

1st Reading Exodus 20:1-17 The Lord delivers the Ten Commandments.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 18:8-11. Jn.6:68 (R.) Lord, you have the words of

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Understand the power of Christ crucified.

everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation John 2:3-25

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

> Gospel Iohn 2:13-25

Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple.

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 1st & 3rd Sun of the month (during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,
Anointing of the Sick
by appointment



Whatever Happened to the Diocesan Synod?

Dear Friends,

Last October eight members of our Parish Community participated in the Diocese of Parramatta Synod. This followed a series of consultations throughout the diocese, the results of which formed the framework of the Working Document. Importantly, our local Synod coincided with the International Synod in Rome, a reminder that the Holy Spirit is present and active across the Church.

On 15 January, Bishop Vincent issued a Synodal Decree promulgating the resolutions of our inaugural Diocesan Synod in preparation for development of a pastoral plan for our Diocese. Many will remember Faith in Our Future, the 2014-2018 Plan during Bishop Anthony Fisher's time as Bishop.

Bishop Vincent has initiated the formulation of a draft Diocesan Plan based on the 24 resolutions adopted by the Synod. The Plan is being drafted by a Writing Group, in collaboration with a Reference Group, composed of members from our Diocesan faith community possessing strong theological or pastoral backgrounds.

In a recent letter, he advised that broad consultation will continue: "By April, a draft of the Diocesan Plan will be ready to serve as the foundation of our continued synodal journey, as we embark on a two-month period of discerning action through targeted 'Think Tank Sessions.' These sessions provide leaders of our local faith communities with the opportunity to collectively reflect on and discuss the practical implementation of the draft Diocesan Plan within their unique contexts.

"Crucially, we recognise that the voices, experiences, and insights of the People of God in our Diocese are essential in shaping a practical, realistic, and hope-filled Diocesan Plan. Your perspectives are integral to creating a plan that authentically reflects our shared mission and vision, propelling our Diocese towards a more synodal Church."

The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will be officially launched on Saturday 10 August 2024 in the St Patrick's Cathedral precinct in Parramatta – something to look forward to!

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The Holy Spirit Parish pays respect to the Darug People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we aather 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: https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/
We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

SICK:

Baby Jacinta Luisa Ortiz, Fe Uy, Bernadette Stevens, Jacqueline Cuschieri, Joseph Valladores, Corinne Cerdor, Juliet Gonsalvez, 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, Dot & Joe Gray, Rosie Casha, Zephyyr Morales, Anne Fidler, John Warne, Salvador Espadilla, Leitu Saena, Juliet Gonsalvez, Lynn Ray.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Robertson, Doris Anne Foster, Michael Galea, Dominic McCabe, Raven Molina, Jose Pete Tangan, Marisa Turingan Verzosa, Eva Lision Dengmanara, Otto Clemente, Doreen Abela, Flory Pinto.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Anto Matic, Mervyn Fernandez, Dunstan Herft, Hazel De Silva, Cajetan Gonsalves, Glenn Bouche, Josefina Siazon, Tony Kulvanic, Bishop Bede Heather, Rita Oliver, Ethyl Rose, Marcelina Decena Baccay, Fr Brendan Quirke OSA, Piedad Gonsalves.

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: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations



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

GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week



With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

First Reading:

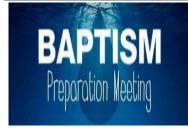
In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

Gospel Reading:

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is our faith?



Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on **Tue 12th March** 7.00pm. Presenter will be Joyce McMahon.

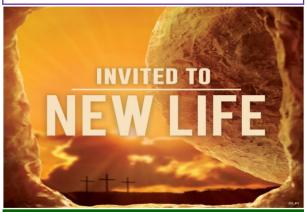


WE ARE NOT HAVING BAPTISMS DURING LENT, THIS IS FROM 14 FEBRUARY TO 30 MARCH

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

In the First Reading (Exodus 20:1-17) for this Sunday, we hear the story of God giving the Ten Commandments to the Israelites. Did you know that many, if not most, of the justice teachings in the Catechism of the Catholic Church are found in the section on the commandments, particularly Commandment Seven—You Shall Not Steal? This is because the Seventh Commandment reminds us of how important it is to be other-centered and to respect their rights and property. Jesus' whole life was a witness to living for others. As disciples, we are called to follow Jesus' example. Your challenge this week is to choose one thing you can do each day which is totally other-centered, something which has no direct benefits for you. Do it, not because it makes you feel good or makes you proud, but simply because it's what God is calling you to do.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK





Jean Denton flock.pastoralcenter.com

"The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom."

Sheepish Question:

Which of God's commandments are hardest for me to swall...uh...follow?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Third Sunday of Lent 2 & 3 March





Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry. Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

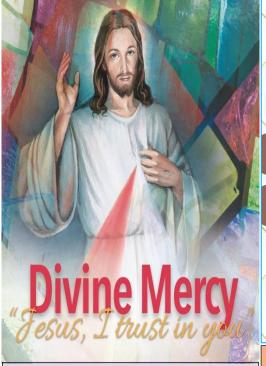
"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.





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6TH MARCH: 9.30 - 11.00 AM

18TH MARCH: 5.00 - 7.30 PM



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Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese

Friday 8th March at

7.30pm

Holy Spirit Parish has a NEW Emergency after hours number -0404 938 696. Urgent messages can be left on this number outside of business hours and at weekends.

NEW PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER

THANKFUL MESSAGE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST CLAIR

We wish to express gratitude to the generous members of the Holy Spirit Parish St Clair for your kind donations to the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal 2023. These contributions play a significant role in supporting those in need during the festive season, spreading joy and hope to the less fortunate in our community. The spirit of giving exemplified by the parishioners reflects the true essence of the holiday season and embodies the values of compassion and solidarity. Together, through acts of kindness and generosity, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of others and create a brighter future for all. Thank you, Holy Spirit Parish St Clair, for your unwavering support and commitment to helping those in need. **GOD BLESS.**

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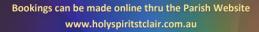


STATIONS of the CROSS

Men's Ministry is inviting **everyone** for the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday Evening (6 Wednesdays of Lent) at 7:30pm at the Church Foyer. Booklets will be provided.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

2024 Sacramental Preparation



CONFIRMATION (Year 5)

- Bookings available from 2 April 2024
- Parent Information & Catechesis Tuesday 7 May 5pm or Wednesday 8 May 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be in May (3 weeks)
- Confirmation Masses: Wednesday 26th June 7.30pm, Thursday 27th June 7.30pm and Friday 28th June 7.30pm

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Bookings available from 1 July 2024
- Parent Information & Catechesis Tuesday 30 July 5pm or Wednesday 31 July 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be August (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 24 August 3pm, 25 August 12pm, 31 August 3pm, 8 September 12pm

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation.

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:

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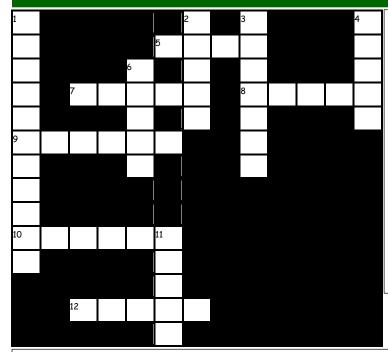
AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance."

Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD Do not make my Father's house a marketplace



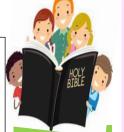
ACROSS:

5. this can be used to tie things up
7. a type of building people live in
8. Jesus found people selling things in this special building
10. Jesusthe sellers and their animals out of the temple
12. a woolly animal

that says 'baaa'

DOWN:

- 1. Jesus told the sellers not to make the temple into a m.......
- 2. You use this to buy things
- 3. to damage something beyond repair is to d..... it
- 4. the number after two
- 6. Jesus said, 'Destro this temple, and in three days I willit again!'
- 11. there were people selling cattle, sheep, and in the temple

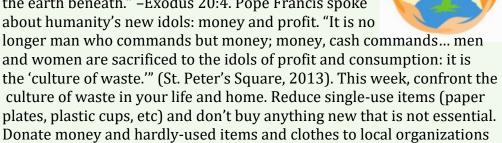


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CREATION CARE TIPS

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath." –Exodus 20:4. Pope Francis spoke about humanity's new idols: money and profit. "It is no

supporting the homeless and those in need.





WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

Answer:

The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are nonordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service). To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service.

B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are nonordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

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NEXT WEEKEND (4th March) 10th SUNDAY OF LENT, Yr B

1st Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 After seventy years, the Israelites are released to rebuild the temple

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 136. R. v.6 (R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!.

2nd Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10 Salvation is not earned but a gift from God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16
Glory and praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he
gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might
have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus converses with Nicodemus.

CLEANERS: Group 1
BANNERS: Green

9 MARCH, 6PM

Minister at the Altar
Peter Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers

Dita Sy Moira Rebello Janice Salmon

Reader 1

Stephen Middleton

Reader 2

Florence Pusey

CommentatorDudley Littlewood

Music

Victor Brangwin

PowerpointNanette I.

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Terry Serrao

Olga Esguerra Volunteer Needed 10 MARCH, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Hieu Le

Eucharistic Ministers

Belen Leynes Dawn Timmins Margaret Portelli

Reader 1Dawn Timmins

Reader 2

Manuel Fidow

Commentator

Sally Banguis

Music

Pierre D'Cunha *Powerpoint*

Christine Younes

Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Sarah Damole
June Damole
Espy Sarno

10 MARCH, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen

Eucharistic Ministers

Ken Allen Cathy Allen Jenny Kyd

Reader 1Eileen Baana

Reader 2

Ray Zafra

CommentatorUinise Blake

*Music*Mary Immaculate Choir

PowerpointBoy Sanosa

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Jenny Kyd Sue Oram

Volunteer Needed

10 MARCH, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Kate Blasco Esther Rose Angela Pecnik

Reader 1Candice Salmon

Reader 2Marty Facciol

Commentator
Kate Blasco

Music

Alleluia Choir

Powerpoint Thomas Deepu

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Eleanor Stuart
Esther Rose

Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 4 MARCH

Mon 4 March: Saint Casimir

Tue 5 March: Tuesday Of The Third Week Of LentWed 6 March: Wednesday Of The Third Week Of LentThu 7 March: Saints Perpetua And Felicity, Martyrs

Fri 8 March: Saint John Of God, Religious
Sat 9 March: Saint Frances Of Rome, Religious

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