

1st Reading Isaiah 5: 1-7 Israel is the vineyard of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7 (R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

2nd Reading

Philippians 4:6-9 God's peace will reign in your heart and mind.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:15 Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

> **Gospel** Matthew 21:33-43 Parable of the tenants.

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



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

Parramatta Diocese Synod – Our Parish Representatives



The Parramatta Diocesan Synod is just a week away, convening on Friday evening 13 October and continuing over the weekend. Delegates will gather for the Opening Eucharist and Commissioning Ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral and then process with lighted candles to the Convention Centre at CommBank Stadium in Parramatta.

Holy Spirit Parish is well-represented by parishioners Dominic Dimech, Dalton Gonsalvez, Lorensz Herft, Roslyn Moran and Peter Moriarty, along with Rachael Kama as Synod Operations Team Member and Liturgy Music Lead, and Fr Dave Austin as priest representative and Synod Liturgy Group member. Deacon Rod Pirotta is attending in his role as Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, South Mt Druitt.

We thank all who put themselves forward to participate in this important venture of the Diocese and for their commitment to the preparatory activities so far. Several parishioners have already participated in discernment sessions and preparing submissions. Submissions have been collated and proposals formulated in the draft Synod Working Document. Our Parish Community has been faithful in praying the Synod Novena at the end of Mass each Sunday.

It is anticipated that the Synod's deliberations and outcomes will form the basis of a Diocesan Strategic Plan which will address the pastoral needs revealed through the collaborative efforts of our community. A crucial dynamic of this collaborative process is 'deep listening' – to the voices of the people of God across the Diocese here in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains and responding to their concerns.

The Synod is not simply an opportunity for introspection but an invitation to be outwardlooking to the needs of the Church and the world – including the situation of families, our youth, and those on the margins, renewal of Parish and School, leadership in the Diocese, involvement of lay women and men, and a renewed commitment to Mission.

Our gathering coincides with the International Synod in Rome. We trust that the Holy Spirit will be active across the Church and we pray for the grace to recognize his presence.

https://catholicoutlook.org/bishops-say-issuesaround-voice-are-moral-not-just-political/

https://catholicoutlook.org/towards-thereferendum-a-statement-from-australias-catholicbishops/

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.

SICK:

Nimfa Decena, Aaron Kelly, Sheila Glennon, Robert Lees, 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, Debbie Fanning, Parithep Dengmanara, Monnette Baccay.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sam Twal, Pauline Attard, Waleep Awayed, Merril Herft, Katie Zamit, Loreto Cruz Mante.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Gladys Moriarty, Belen Sakdalan Valladores, Waleed Ewayed, Josette Sultana, Michael Rodrigues, Alfred Sultana, Florence Kearney, Elverta Marie Tass, Danny Barnes, Lydia Viajar, Joseph Mercia, Clive Toomey, Dennis & Doris Gordon, Josephine Agius, Mary Spagnol, Malia Fidow, Manuel Inocencio, Vena Dudley, Victorina Teodoro, Adelino Freitas, Teresa Gutierrez, Zac & Diana Fernandez, Efren Toledo.

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>

SUPPORT OUR PARISH BY GIVING ONLINE TODAY

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



FROM BISHOP VINCENT: Prayer for the Voice Referendum

Dear sisters and brothers,

As the Voice Referendum is approaching, it is important that we pray together to God for guidance.

I have composed a Prayer for the occasion.

I humbly ask that it be prayed together throughout the Diocese this weekend and right to the referendum day.

With every blessing.

+Vincent



PRAYER FOR THE VOICE REFERENDUM

God of love, justice and solidarity.

In Jesus Christ, You call us to build a society that mirrors your Kingdom.

Enable us to journey with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of Australia.

Help us to stand alongside them, addressing challenges with empathy and compassion.

Grant us the humility to learn from their rich heritage, wisdom, culture and spirituality.

Give us the courage to dismantle unjust structures, and create new pathways to inclusion.

Let this referendum be a heart-felt affirmation to a new and better future for our country.

Together, may we grow to become a model nation, where "the lowly are raised, and the hungry are filled with good things."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Composed by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv 2023



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. WITH JOYFUL HEARTS, WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED. ACHILLES AXEL PORTELLI (Son of Andrew and Daniella)

> ANTONIO CATALANO (Son of Jason and Dijana)

AUDREY ANNE MIDDLEBROOK (Daughter of Michael and Stephanie)



On October 11 we honor Blessed John XXIII. This is the pope who shepherded the Second Vatican Council. He also wrote several encyclicals, one in his last year of life in which he focused on war and peace. In Pacem in Terris (or Peace on Earth), Pope John wrote that the root cause of war is people not getting the resources they need to live a life of dignity. We know that there are enough resources in the world to support all of God's people. But some have too much while others don't have the barest necessities of life. Your challenge this week is to ask yourselves (as individuals and households) if you have too much, if you over-use resources while people around the globe are starving or living in despair. If you answer yes to this question, choose one thing you have which you can donate to someone in need. Drop it off at the St. Vincent de Paul Society or a local shelter to take one step toward ensuring lasting peace in our world. ©Center for Ministry Development. Published by the Pastoral Center / PastoralCenter.com. All rights reserved.



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THE NAME OF OUR LORD

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DAILY REFLECTIONS

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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.





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Birthday & Blessings

Stanley Gonsalvez, father of Shirley and Dalton (Dalton in the photo with him) has been blessed with a 102 year's Birthday on the 3rd October, we all wish him many more birthdays to come. *God continue blessing you dear Stanley!!*

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them." Augustine of Hippo



ACROSS:

3: the landowner built one of these around his vineyard

- 4: reap, gather a crop
- 7: the renters killed the man's _ _ _

8: the man ____ a pit to crush the grapes in

- 11: significant
- 12: to treat with consideration and honour.

CREATION CARE TIPS

"My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines." (Isaiah 5:1-2)

Even in biblical times, wine was revered as a great gift from God. If you enjoy this gift, rather than choosing wine brought from a distant country, sending hundreds of kilograms of carbon into the atmosphere for each bottle, spend some time reading the labels on the wine bottles and choose to buy from wineries closer to home.

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Question:

Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

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NEXT WEEKEND (15th OCTOBER): 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

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.

Group 5

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CLEANERS:

BANNERS:

14 OCT, 6PM
Minister at the Altar

Madeline Mostert *Eucharistic Ministers* Janice Salmon Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca *Reader 1*

Marinella Licuanan *Reader 2* Dudley Littlewood *Commentator*

Fe Uy *Music* St Joseph's Choir

Powerpoint Nanette I. Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed Welcomers Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira

Corinne Cerdor

15 OCT, 8AM Minister at the Altar

Gloria Slade **Eucharistic Ministers** Pat Dowd Celeste Lapid Elsa Roberto

> *Reader 1* Shirley Croning *Reader 2*

Carol Vella Commentator

Sarah Damole Music

Peter Mercia *Powerpoint*

Louise Bucholtz *Junior Servers*

Volunteer Needed Welcomers Sarah Damole Iun Damole

Jun Damole Remia Morada

15 OCT, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Fred Harris

Eucharistic Ministers Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley

> **Reader 1** Carmen Marcelo

Reader 2 Ray Zafra

Commentator Joanne Staunton

Music St Augustine's Choir

Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Joe Duvl Sue Oram Volunteers Needed Minister at the Altar Peter Smith Eucharistic Ministers

15 OCT, 6PM

Lena Maclean Robert Less Romana Cunanan

Reader 1 Joseph Valladores

Reader 2 Corinne Brooker

Commentator Sheila Francis Music

Volunteers Needed Powerpoint

Volunteers Needed

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 8th OCTOBER:

Mon 9 Oct: Saint Denis, Bishop, And Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest
Tue 10 Oct: Tuesday Of The Twenty-Seventh Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Wed 11 Oct: Saint John XXIII, Pope
Thu 12 Oct: Thursday Of The Twenty-Seventh Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Fri 13 Oct: Friday Of The Twenty-Seventh Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Saint Callistus I, Pope And Martyr; Saturday Mass Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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