

**1st Reading** Exodus 22:20-26 Treat all people with generosity.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 1:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2 (*R.*) *I love you, Lord, my strength.* 

2nd Reading

Thessalonians 1:5-10 The Thessalonians have become a model for others.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23 Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40 Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment of the Law.

#### 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)

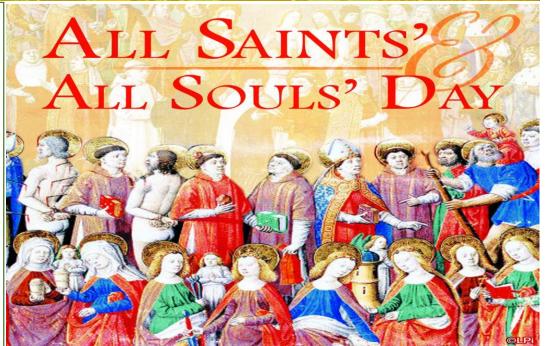
**Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 9.05am

1<sup>st</sup> 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



#### **BELOVED DISCIPLES – "All Saints and All Souls"**

Here's a 'holiness' question! Did Mary MacKillop realise that she was a saint? Consensus is... certainly not, because '*If you think you're a saint, then you definitely aren't one!!*'

Each year, the great November Feasts of the Saints and the Faithful Departed remind us of our heritage and the people who have given us the example of how to live the Gospel message in day-to-day living - two feasts but different sides of the same coin.

Saints are strange creatures. Some are personally quite attractive in how they lived, what they said or wrote, where they were from, and so on. Some can be a touch forbidding, in their demeanour, their austere lifestyle and their eccentricities. Perhaps you have a favourite saint – some have a soft spot for Mary Mackillop, perhaps because she was an Aussie and knew what life is really like in this hard land.

Among the variety of saints, there are very different approaches to spirituality.

Saints like Our Lady, John, Peter, Martha Mary never used the word and 'spirituality' because Christian life was a total commitment, yet each showed great humanity and had a unique relationship with the Lord. Mary and Martha brought different personalities, temperaments and styles to discipleship and with their brother Lazarus were Jesus' close personal friends. In their lives, we see the different gifts where we so often live in tension - our busyness and the hungers of our hearts. Jesus speaks to each of us with great love and honesty. Each of us is a beloved disciple - the gift of these great feasts.

Let's not miss the saintly qualities present in our family members, in the lives of our fellow parishioners, in the lives of our loved ones who have died – we should pray for them and with them because they are always close to us in God's love, as St Augustine says, 'They have gone but a little way to a better place!' During November, let us also remember in prayer those who mourn family and friends at this time.

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

Bob Oram, Michael I., Joe & Dot Gray, Parithep Denngmanara, Debbie Fanning, Elaine Pereira, Marietta Ceballos, Ivonne 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 Casha, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, John Warner, Salvador Espadilla, Rene Aguirre, Kantaimathi, John Cassar.

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Jose Antonio Clemente, Patricia Hogg, Alicia Tabaranza, Marisa Legaspi, Elmer William Lohmann, Jennifer Sek (nee: Orsini), Reginna Abeyesekeera, Mariano Abbariao, Robert Muir, Stephen Farrugia, Edna Huertas, Tomas Rosario Jr., Denham DeSilva.

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Tessie Saliba, Carmen Sultana, Lilin Santos, Larry Cruz, Ste Salazar, Elmer Ramos, Milagros Obsequio, Alvin Lai, Pat Agudo, Adeng Sta Cruz, Esme Grace McDonald, Patricio Ceballos Sr, Mary Borg (nee: Orsini), Mary Anne & Carmelo Avellino, Wayne Rose, Jan Vankamperdijk, R Dhanaraj, Flaviana S Pascual, Sanal Kumar, Sheila Tham, Pearl Vincent, Barbara Middleton, Rebecca Herft.

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: <u>www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations</u>



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



#### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week

## GOD'S PRESENCE IS IN ALL CREATION

Do we really understand how important our relationships with our brothers and sisters throughout the world truly are? Many gives God's commandment to love your neighbour and yourself a congenial glance of approval and agreement without really thinking about the implications. Sometimes it is easier to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle in a church than to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle of another person's soul. Witnessing and being consumed by the Divine Power alive in the heart of every living being transforms not only how we see our brothers and sisters but how we see God Himself. The cries of the poor and those who are hurting must echo in our hearts. We can no longer be deaf to the world's pain. It is no longer acceptable to judge others, unduly criticize, or marginalize, neglect, abuse, manipulate, or participate in the exploitation of anyone! We are asked to become hypersensitive to not only what we are doing, but why we are doing it. This holds true not only with regard to the daily conduct of our lives but our economic and corporate relationships and policies as well.

#### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:** Today's reading is an excerpt from the many laws Moses received at Mount Sinai. We learn that God expects empathy and compassion for the most vulnerable in society. How do you show care for those in need?

**Second Reading:** Paul saw the believers in the city of Thessalonica as models for the faith in the surrounding regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Who would you hold up today as a model Christian?

**Gospel Reading:** Jesus teaches the religious leaders in Jerusalem that love of God and love of neighbour and self are the greatest commandments. Which of these two commandments do you find more challenging?

### WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

The Sunday readings challenge us to care for the most vulnerable in our midst. The First Reading focuses on immigrants, orphans, widows, and the poor. The Gospel has Jesus linking the great commandment of loving God with the command to also love our neighbor. Jesus made them inseparable. Your challenge this week is to explore your definition of neighbor. Whom does it include? Can you identify the people whom is God calling you to love as you love yourself? Stretch yourself as an individual and as a family by expanding your circle of neighbors to include those beyond your comfort zone and beyond your own parish or neighborhood. Have a conversation, meet for coffee, sit in the school cafeteria, or share a ride with someone with whom you haven't connected. Make a new neighbor!

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#### FILIPINO CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION (FCA)

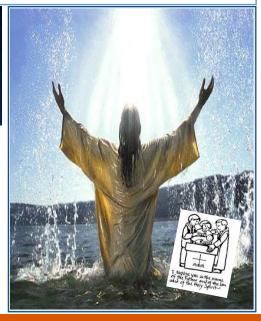
#### Invites you to Filipino Mass Sunday, 5 November 2023 at 11.30am

(Every 1st Sunday of the month, except in January) If you need more information, pls feel free to call

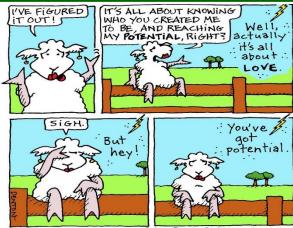
> Olga Esquerra (Mob: 0412086148) or Sarah Damole (Mob: 0405 756 752).

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** 7.00pm. Presenter will be Joyce McMahon.



#### THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

#### Sheepish Question:

The Lord has given me the capability to fully love God and my neighbor—so what holds me back?

#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Sat 25 Nov, 7.30pm Holy Spirit School MPA

Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drinks on Sale Free tea, coffee & biscuits Donations for prizes are welcome.

#### FIESTA 2023 – RAFFLE PRICES

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – \$500: Mei-Mei

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – \$300: Sarah Cañete

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – \$200: Ernie Ramos

#### AUGUSTINIAN APPOINTMENT

Provincial of the Augustinians Fr Peter Jones has advised that **Fr Joseph Aresseril Jacob OSA (Saju)** has been appointed to the Parish Team at Holy Spirit St Clair.

**Fr Saju** is from Kerala and is a member of the Vicariate of India. We look forward to having Fr Saju ministering among us and we extend him a very warm welcome.





ho are listening to and discerning God's call to the religious life. This is only possible with your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

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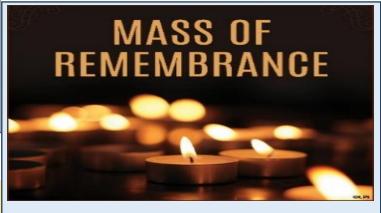


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We appreciate all the support extended to the Holy Spirit Parish Fiesta by the above businesses and families. We encourage you to support them.

A big THANK YOU to the Fiesta Committee and the generous volunteers and families of the parish who have contributed in any way to the success of our celebration.



In Holy Spirit Church, on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 7:30 pm, we will gather for a "Mass of Remembrance" for all who have lost a family member, relative or close friend during the past two years. The purpose of this Mass is to call to mind the memory of these loved ones and to thank God for the gift they have been to us. It will be a time to sit with your memories and feel the support of our praying community. An initiative of the Spirituality Commission.

#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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Friday 3 Nov, 9.05am Reconciliation available before Mass from 8.30-9am

FRI 3 NOV • 7.30-8.30PM

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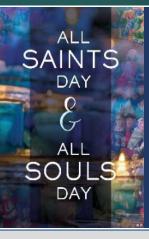


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During November we offer Masses for the dead. If you would like to enrol (our website available) a loved one on the Parish November Mass list, they will have Mass offered for them. They will be included in the Masses for the Holy Souls, and they be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

And November Book of the Dead is located in the church near presider's chair for you to write the names of your departed family and friends.



**MASS TIMES:** 

Wed 1 NOV: 7 am and 7pm

**Thu 2 NOV:** 9.05am and 7pm

#### FUNERALS THIS WEEK:



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

From: Parish Secretary

#### AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

Augustine of Hippo

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#### **CREATION CARE TIPS**

As the days in the northern hemisphere grow shorter, don't immediately reach for the light switch. Experiment with doing activities in lower light or turn off your gadgets earlier in the evening as you try to stay in touch with the natural rhythms of the seasons and daylight. Do the dishes or play a board game by candlelight and enjoy the slower, quieter intimacy of the experience.

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

#### **Question:**

What Happens if Someone Drops a Consecrated Host?

#### Answer:

Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops' statement *Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds*:

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected "area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium.

According to no. 280 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed (customarily with a purificator) and the area . attentively and reverently washed with water which would be disposed of properly. ©LPi

#### NEXT WEEKEND (5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER): 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

**1st Reading** Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8.10 One God created us all, is Father to us all.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 130 (R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

**2nd Reading** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13 *Paul thanks God that their preaching was well received.* 

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 23:9. 10 Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12 Those who humble themselves shall be exalted.

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4 NOV, 6PMMinister at the Altar<br/>Madeline MostertEucharistic Ministers<br/>Hazel Littlewood<br/>Sylvia Herft<br/>Jeanne Appleton

**Reader 1** Sylvia Herft **Reader 2** 

Sheila Francis *Commentator* Moira Rebello

*Music* AMEN Choir

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed *Welcomers* Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira Volunteer Needed *Minister at the Altar* Gloria Slade *Eucharistic Ministers* Louise Bucholtz

**5 NOV, 8AM** 

Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett *Reader 1* Sonia Sultana

**Reader 2** Faye Aboghazaleh

*Commentator* Christine Younes *Music* Manuel Fidow

**Powerpoint** Carol Vella

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Angela Pecnik Remia Morada Volunteer Needed

#### 5 NOV, 9.30AM

*Minister at the Altar* Fred Harris

**Eucharistic Ministers** Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandes Seaview Kama

> **Reader 1** Joy Rulewski

*Reader 2* Cathy Allen

Commentator Tess Barnes

*Music* Luchie's Choir

**Powerpoint** Ivan Fernandes

*Junior Servers* Volunteer Needed

*Welcomers* Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed Volunteers Needed 5 NOV, 6PM

*Minister at the Altar* Tony Cleary

**Eucharistic Ministers** Esther Rose Lumen Decena

Sue Oram *Reader 1* Corrine Brooker

*Reader 2* Charlotte Smith

**Commentator** Robert Lees

*Music* El Shaddai Syd Gospel

**Powerpoint** El Shaddai Syd Gospel

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

*Welcomers* Esther Rose Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 29th OCTOBER:**

Mon 30 Oct:Monday Of The Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1Tue 31 Oct:Tuesday Of The Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1Wed 1 Nov:All SaintsThu 2 Nov:The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)Fri 3Nov:Saint Martin De Porres, ReligiousSat 4 Nov:Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

#### Holy Spirit Parish St Clair • Erskine Park • Parts of Kemps Creek

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