

1st Reading
Isaiah 25: 6-10
On this mountain the Lord will
provide a feast.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 22. R. v.6
(R.) I shall live in the house of the
Lord.

**2nd Reading**Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
With God, Paul has strength for everything.

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 22:1-14
Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

#### **LITURGY TIMES**

Saturday

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm Vigil Mass, 6pm

#### Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month 7.30pm

**Children's Liturgy** 

Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of the month (during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,
Anointing of the Sick
by appointment



#### THE VOICE FROM THE PEWS

As always, Jesus' parable has a message for us today. Consider the Eucharist as the wedding feast. The Eucharist is, after all, a banquet. In the Eucharist we are invited to become one with Jesus who forgives our sins, offers us new life and calls us to a closer communion with all of creation. It is a glorious celebration of Jesus' love and his sacrifice on the cross.

At the offertory we are invited to offer our own lives with Jesus' so that "through him, with him, in him through the power of the Holy Spirit" we can give glory to God. When we say or sing the great "Amen," we are saying yes to God, and yes to all that the Eucharist entails.

Sometimes we forget that attending Sunday liturgy requires more than just showing up at church. We need to actively respond to God's invitation by participating in the Mass. Even on those days when we don't have the energy to say the prayers or sing the songs, we can make an effort. We can at least lift up our weary hearts in silent

prayer and offer our busy, over-extended lives in sacrifice.

Teach your children some of the prayers and simple responses we say at Mass. Say them together before meals. Say a prayer together on the way to church and suggest family members take some time to say "yes" to God's invitation. Consciously choose to put on the right disposition to participate in the great feast to which we have been invited.

#### **FAMILY RESPONSE:**

Have some quiet prayer time before you leave for Sunday Mass or ask for a minute of silence in the car on the way to church. Ask everyone to remember what a special gift it is to pray together with your parish family.

#### **PERSONAL RESPONSE:**

At the end of the Mass, the priest asks you to go out and share the peace of God with others. How can you do that this week? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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/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: <a href="https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/">https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/</a>
We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

#### SICK:

Patricia Hogg, Elaine Pereira, Parithep Dengmanara, Monnette Baccay, Aaron Kelly, Nimfa Decena, Sheila Glennon, Debby Fanning, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Brian Barnes, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Joe & Dot Gray, Michael Hay, Rosie Casha, Zephyr Morales, Jose Antonio Clemente, Anne Fidler, John Warne, Bernadette Stevens, Salvador Espadilla, Marietta Ceballos, John Cassar.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Amancio Mopal, Loreto Cruz Mante, Amelia Ocampo Sealtiel, Katie Zamit, Pauline Attard, Fita Arcenas, Carmen Fajardo, Teresita Tilos.

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Barbara Middleton, Waleed Ewayed, Terence & Olga Littlewood, George & Teresa Pinto, Henry & Margaret Emmanuel, Victor Sultana, Emily Paz Moritz, Conrad Francis, Belen Sakdalan Valladores, Shirley Francis, Elaine Bosen, Josephine Agius, Mary Spagnol, Callistus Rebello, Lyra Monteiro, Fernando Nunag, Glen Bouche, Lorna Hall.

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



Come to the feast! God calls us to participate in the banquet of life, a banquet that can fill and satisfy us like no other. It is a spiritual feast where we kind find inner refreshment and satisfy the thirst and hunger of our souls. Do you want to come? Every human being receives an invitation; no one is excluded. There is no charge and an abundant table is set. Some will blatantly refuse. They see no merit in attending and feel that they can fill their needs in other ways. Others will simply ignore the invitation. Maybe they are too consumed with other matters they feel are more important at the time. Still others may even get angry and feel deep resentment for even being asked, resorting to acts of violence in protest of the very presence of the feast. In spite of this, many will also come. They will be the good and the bad, the lost and the lonely, and the ones who understand. They know love when they see it. When they go to the feast, they will rejoice and be glad as they will have found the God for whom they looked!

#### **OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

First Reading: The prophets of ancient Israel often used the term "vineyard" as a metaphor for God's chosen people. Why do you think Isaiah and the other prophets saw this as an effective teaching tool?

**Second Reading:** Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. When have you put this advice into practice?

Gospel Reading: Jesus directs this harsh parable of the tenants to the religious leaders of Jerusalem. Do you think Jesus' words led any of them to repentance.

# **BAPTISM**

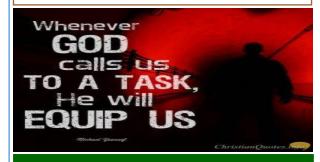
Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on Tue 12th Nov 7.00pm. Presenter will be Joyce McMahon.



# WEEKLY JUSTICE

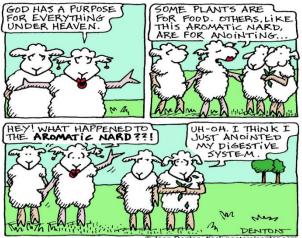
The Sunday Gospel describes the wedding banquet to which the groom's father invited his family and friends. But the invited guests chose not to come. In frustration, the father welcomed people beyond his immediate circle, even reaching out to people on the fringes of society. And they came! Jesus' message is clear: through him, God has given us a new understanding of who the Chosen People are. They are not only people born into the Jewish community. The chosen people include anyone who says yes to God's call. Your challenge this week is to look at someone who is not Catholic, a person you don't know very well. It might be someone you pass on the street or in the grocery store, perhaps a person whom you consider different or wrong, scary or mean. Can you view the person through God's eyes, seeing them as part of God's chosen people? Can you name one way in which the person has said yes to God? In the coming week, commit yourself to a change of attitude or heart about this person.

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#### THE SUNDAY FLOCK

SOME PLANTS ARE



"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

#### Sheepish Question:

What grace has God given me this week? What shall I do with it?

#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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Saturday, October 21st

5.15PM MARIAN PROCESSION 6PM HOLY MASS 7PM ONWARDS FIESTA

RAFFLE AND DINNER TICKETS SOLD AFTER MASS

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# 2023 MARIAN FIESTA

# Novena Continues 7.30pm

14 OCT SATURDAY

15 OCT SUNDAY

16 OCT MONDAY

17 OCT TUESDAY

18 OCT WEDNESDAY

19 OCT THURSDAY

20 OCT FRIDAY

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THIS THURSDAY NIGHT 6.30PM - 7.30PM Everyone is invited to Fiesta Combined Choir Rehearsal



Wedding Anniversary Mass 29 October 2023, 9.30AM MASS

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

Morning Tea available after Mass.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**



PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY
VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR ESPECIALLY
ON FIESTA EVENING.

THANK YOU

#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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Social Justice Commission

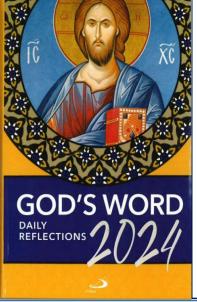




During November we offer Masses for the dead. If you would like to enrol a loved one on the Parish November Mass list, they will have Mass offered for them. They will be included in the Masses for the Holy Souls, and they be prayed for (collectively) during the intercessions each day in November.

November Mass Offering envelopes are also available in the church fover.





## God's Word 2024: **Daily Reflections**

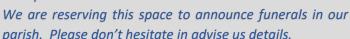
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#### **FUNERALS THIS WEEK:**

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From: Parish Secretary

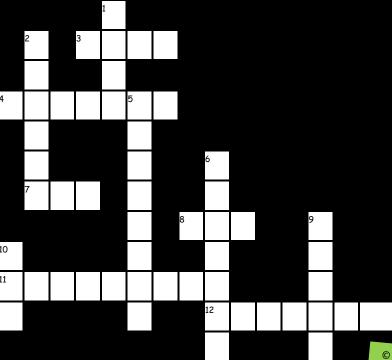
#### **AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY**



"Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient and ever new! Late have I loved you! And, behold, you were within me, and I out of myself, and there I searched for you."

Augustine of Hippo

#### CROSSWORD The banquet is ready



### DOWN:

1: people who serve 3: the \_ \_ \_ \_ gave a wedding

banquet for his son 4: a marriage

celebration 7: places where people grow food and raise animals 8: a road that is lined with buildings 9: a father and mother's male child

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#### ACROSS:

- 2: a lavish meal given to celebrate a special
- 5: a large group of soldiers
- 7: extremely angry, enraged
- 10: people who serve
- 11: people came from the streets and filled the banquet \_ \_ \_ \_

#### **CREATION CARE TIPS**

"On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines..." —Isaiah 25:6

God wants all people to be well-fed, but sadly, even as millions of people in our world are starving, one-third of food (more than 1 billion tons) is lost or wasted globally. Such waste contributes to eight percent of greenhouse gases emitted. This week, make an audit of your food consumption and waste. Do you buy more than you can eat before it goes bad? Do you let restaurant left-overs rot in your fridge while you make something new? Clean out your fridge and cabinets, making use of all you've bought but haven't eaten yet.

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#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: Fasting and The Church

#### Question:

Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?

#### Answer:

If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist. Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine. There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast. Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or Who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best.



#### NEXT WEEKEND (22th OCTOBER): 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

#### 1st Reading

Isaiah 45: 1.4-6 I am the Lord, there is no other.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7 (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

#### **2nd Reading**

Thessalonians 1:1-5 Paul greets the Thessalonians.

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Philippians 2:15. 16* Alleluia, alleluia! *Shine on the world like bright* stars; you are offering it the word of life.

#### Gospel

Alleluia!

Matthew 22:15-21 Render to Caesar what is Caesar's

**CLEANERS: BANNERS:** 

Group 1 Green

21 OCT, 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 Choir

**Powerpoint** Nanette I.

**Junior Servers** Volunteer Needed

**Welcomers** Terry Serrao Olga Esguerra Volunteer Needed 22 OCT, 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 Volunteer Needed

> Welcomers Espy Sarno

Angela Pecnik Volunteer Needed 22 OCT, 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 Children's Choir

Powerpoint Jamie Bertumen

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Joe Duval Volunteer Needed Volunteers Needed 22 OCT, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Madeline Mostert

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

Lune Decena Peter Smith Roslyn Smith

Reader 1 **Robert Lees** 

Reader 2 Genevieve Luangrat

> Commentator Jodie Donlan

Music **BASIC GIFT** 

**Powerpoint BASIC GIFT** 

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 15th OCTOBER:**

Mon 16 Oct: Saint Hedwig, Religious companions, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

**Tue 17 Oct:** Saint Ignatius Of Antioch, Bishop And Martyr

Wed 18 Oct: Saint Luke, Evangelist

Thu 19 Oct: Saints John De Brébeuf And Isaac Jogues, Priests, And Companions, Martyrs

**Fri 20 Oct:** Friday Of The Twenty Eighth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1 Sat 21 Oct: Saturday Of The Twenty-Eighth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1

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