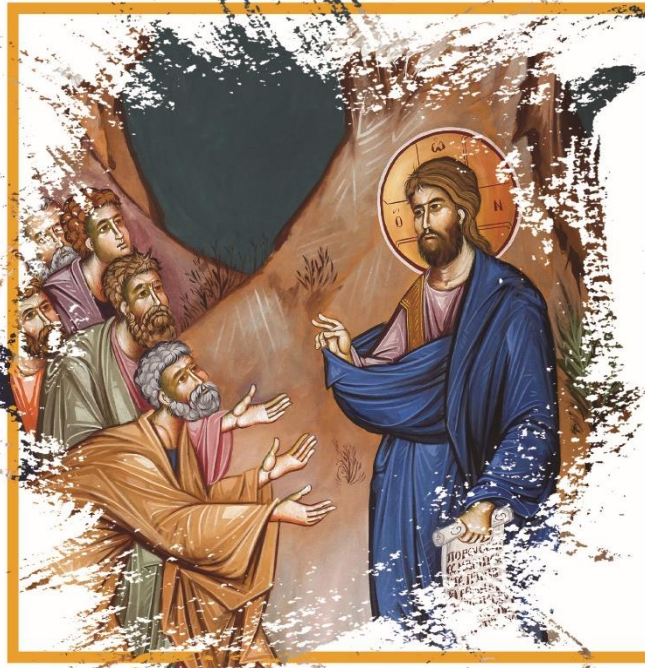
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus reveals his future death, rebukes Peter.



“WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.”
—MT 16:24B

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VOICE FROM THE PEWS

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I thank you for your support and prayers for me to participate in World Youth Day in Portugal 2023. Throughout the pilgrimage we saw many churches and relics of saints. One of the most beautiful churches was the Sacre Coeur, a Basilica dedicated the Sacred heart of Jesus in Paris with beautiful mosaics. Perpetual Adoration has continued at this Basilica for nearly 150 years. During our visit to Lourdes, we joined in both the Rosary and Eucharistic processions. We also had Mass with hundreds of other people along with their Bishops, Priests and Deacons, in the grotto where Mary had appeared. It was beautiful leading up to World Youth Day to first have Mass with Bishop Vincent as well as our chaplains, then with other Dioceses around the world. Finally, during World Youth Day we had the closing Mass with the Pope, with the youth of the world, worshipping. It was great to see so many

faith-filled people, all in union with our Church. Pope Francis said “... God loves us as we are, not how we would like to be or how society wants us to be...”. He also said “That is the church, ... The mother of all, there is room for all”.

After WYD we had a retreat in Assisi, Italy where the nature was so beautiful. I can't imagine St Francis of Assisi having such a devotion to God's creation, if he was born anywhere else. If God's creation is so beautiful, how delightful would it be to look upon God for all eternity. Along the trip but especially at the retreat, I realised how kind-hearted, compassionate, and considerate my fellow youth of our Diocese are. It fills my heart with joy and peace. It also reminds me of what the Romans used to say about the early Christians, “Look how they love one another”.

God Bless,

Aaron Smith

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:

Peter Ramos Leano, Ronald Pangilinana, Stephan Marcel, Michelle Edwards, Butch Rivera, Dedrie Dimech, Mike Cimerman, Ramia Jajo, Tony Bernard, 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, Glen Root, Rosie Casha, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, John Warne, Hanna Rose Stewart, Salvador Espadilla, Harry Young, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, William Peyroux, Natalie Mahomet, Epifanio Harina.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Severino Benzon, Bruce Creenaune, Nayie Kodssi, Mare Smith, Beth Cabrera, Steph Rivera, Grazia Anecchini, Elinor Campos Ortiz, Denham De Silva, Severino Benzon, John Hawley, Pat Quinn, Margaret Hodges, Peter Paul Sultana, Ferdinand Amores, Severino Sosa, Wilson De Torres.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Emiliana Dilla, Michael Cook, Jim Cook, Patricia Cook, Peter Cook, Jose Gacis, Arnaud Rajasombat, Vicente Villote, Jesus Susing Sampana, Baby Mara Adriana Decena, Lyra Monteiro, Orven Paranas, Luz Molina, Maria & Antonio Sumang, Mattea Moio, George and Dorothy Gomes, Jun Marcelo, Peter Dynesius, Josephine Cortis, Doris Correa, Dorren D'Rozario, Movin Stuart, Rita Walters, Mervyn Walters, Lino Diamante, Carmelo & Mary Anne Avellino.

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



From SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

THE SOUND OF FREEDOM movie

Last Friday evening, the Holy Spirit parish Family Ministry hosted the screening of the movie, The Sound of Freedom. And whilst normally a movie is an enjoyable night out, it was clear to all that this was a different movie, and no one was going to walk out of the cinema the same. Already in my own personal life it has been the topic of numerous social conversations. It is a movie that has left an indelible mark on my mind, soul and spirit, and I'm certain others would agree.

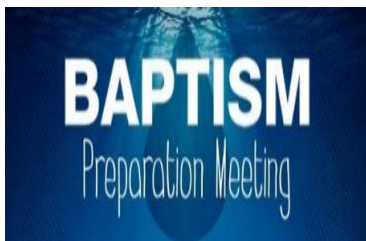
It is a devastatingly powerful and simultaneously tragic true story centred around an heroic Homeland Security officer (Tim Ballard) who is in a special paedophilia unit, and the two children that he sacrifices his life to save from a Child Sex Trafficking ring. In the end he does so much more. There are numerous implicit Christian themes – mission, vocation, redemption, forgiveness – woven into the ordinary daily life of a man who didn't realise what God was calling him to do. If you were unable to join us last Friday, I encourage you to make an effort and watch this movie.

As a follow up from Sound of Freedom film, our Social Justice Committee has helpfully shared the following, please know you can make a difference by making a donation to ACRATH (Aust Catholic Religious against Human Trafficking as they work to help release children and adults trapped by trafficking and are in need of funds to help. Just google ACRATH or go to acrath.org.au to make a donation.

Holy Spirit Family Ministry



KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE



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 12th Sept 7.00pm. Presenter will be Michael Zammit.



DEEGAN GREGORY FRANK KULJANIC
(Son of Michael Kuljanic & Karen May Hall)

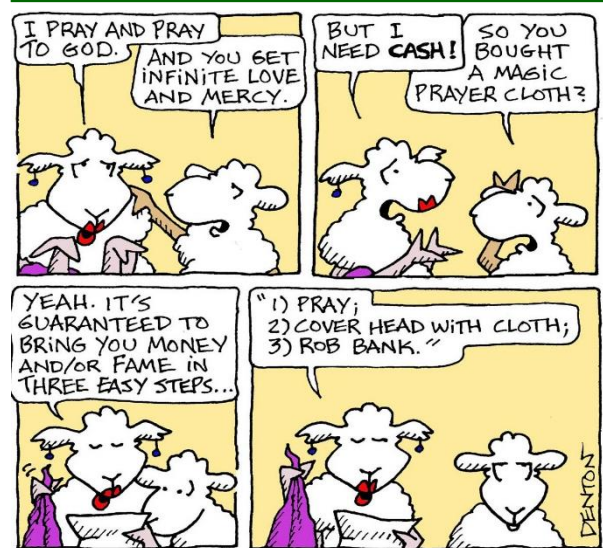
WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

The Gospel for Sunday reminds us that discipleship isn't easy. It will often require us to share in the Cross of Jesus. We are called to deny ourselves, to lose our lives for the sake of the Gospel. Your challenge this week is to take up your cross and walk in solidarity with someone who suffers on a daily basis. Can you journey with someone who is poor or homeless, someone who is a victim of prejudice or discrimination, an undocumented immigrant, or someone in prison? Reflect on someone who is in deep physical or emotional or spiritual pain, and offer up your own suffering this week for that person.

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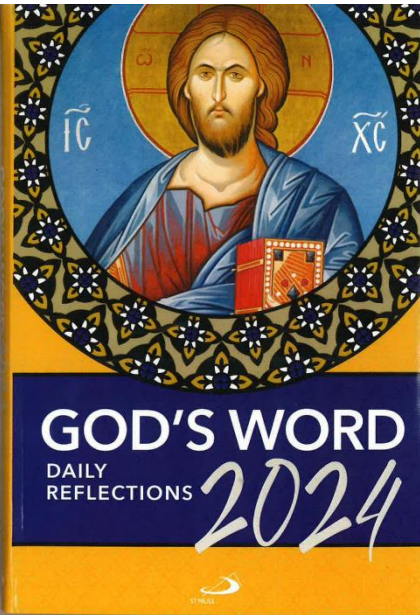
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"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God."

Sheepish Question:

How do some "easy steps" to attaining worldly desires lead me astray from following Jesus?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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- Ruler small Eraser
- Pencil cases

Drop your donations at the box provided in the foyer.

We will accept donations until **Sunday, 17 Sept 2023.**

Organised by the Social Justice Commission of Holy Spirit Parish

**The Ordination to
Priesthood of
Ignatius Hoang Huy Nguyen, OSA
By
Vincent Long Van Nguyen,
OFM Conv.
Bishop of Parramatta**



**Saturday 9.30am
16th September 2023**

Followed by refreshments

**Mass of Thanksgiving of Fr Ignatius
Hoang Huy Nguyen, OSA and
Multicultural Mass**

Sun 9.30am 17th September 2023

Followed by Morning Tea. Please bring a plate.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

"A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail"...

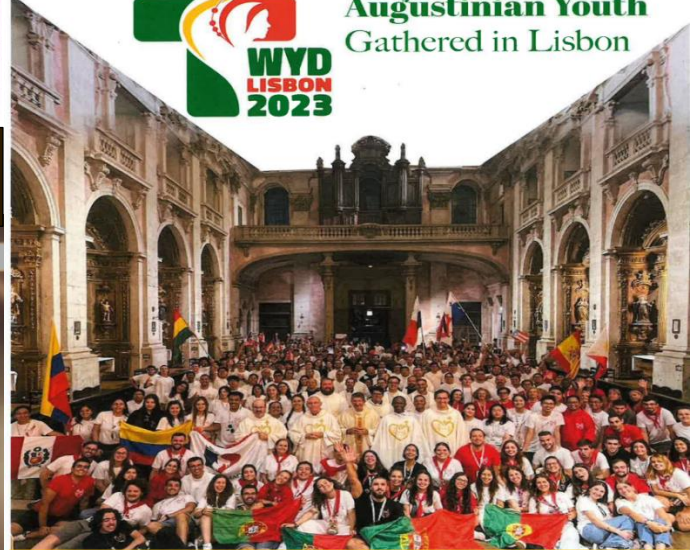
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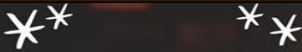


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TALKS ON FAITH AND MODERN SPIRITUALITY

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 7PM

STORY OF AN AUGUSTINIAN

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SERVANT OF GOD

Presented by Fr Dave

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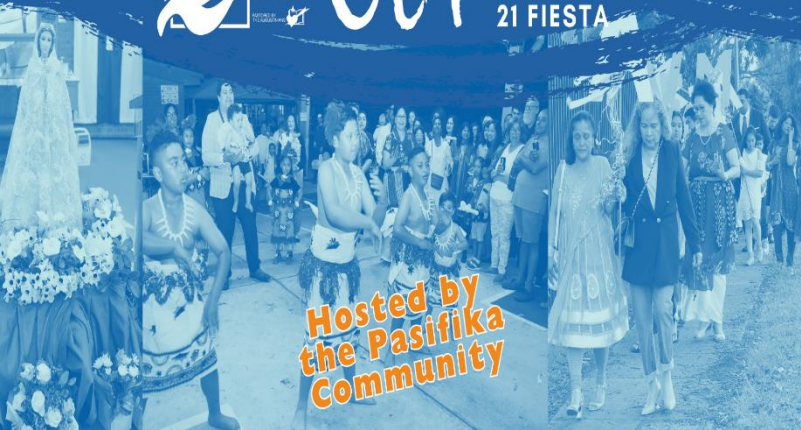
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FUNERALS THIS WEEK:

Dear parishioner:

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

From: Parish Secretary

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



*"God's Grace is IMMEASURABLE,
His Mercy is INEXHAUSTIBLE,
His Peace is INEXPRESSIBLE".*

St Augustine of Hippo



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

Question:

How can I practice gratitude in my everyday life?

Answer:

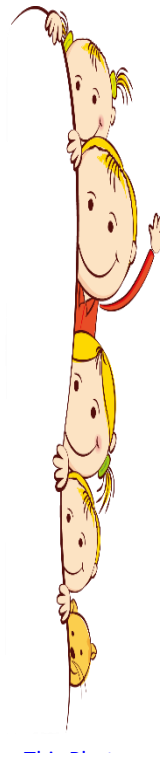
God has given each of us many blessings. Fostering an "attitude of gratitude" might be easier than you think. Simple, concrete practices can help us to be more thankful more often. Incorporate it into your dinner with your spouse, or as you tuck the kids into bed at night. "What are three things you're thankful for today?" Make a habit of writing one note a week to someone special in your life, thanking them for how they've impacted you. This is also a good practice in the workplace. Consider opening your weekly meetings with a quick round of gratitude sharing. "I'm grateful John helped me with that last-minute change to my presentation last week. I wouldn't have finished it in time for the meeting without him."

Another way is to designate a few minutes to thank God. This could be the first bit of your daily prayer time or after you receive communion on Sundays. You can also integrate it into your daily routine. How about while brushing your teeth? There's probably nothing so important it can't wait two minutes. Brush your teeth, quiet your mind, and thank God from your heart for His blessings throughout the day. Get creative! Any moment is an opportunity to praise and thank God.

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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

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| cross | forget | Peter |
| disciples | give | rise |
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| follow | life | three |

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CREATION CARE TIPS

"For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" — Matthew 16:26

Pope Francis wrote in *Laudato Si'*, "Christian spirituality proposes ... a capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack." Name one possession of yours which is "possessing you." Get rid of it if it is causing you to forfeit your life in any manner.

NEXT WEEKEND (3RD SEPTEMBER): 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

<p>1st Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9 <i>Ezekiel is to be the watchman for Israel.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 94:1-2.6-9. R.v.8 <i>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading Romans 13:8-10 <i>Love your neighbour.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel Matthew 16:21-27 <i>Find ways to win others over; prayer shall be answered.</i></p>	<p>9 SEPT, 6PM Minister at the Altar Jacob Fonseca Eucharistic Ministers Dita Sy Moira Rebello Janice Salmon Reader 1 Corinne Cerdor Reader 2 Florence Pusey Commentator Dudley Littlewood Music Victor Brangwin Powerpoint Nanette I. Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Terry Serrao Olga Esguerra Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>10 SEPT AUG, 8AM Minister at the Altar Carol Vella Eucharistic Ministers Belle Leynes Dawn Timmins Margaret Portelli Reader 1 Dawn Timmins Reader 2 Manuel Fidow Commentator Sally Banguis Music Pierre D'Cunha Powerpoint Christine Younes Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Sarah Damole Jun Damole Espy Sarno</p>	<p>10 AUG, 9.30AM Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen Eucharistic Ministers Ken Allen Cathy Allen Jenny Kyd Reader 1 Bianca Dowsett Reader 2 Ray Zafra Commentator Unise Blake Music Mery Immaculate Choir Powerpoint Boy Sanosa Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Jenny Kyd Sue Oram Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>10 AUG, 6PM Minister at the Altar Edward De Leon Eucharistic Ministers Kate Blasco Esther Rose Angela Pecnik Reader 1 Candice Salmon Reader 2 Marty Facciolo Commentator Kate Blasco Music Alleluia Choir Powerpoint Volunteers Needed Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Esther Rose Eleanor Stuart Volunteers Needed</p>
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 3 SEPTEMBER:
Mon 4 Sept: Monday Of The Twenty-Second Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Tue 5 Sept: Tuesday Of The Twenty-Second Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Wed 6 Sept: Wednesday Of The Twenty-Second Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Thu 7 Sept: Thursday Of The Twenty-Second Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Fri 8 Sept: The Nativity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 9 Sept: Saint Peter Claver, Priest, Saturday Mass Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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