

1st Reading Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom comes to those who are worthy.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 62:2-8. R. v.2 (R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 God will raise up those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42. 44 Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of the ten bridesmaids.

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)

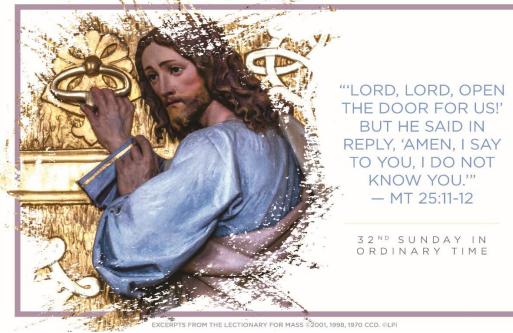
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

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



VOICE FROM THE PHEWS

The parable of the ten bridesmaids has a moral that is easy to spot. The moral is "we don't know when God will come, but we'd better be ready, have what we need at hand, pay attention, listen, and be prepared."

Usually when we hear this story, we think about our last days, and being prepared for our final judgment. But this parable also has a lot to say to us about everyday living. God calls to us throughout our lives, and God expects a response. There is an old saying by Charles Kingsley: "Have thy tools ready: God will find us work." I think this parable is about having our tools ready.

There is no doubt that parents need special tools to nurture their children to be faith-filled, independent adults. They need patience and courage as well as ingenuity and common sense. They need tools to negotiate and persuade, and tools to comfort and coax. Parents also need practical tools like being able to organize and multitask, cook, clean, and manage the finances.

Since parents can't do it all, you have to count on others to provide some of the tools they may need.

What tool(s) do you most need that you don't have? Can others provide? If not, how can you get them? Pray daily for what you need and remember God has promised to provide. With prayer and the help of others, your tools will be ready because God knows raising a child provides abundant work.

FAMILY RESPONSE: What tools does your family need to be more loving and giving with each other?

PERSONAL RESPONSE: How can you help make your family and your world a better place? What tools do you need to accomplish this? 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: <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:

Miguel Arenas, Virginia Peloe, Miguel Alvarez, Arthur Alvarez, Bob Oram, Miguel I, Rene Aguirre, Michelle Edwards, Lee Healey, Adam Martin February, Linda Allen, Yvonne Funnell, 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 Warne, Salvador Espadilla, Arcadio Villote, Maureen Geoghegan.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Juliana Robielos, Mary Emily Mercado Salas, Lourdes Marino, Caterina Cicinelli, Shyama Lohani, Marie Rodenas, Benita Decena Bunagan, Brian Yardley, Peter Nally, Raphael, Evita & Philomena Smith, Maria Fenech, Afeaki, Neville Baxter.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Thresiama Jacob, Lyndsey Cotte, Betsy Saldanha, Mary Mascarenhas, Avelina Supan, Gerard Jet Champion, Tessie Saliba, Domingo Santiago, Antonia Santiago, Zac & Diana Fernandez, Douglas Oliver, Manfred Schwill, Faustina Sandot, Malcolm Howse, Sofia Bermudez.

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.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

This year our conference has assisted our friends in need in St Clair, Erskine Park and Colyton.

It's that time of year again when we launch our **Annual Christmas Appeal for food and gifts.**

2023 has been an extremely difficult year for many and we have seen an increase in those seeking assistance - any donations are greatly welcomed.

Storing and distributing increased numbers of hampers has become a challenge for us. If you can find it in your heart to donate a gift card or cash rather than an actual gift, it would be beneficial to our mission. It would eliminate handling/wrapping and storage. Gift cards are easy to pop into a Christmas card, and our friends can choose something they would like, suggestions could be Visa, Hoyts, Kmart or Big W vouchers. This way each child in the family can choose an age-appropriate gift of equal value.

In previous years you have also generously supported with donations of food items. We will accept and distribute these food items but again we would prefer if you could assist with a food voucher instead (Coles, ALDI or Woolworths card), of any denomination. How nice would it be for our friends to receive a voucher to enable them to purchase fresh meat and vegetables for Christmas?

Please return all gift cards or donations to the parish office addressed in an envelope marked St Vincent De Paul St Clair Conference **by Monday <u>11th December</u>**. Or drop them in the Vinnies Christmas box at the back of the church.

Remember if you choose to donate food and gifts they are stored before distribution so please consider the heat and don't include things such as chocolates or sweets which may melt.

Thank you so very much for your continued support of our parish conference. We wish you and your families many blessings at this very special time of year.

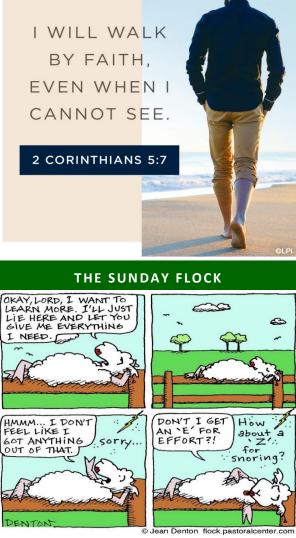


Parents Wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on **Tue 14th Nov** 7.00pm. Presenter will be Joyce McMahon. AMILYANA NINA BORG (Daughter of Stephen and Roslyn)) LILLIANI ROSE FIFITA & FOXX JAE FIFITA (Children of Latu and Samantha) CALLIE BERNADETTE ANDREWS (Daughter of John-Dean and Candice) JUDE SALVATORA PAUL FARRUGIA (Son of Dominic and Tori) LAYLAH ANNE FISHER (Daughter of Blake and Jessica)



November 13 is the feast day of St. Frances Cabrini, the Patron Saint of Immigrants and the first U.S. citizen ever canonized. She herself was an immigrant, encouraged by Pope Leo XIII to leave her native Italy and come to American with her community of religious women. Her service to those in need, including immigrants from Italy, was inspiring. She cared for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. Your challenge this week is to go on the Justice for Immigrants website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, click on "Take Action," and find one thing you can do to seek justice for the immigrants in our country today. The website is JusticeForImmigrants.org.

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"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sheepish Question: So why am I not getting an "E"? What must I do about it?

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.

SAVE THE DATE



Advent Retreat organised by the *Friends of St* Augustine

Speaker: Fr Peter Jones OSA

Date: Saturday 2nd December 2023.

Time: 9am to 4pm.

Venue: Holy Spirit Parish, 5 Todd Row, St Clair.



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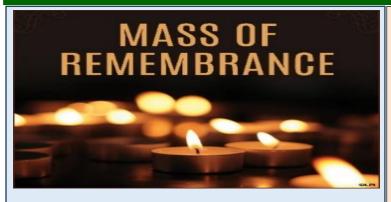
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We appreciate all the support extended to the Holy Spirit Parish Fiesta by the above businesses and families. We encourage you to support them.

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.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Wednesday 22 November at 7:00pm

Holy Spirit Parish welcomes you for a special 'Mass of Remembrance' to commemorate the life of your dearly departed loved ones (in the past 2 years).

Before the Mass, we invite you to light a candle in memory of your loved one and bring along a framed photograph to be placed on the table near the altar.

(Please remember to collect your photograph after the *Mass*).

<u>Please contact the parish office with the names</u> of your deceased loved ones to be included in the Mass.

Kindly join us for supper after the Mass. You are welcome to bring a plate to share.

An initiative of the Spirituality Commission



https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/

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. THANKFUL MESSAGE TO ALL:

Dear Priests, parishioners, and friends,

I would like to thank you so much for your prayers for my health recovery.

God has been good as He always does towards all of us. Your prayers are the greatest demonstration of the love between parishioners and people in need, and I can clearly see you all have the love of Our Lord Jesus in your heart. I am currently well recovering, and I can't wait to be on my two feet again to continue teaching to the RCIC children and their parents and attending Masses.

With Sincere Love in Jesus,

Annette Brackett



Wedding Anniversary Mass 26 November 2023, 9.30AM MASS

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



5km a Day in October

Making change, one step at a time

Pementia Australia

I am walking 5km a day during October to raise funds for the 40,000 people living with Dementia. The dementia rate is expected to double by 2028. It is the second leading cause of death in Australia. Donations will fund medical research to find a cure for dementia and will ensure essential support services including the National Dementia Helpline are available. Donations can be made until 15 November using the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/donate/1297066344347000

Thank you and God Bless

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

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy.

Augustine of Hippo

ACROSS:

be

get tired

11: to purchase

4: there wasn't e____h

6: this many girls went to

7: a bride's husband-to-

9: the liquid that was

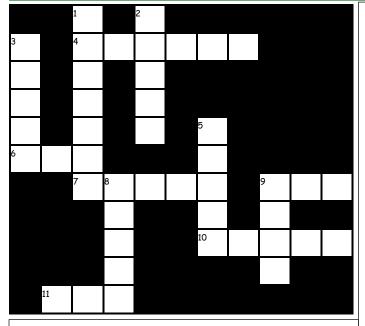
needed for the lamps

10: you do this when you

oil for all of the lamps

meet the groom

CROSSWORDS Always be ready!



DOWN:

- 1: when people get married they have one of these
- 2: these were closed when the foolish girls returned
- 3: the time when the sky is dark
- 5: the ten girls used these to see in the dark
- 6: a large feast
- 8: prepared
- 9: to enter a room first you must do this to the door

CREATION CARE TIPS

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." — Matthew 25:13

As Al Gore's documentary title suggests, it's an inconvenient truth how many signs point to a dramatically changing climate. It would be much easier to stay asleep to the scientific studies because the predictions are frightening. But Jesus continually called his followers to stay awake to the signs of the times and to keep working to usher in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This week, keep alert for how God is

inviting you to be a partner in renewing the world.



Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What does the Church say about suicide?

Answer:

Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, United States Catholic the Catechism for Adults reflects, "Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can "diminish responsibility of the one committing suicide" (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And, communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Lifeline Australia 131114 – Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.



NEXT WEEKEND (18th NOVEMBER): 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

1st Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31 *A worthy wife is invaluable.*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 127:1-5. R.v.1 (R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 *You are children of the light.*

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4. 5 Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 The rich man, his servants and the talents.

CLEANERS:	Group 5
BANNERS:	Green

18 NOV, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Jacob Fonseca Eucharistic Ministers Janice Salmon Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca Reader 1 Madeline Mostert

Reader 2 Fe Uy Commentator

Marinella Licuanan *Music* St Joseph's Choir

Powerpoint Nanette I.

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed Welcomers Selwyn Oliveira Soia Oliveira

Corinne Cerdor

19 NOV, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade Eucharistic Ministers Pat Dowd Celeste Lapid Elsa Roberto Reader 1

Carol Vella Reader 2 Sarah Damole

Commentator Shirley Croning

Music Peter Mercia

Powerpoint Louise Bucholtz

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed Welcomers

> Sarah Damole Jun Damole Remia Morada

19 NOV, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis

Eucharistic Ministers Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley

> **Reader 1** Tamara Richards

Reader 2 Joanne Staunton

Commentator Nida Haeley

Music St Augustine Choir *Powerpoint*

Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Joe Duval Sue Oram Volunteers Needed

19 NOV, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Peter Smith

Eucharistic Ministers Lena Maclean Robert Lees Romana Cunanan

> *Reader 1* Romana Cunanan

Reader 2 Sheila Francis

Commentator Joseph Valladores

Music Esther Rose Choir

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 12th NOVEMBER:

Mon 13 Nov:Monday Of The Thirty-second Week In Ordinary Time Year 1Tue 14 Nov:Tuesday Of The Thirty-second Week In Ordinary Time Year 1Wed 15 Nov:Saint Albert The Great, Bishop And Doctor Of The ChurchThu 16 Nov:Saint Margaret Of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, VirginFri 17 Nov:The Dedication Of The Basilicas Of Sts Peter And Paul, ApostlesSat 18 Nov:Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

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