

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

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



'November – Month of Contrasting Moods!'

The *Commemoration* of All the Faithful Departed is unique on the liturgical calendar. It is neither a *Solemnity* nor a *Feast*, yet it outranks other feasts and can even take the place of a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our Christian tradition acknowledges our transition from this life, our life in time, to our life in eternity, perhaps with some purification, though the nature of this *'journey'* remains a mystery.

Prayer for the dead is part of our history from the earliest days of the Church. As the Month of the Holy Souls, November is a time when we are invited 'to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection' (Eucharistic Prayer II).

Customs vary from place to place but include recording the names of our beloved dead in a special book, asking that they be remembered in Masses during November, visits to the cemetery, parish and family prayers for the dead. Some hold a special Mass or Liturgy at which parishioners and family members gather.

In any event, our prayers are important as we face the great mystery of death, both as a way of becoming more closely bonded with those who have died and especially those with whom we were not always at peace in this life, confident in the promise of ultimate reconciliation in the kingdom where God *'will wipe away every tear from our eyes'* (EP III).

While we should pray for those who have died, we pray with faith in the God who is all merciful and wills our salvation. Our prayers are prayers of loving petition and not 'bargaining' with the Lord. In St Augustine's Confessions, St Monica's optimistic faith in God's mercy is expressed in her words to her family when they voiced concern that she might die in Ostia, far from her home in North Africa:

'Nothing is far from God. There is no danger that at the end of the world he will not know where to find me and raise me up.' (Book IX, 28)

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.

Elaine Pereira, Marietta Ceballos, Bob Oram, Michael I, Joe & Dot Gray, 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 Casha, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, John Warne, Salvador Espadilla, Michelle Edwards, Lee Healey, Rene Aguirre, Shelia Glennon, Sarah Michail, Maureen Geoghegan.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Stephen Farrugia, Alicia Tabaranza, Jose Antonio Clemente, Patricia Hogg, Marisa Legaspi, Edna Huertas, Tomas Rosario Jr., Neville Baxter, Denham De Silva, Mariano Abbariao, Caterine Cicinelli.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Sanal Kumar, Sheila Tham, Rebecca Herft, Virgileo & Bienvenida Almarco, Pearl Vincent, Carmen Sultana, Anastasia P Casal, Elizabeth Kirby, Caitlyn Galea, Jeanne Marie Blake, Barbara Middleton, Freddie Mathias, Marjorie Johnstone, Antonio Santos, Domingo Santiago, Antonia Santiago, Edward Anthony Slater, Manwell Gauci, Zac & Diane Fernandez, Tessie Saliba.

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>

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



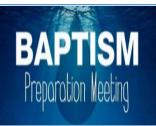
God does not set things in motion or create something and then step back to attend to other matters. When God creates, God remains connected. God's continued and constant presence is necessary for everything we see to exist. Without God, life as we know it would cease. God's imperishable spirit is in all things! Being the author of love, God cannot despise or hate Himself. Therefore, God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. How can God be repulsed by the image of Himself reflected in a human soul? Jesus goes to the homes of sinners. His very presence there is enough to change even the most conflicted and self-serving of hearts. The soul who realizes its utter dependency upon God is a soul who knows salvation. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We find what our selfishness lost.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

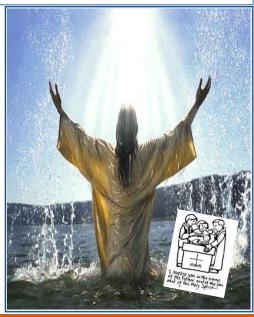
First Reading: Wisdom teaches us that the Lord mercifully and lovingly awaits us to stop sinning and return to Him. What behaviors in your life are holding you back from a deeper relationship with Jesus?

Second Reading: Paul is concerned that the believers in the city of Thessalonica are being misled by others about the second coming of Christ. What do you think is an effective way to address any messages that belittle or disregard our beliefs?

Gospel Reading: Jesus sees in Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, an opportunity to teach the crowds that as the Son of Man, he has "come to seek and to save what was lost." Are you included in that description? How does that make you feel?



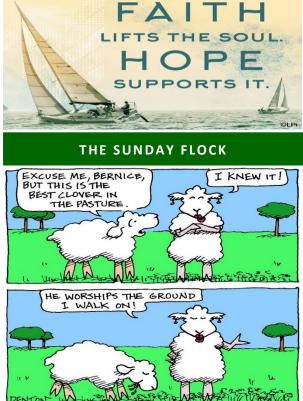
Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on **Tue 14th Nov** 7.00pm. Presenter will be Joyce McMahon.





November is Native American Heritage Month. One of the most precious gifts which Native Americans have given to our country is their deep respect for God's creation. They remind us that nature is a gift from God to be treasured and protected. As Chief Seattle said in his eloquent address to the U.S. Congress in 1854, "Every part of this soil is sacred in the estimation of my people. Every hillside, every valley, every plain and grove, has been hallowed by some sad or happy event in days long vanished." Your challenge this week is to choose one action you can do to protect our planet. It might involve better recycling or deciding not to drink bottled water. It might be taking a bus or walking instead of using your car for a quick trip to the store. Reduce your carbon footprint while honoring our Native American brothers and sisters this month. At the end of the week, make a commitment to protecting the environment by taking the St. Francis Pledge (CatholicClimateCovenant.org).

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"Do not be called Master; you have but one master, the Messiah. The greatest among you must be your servant."

Sheepish Question:

When have I sought to be honored? Specifically, how can I honor another by serving him or her?

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.



FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM at the Church

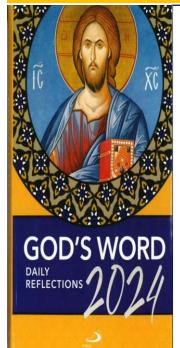


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A big THANK YOU to the Fiesta Committee and the generous volunteers and families of the parish who have contributed in any way to the success of our celebration.



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TOPIC: "The Saint of Today"

Wednesday 8th November 7.30pm at Pioneers' Room

SPEAKER: Fr Jepser

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

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.



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.

AUGUSTINIAN APPOINTMENT

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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.





5km a Day in October

Making change, one step at a time

🏶 Dementia 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:

Tue 7th Nov: Stephen Farrugia at 10.30am (Viewing from 9.45am)

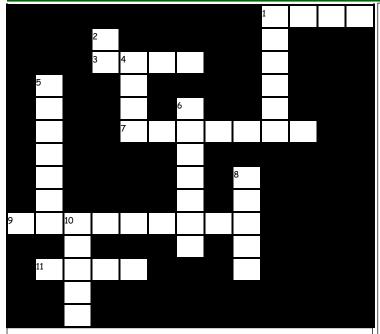
Wed 8th Nov: Caterina Cicinelli at 11.00am

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

"Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it."

Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORDS If you humble yourself you will be honoured



DOWN:

1: modest, lowly

- 2: Jesus said, "obey everything they teach you, but don't do as they __"
- 4: better than all others
- 5: the chosen one
- 6: a large feast
- 8: the prophet who received the ten commandments 10: higher than those below

CREATION CARE TIPS

As winter approaches and heating bills creep higher, remember what Pope Francis wrote in Laudato Si': "A person who could afford to spend and consume more but regularly uses less heating and wears warmer clothes, shows the kind of convictions and attitudes which help to protect the environment." The next time you think of turning up the heat, put on another layer of clothes or cuddle up with a blanket instead.

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ACROSS:

1: to give assistance 3: to do as you are told 7: someone who teaches 9: these men liked to be greeted as teachers 11: Jesus said, "if you put yourselves above others, you will be put d___"



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Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer:

All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a are character Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we cannot go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.



NEXT WEEKEND (11th NOVEMBER): 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

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.

CLEANERS:	Group 4	Thu 9 No Fri 10 No Sat 11 N
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11 NOV, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Peter Moriarty Eucharistic Ministers Dita Sy Moira Rebello Janice Salmon Reader 1 Dudley Littlewood

Reader 2 Corinne Cerdor *Commentator*

Florence Pusey *Music* Victor Brangwin

Powerpoint Nanette I.

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed Welcomers Terry Serrao Olga Esguerra

Volunteer Needed

12 NOV, 8AM Minister at the Altar

Hieu Le *Eucharistic Ministers* Belen Leynes Dawn Timmins Margaret Portelli *Reader 1* Sally Banguis

Reader 2 Faye Aboghazaleh

Commentator Christine Younes Music

Pierre D'Cunha Powerpoint

Christine Younes Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed Welcomers

Sarah Damole Jun Damole Espy Sarno

12 NOV, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen

Eucharistic Ministers Ken Allen Cathy Allen Jenny Kyd

Reader 1 Uinise Blake

Reader 2 Bianca Dowsell

Commentator Ray Zafra

Music Mary Immaculate Choir

Powerpoint Boy Sanosa

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Jenny Kyd Sue Oram Volunteers Needed 12 NOV, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Edward De Leon

Eucharistic Ministers Kate Blasco Esther Rose

> Angela Pecnik *Reader 1*

Kate Blasco *Reader 2*

Candice Salmon Commentator

Marty Facciol *Music*

Volunteer Needed *Powerpoint* Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Esther Rose Eleanor Stuart Volunteers Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 5th NOVEMBER:

Mon 6 Nov:Monday Of The Thirty-first Week In Ordinary Time Year 1Tue 7 Nov:Tuesday Of The Thirty-first Week In Ordinary Time Year 1Wed 8 Nov:Wednesday Of The Thirty-first Week In Ordinary Time Year 1Thu 9 Nov:The Dedication Of The Lateran BasilicaFri 10 Nov:Saint Leo The Great, Pope And Doctor Of The ChurchSaint Martin Of Tours, Bishop

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