

1st Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 *The Lord will rescue his sheep.*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1 (*R.*) The Lord is my shepherd; There is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28 When all has been subjected to Christ, all will be one in Him.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9-10 Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ.

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

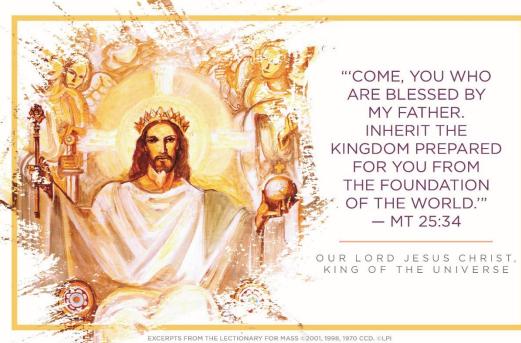
1st Friday Night Devotion

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 – Celebrate the Family

Isn't it good to know that by providing for our children's physical, emotional, and spiritual welfare we find ourselves blessed by Jesus, seated on the right side of God?

Parents are no strangers to the corporal works of mercy. Every day we feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty (think of all those school lunches packed!) We clothe the naked (or at least pay for the clothes of those born naked). We take care of the sick and visit the imprisoned. (Think about the bars on a crib or a heartbroken teen self-imprisoned in her room.)

If we consider the spiritual works of mercy—instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, forgive offenses, bear wrongs patiently, comfort the afflicted and pray for the living and the dead—we will discover seven more everyday opportunities for parents to be blessed.

We listen patiently to a little one as she sounds out the words in her primer. With every first-day-of-school pep talk we counsel the doubtful. We admonish the sinner when we provide Christian commentary during almost any sitcom or news report. It's a spiritual work of mercy when we let a penitent teenager off lightly for mouthing off. And it's an opportunity to bear wrongs patiently when an "I'm sorry" from the offender isn't forthcoming. Parents comfort babies suffering from colic and adolescents afflicted with acne.

Sometimes we think in order to be a saint we have to have visions or die as a missionary. But if we listen to this Gospel reading, it is fairly clear that the path to heaven runs right through our kitchen and family room.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Plan a special meal for no particular reason except to celebrate being a family. Let everyone have a part in the preparations, decorations, and clean-up.

PERSONAL RESPONSE: List all the good things in your life. List all the good things about yourself. Ponder your goodness and blessings. 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:

Joseph Valladores, Sheila Glennon, 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, Arcadio Villote, Rosie Casha, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, John Warne, Salvador Espadilla, Taylor Turczak, Brendan Sammut, Virginia Apeloe, Miguel Alvarez, Arthur Alvarez, Adam Martin February, Tessie Scicluna.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Agius, Norberto Joson, Doris Borg, Carmen Spiteri, Eddie Ramoneda Santillan, Norberto Jason, Paul Agius, Emilio Paz, Paola Aquilina, Alexia D'Costa, Tante Loes, Sue Summers.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Merilou Peña Ramirez, Tony Chahoud, John Benson, Marie Benson, Ada Salmon, Choi Peña Ramirez, Nestor Peña, John Hawley, Leo & Teresa Pereira, Giancarlo Gargan, Carmen Facciol, Rosalia Berin.

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.





The Gospel for Sunday proclaims the famous story Jesus told of the sheep and goats. The way we treat the least of our brothers and sisters is so important to our faith that it actually determines our eternal destiny. Your challenge this week is to go on a mini-retreat (10 minutes is fine). Read Matthew 25:31-46 slowly and prayerfully. Then close your eyes and ask God to help you identify the least of your brothers and sisters. Who are the people whom Jesus wants you to feed, clothe, visit, or minister to in some special way? Now hold these people in your heart as you ask God to help you discern which person or group you are called to help right now. What do they need that you can provide? Live out the Gospel call to feed or shelter or clothe or visit them

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"We are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him."

Sheepish Question:

What can I do every day to improve my chances of saintliness?

McMahon.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

An Invitation to all Volunteers VOLUNTEERS DAY 2023

Saturday, 16th December

10am – 1pm

Talk, Mass and Fellowship

Please write your name in the sign-on sheet at the foyer for catering purposes.



Walking Together on our Advent Journey

Friends of St Augustine invite all parishioners to our Advent Retreat:

Date: Saturday 2nd December 2023.

Time: 9am to 4pm.

Guest Speaker: Fr Peter Jones OSA

Prior Provincial Order of Saint Augustine

Province of Australasia

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

For Catering purposes please register your attendance in the sign on sheet in the foyer





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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.

GETTING STARTED WITH AN ADVENT WREAT

On 3 December we begin with the new Liturgical Year – Year B. As we enter the Season of Advent, we encourage you to re/introduce this wonderful tradition of preparing your own Advent Wreath. Take home with you a tri-fold brochure available in the foyer that explains how to prepare it.



Getting Started with an Advent Wreath

This is a wonderful tradition to begin now. Your little one will be taken in by the smells and mesmerized by the candle flames. A wreath really makes this season of preparation special in your home!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every Second Tuesday of the month from 7pm-8pm, parish volunteers prepare families whose children are to be baptised in our parish. **We need more volunteers** to facilitate these sessions and training will be provided. Volunteers will only get an average of 3 sessions a year to facilitate. This is a great way to know and welcome young families in our parish. If interested to know more, please contact Germaine Gil on Mob: 0451279934 or email her to sacraments@holyspiritstclair.com.au

MESSAGE FROM ALLELUIA CHOIR

Join the Alleluia Choir for: Christmas Eve, Sun 24th Dec 2023 At 8.30pm for Carols and At 9.00pm for Christmas Mass

We will meet for practices at Holy Spirit Parish from 7pm to 8.45pm on the following days:

December:

- Tuesday 5th, Thursday 7th & 14th
- Tuesday 19th, Thursday 21st, and Saturday 23rd at 4pm to 5.45pm

For more information please ring *Joy Rulewski* on 0425 264 642

FILIPINO CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION (FCA)

Invites you to Filipino Mass Sunday, 3 December 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)

You may bring a plate to share.



CHRISTMAS MASSES:

SUN 24 DEC 6PM (Family Mass) 8.30PM (Carols) 9.00PM (Mass) 11.30PM (Carols)

MON 25 DEC 12 Midnight 8.00AM 9.30AM

No 6PM Mass on 25 Dec

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The New CLEANER'S ROSTER FOR YEAR 2024 Is Up in The Cleaners/Flowers Room for You to Check It Up

Help Catholic Care chaplains give comfort, faith, and hope to people suffering this Christmas

"The poor and the sick are the heart of God.

"In serving them, we serve Jesus Christ."

- St Camillus de Lellis

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

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



"Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you." Augustine of Hippo

WORDSEARCH Come and receive the kingdom that is prepared for you

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CREATION CARE TIPS

With Thanksgiving behind us and the Christmas season ahead of us, remember that this is a time for feasting for some but deprivation for others. Make a conscious effort to follow Pope Francis' encouragement to give thanks to God before and after meals. It will "remind us of our dependence on God for life ... and strengthen our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation."



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist.

Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning.

We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

NEXT WEEKEND 3rd DECEMBER): 35th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

1st Reading Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64:1. 3-8 *May the Lord come when we are* doing good.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R.v.4 (R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 The Lord will strengthen us to the end.

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 84:8 Alleluia. alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13"33-37 We know not the hour the Lord will come.

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2 DEC, 6PM	3 DEC, 8AM	3 DEC, 9.30AM
<i>Minister at the Altar</i>	<i>Minister at the Altar</i>	<i>Minister at the Altar</i>
Lorensz Herft	Gloria Slade	Nono Gacis
Eucharistic Ministers	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Eucharistic Ministers
Hazel Littlewood	Louise Buvholtz	Sina Carvalho
Sylvia Herft	Ron Brackett	Tina Fernandes
Jeanne Appleton	Lisa Brackett	Seaview Kama
Reader 1	Reader 1	Reader 1
Sheila Francis	Faye Aboghazaleh	Cathy Allen
Reader 2	<i>Reader 2</i>	Reader 2
Moira Rebello	Christine Younes	Tess Barnes
Commentator	<i>Commentator</i>	<i>Commentator</i>
Sylvia Herft	Espy Sarno	Joy Rulewski
<i>Music</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Music</i>
AMEN Choir	Manuel Fidow	Luchie's Choir
<i>Powerpoint</i>	Powerpoint	Powerpoint
Nanette I.	Carol Vella	Ivan Fernandes
<i>Junior Servers</i>	<i>Junior Servers</i>	<i>Junior Servers</i>
Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<i>Welcomers</i>	Welcomers	<i>Welcomers</i>
Volunteer Needed	Remia Morada	Skye Spacek
Volunteer Needed	Angela Pecnik	Jenny Kyd

Volunteer Needed

3 DEC, 6PM

Minister at the Altar **Tony Cleary**

Eucharistic Ministers Esther Rose Lumen Decena

Sue Oram Reader 1 **Charlotte Smith**

Reader 2 **Robert Lees**

Commentator **Corinne Brooker**

Music El Shaddai SG Choir

Powerpoint El Shaddai SG Choir

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Esther Rose Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 26th NOVEMBER:

Mon 27 Nov:	Monday Of The Thirty-Fourth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Tue 28 Nov:	Tuesday Of The Thirty-Fourth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Wed 29 Nov:	Wednesday Of The Thirty-Fourth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Thu 30 Nov:	Saint Andrew, Apostle
Fri 1 Dec:	Friday Of The Thirty-Fourth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Sat 2 Dec:	Saturday Mass Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Volunteer Needed

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

Volunteer Needed

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