



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Worshipping Communities of St Clair, Erskine Park and parts of Kemps Creek

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Yr B

21st APRIL 2024

1st Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
Peter heals by the power of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117: 1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29 R. v.22

(R.) *The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

2nd Reading

1 John 3:1-2
We are children of God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14
*Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; I know my sheep,
and know me.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

John 10:11-18
The Good Shepherd.



“I WILL LAY
DOWN MY LIFE
FOR THE SHEEP.”
—JN 10:15

4TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER

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Easter Faith – ‘Embrace Our Calling!’

Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and the Gospel reminds us that shepherds know their sheep and love their sheep – a bit like parents who are the shepherds of their children, and family members and friends who are shepherds of one another.

Our custom on this Sunday is to reflect on our *Calling* or *Vocation*. The latter title may still frighten us a bit, whether it apply to marriage, religious life, priesthood or the single state – hence I chose *Calling* because it is what God does... he calls us to commit ourselves in a variety of ways. The other thing is that our Calling changes as we get older, even within the traditional vocations.

Vocation is about who we are – like parenting and friendship! Faith is not simply an intellectual exercise but a response of our whole being. Vocation is like that - part of our identity, not just a set of duties we switch on and off when needed. As believers, our faith colours our whole life and outlook on the world.

Vocation is about our heart – who we are, what we love! Every Christian has a

vocation – and it’s not a function of our age or how pious we are. We are living out our vocation in the daily circumstances of our lives, so let’s name our vocation. It will help us feel at home with everyone else’s!

Vocation comes from our Baptism, the shared sacrament through which we enjoy equality as Christians, though our roles and functions may differ in the *Calling* we embrace. Even within the traditional vocations, each of us brings a distinct character. Together we make rich the Body of Christ.

I’m reminded of a parish in suburban Chicago that describes itself as: **God’s People in Extraordinary Variety!** That could very well describe our Parish Community here at Holy Spirit, even more so when each of us is serious about discerning our unique *Calling*.

Remember St Augustine’s vision of Church when we receive the Eucharist: *‘Be what you see and receive what you are!’* (Sermpn 272)

Fr. Dave

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

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/wp-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:

Andrew Boulos, Jacinta Luisa Ortiz, Fe Uy, Dot & Joe Gray, Linda Allen, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, John Warne, Joseph Valladores, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, Salvador Espadilla, Leitu Saena, John Slater, Ashley Johnson, Jess P, Havana Conroy.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bernadette Stevens, Rosie Casha, Peter Mazzelli, Trinidad P. Hernandez, Bong Ferrer, Vicente D Zingapan Sr, Lin Corpus, Antonio Martins, Isabel Siangco.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Kenneth D’Cruz, Enid D’Cruz, Ricardo Torres Malolos, James Tangeres Kho Sr, Angela Kinny, Nestor Peña, Jack Maloney, Lila Matilda Joseph, Mick Cook, Teodora Floro, Cesar Santos Sr., Piere Leuam Rajasombut.

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.

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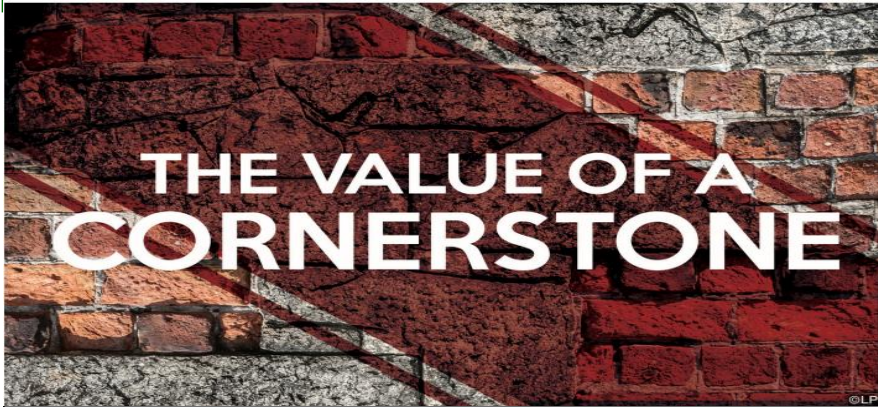


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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week



The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture.

Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

First Reading:

We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

Second Reading:

John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as some of the implications of such a designation?

Gospel Reading:

In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism?

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Earth Day falls on Monday. Did you know that care for God's creation is one of the seven basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching? Our bishops call us to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, seeing creation as a precious gift from God, something to be cherished and protected, not used and abused. They specifically teach us that abusing the earth is morally wrong. Your challenge this week is to choose one way you can be "green" and care for God's world. Maybe you will commit to bringing reusable bags to the grocery store so our oceans and landfills aren't destroyed by plastic bags. You might decide to give up bottled water and drink tap water or stop using Styrofoam by carrying your own reusable mug wherever you go. Replacing old light bulbs with energy-efficient ones is a possibility, as are planting a tree or purchasing locally-grown products. Whatever you decide to do, challenge yourself to make this a life-long practice, not something you do once a year when it's Earth Day.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



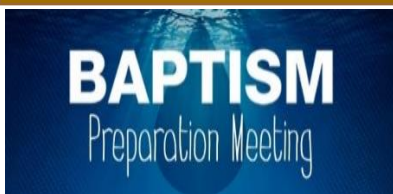
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"I am the good shepherd and I will lay down my life for the sheep."

Sheepish Question:

Where is Jesus guiding me that other leaders or advisors are not?

BAPTISMS



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 May 7.00pm**. Presenter will be Seaview Kama.



ADELINE JEAN ROSS
(Daughter of Aiden and Shyanne)

UPDATE FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parish Community,

As we journey together through this season of growth and renewal, I am excited to share the latest update from our Parish Pastoral Council.

This month we invited Jeannie Appleton from the Children’s Liturgy to give an update. Children’s Liturgy is held on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month during the Vigil 6pm and Sunday 9.30am masses, during school terms. Children’s Liturgy currently have 10 volunteers on the roster and they are always looking for more volunteers to help.

The council had a discussion on the Easter masses and thanked Fr Dave who worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly. We also want to thank all those who dedicated their time and talents during Easter Season. Your efforts reflect the love and generosity that are the hallmarks of our faith community.

We look forward to sharing more PPC insights with you next month.

Pentecost this year will be on 19th May so we will commence planning our annual Pentecost Feast Day festivities to be held after the 9:30am Mass. We will be

looking for our talented parishioners to perform and volunteers to help out on the day.

Fr Dave met with the Lead Facilitator of the Synod, Qwayne Guevara, and shared a pamphlet with a timeline of events. Currently the Diocesan Plan is being drafted using the outcomes of the Synod. Next will be ‘Think Tank Sessions’ discussing the practical implementation of the plan. The plan will be launched on 10th August at a Diocesan Gathering.

We would like to express our gratitude to Benji Santiago for all his contributions during his time serving on the Parish Pastoral Council as he has decided to step down at this time.

Finally, we remember and honor Bernadette Stevens who recently passed away. Bernie was a cherished member of our Council who served from 2016 to 2022. Her commitment to our parish community, her passion for serving others and her boundless enthusiasm for spreading the message of love and compassion will forever remain etched in our hearts. Let us keep Bernie, her family, and loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.

Warm regards,
Ana Gregorio
 PPC Chairperson

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Sue Colwell WALK & TALK
AFA Fundraising

2km OR 5km Walk
8.30am on Sunday, 28 April 2024

Come and Join Us! Bring a **FRIEND**,
 the whole **FAMILY** or just **Keeping Fit** for a good cause!

Start and Finish - Queenscliff Lagoon Park, Cameron Ave (near playground)
2km WALK - From Queenscliff Lagoon Park along the beachfront to Surf Club at Nth Steyne & back
5km WALK - From Queenscliff Lagoon Park along the beachfront up to Shelley Beach & back

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Wedding Anniversary Mass
28 April 2024, 9.30AM MASS
Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in the month of April are most

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
invites you to a night of fun with family and friends




18 May 2024 at 7.30pm
at Holy Spirit School Hall

Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drinks on Sale
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A BIBLICAL
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THROUGH THE
MASS



Starting Date: May 1st **Time:** 7pm **Location:** Holy Spirit Parish

Discover the heart of the Mass, deepen your faith, and connect with fellow parishioners.
Sessions held on the **First Wednesday of each month until September.**
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A one day First Aid course will be conducted by St John Ambulance. Register your intention by emailing:
Safeguarding@holyspiritstclair.com.au.

Limited places are available.



FUNERALS THIS WEEK:

Friday 26th April at 11.30am
Funeral for ROSIE CASHA

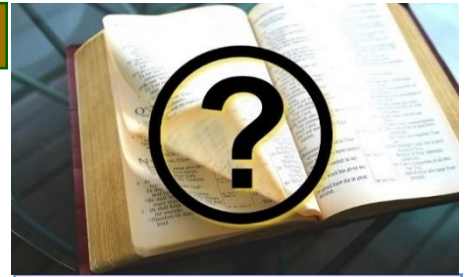


AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Hope is the most humble of the three theological virtues, for it hides itself in this life."

Augustine of Hippo



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:**

Question:

What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.

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"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH Jesus was taken up to heaven

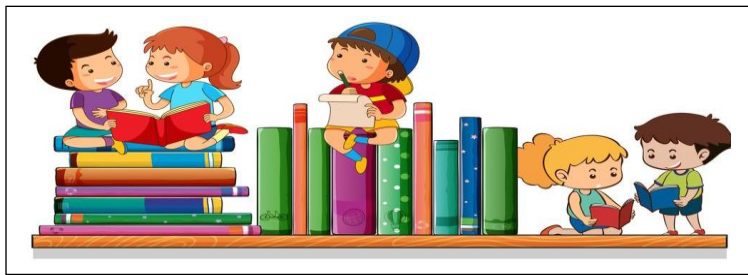
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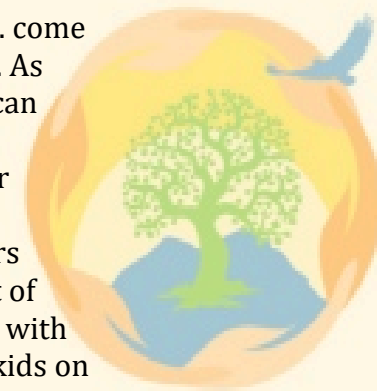


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CREATION CARE TIPS

Twenty percent of all CO2 emissions in the U.S. come from driving, and half of those come from cars. As the weather warms and summer approaches, can you savor the warmth and better weather by commuting or running errands on foot, bike, or scooter? Maybe now is the time to dust off the bicycle that's been hanging in the shed for years and pump up its tires. Or what about going out of your comfort zone to inquire about carpooling with co-workers, neighbors, or other families with kids on the same sports team?



NEXT WEEKEND (28th APRIL) FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Yr B

<p>1st Reading Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 <i>Saul joins the apostles.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 21: 26-28. 30-32. R. v.26 <i>(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading 1 John 3:18-24 <i>We are in God and God in us.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5 <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel John 15:1-8 <i>Jesus the vine, the Father, the vine grower</i></p>	<p>27 APRIL, 6PM Minister at the Altar Madeline Mostert Eucharistic Ministers Lea Jadraque Fe Uy Aruna Heslop Reader 1 Volunteer Needed Reader 2 Janice Salmon Commentator Volunteer Needed Music Couples for Christ Choir Powerpoint Nanette I. Junior Servers Volunteer Needed Welcomers Terry Serrao Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>28 APRIL, 8AM Minister at the Altar Victor B/Stephen M Eucharistic Ministers Gloria Slade Fiona Ferreira Chris Younes Reader 1 Espy Sarno Reader 2 Louise Bucholtz Commentator Millie Perez Music Volunteer Needed Powerpoint Manuel Fidow Junior Servers Volunteer Needed Welcomers Espy Sarno Angela Pecnik Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>28 APRIL, 9.30AM Minister at the Altar Alice Zafra Eucharistic Ministers Nilo Gajo Marthese Grima Anabel Jader Reader 1 Carmen Marcelo Reader 2 Derrick Pereira (TBC) Commentator Michael Paulo Music Children's Choir Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes Junior Servers Volunteer Needed Welcomers Joe Duval Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>28 APRIL, 6PM Minister at the Altar Victor Brangwin Eucharistic Ministers Lumen Decena Peter Smith Roslyn Smith Reader 1 Robert Lees Reader 2 Sue Oram Commentator Judie Donlan Music BASIC GIFT Powerpoint Volunteer Needed Junior Servers Volunteer Needed Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteer Needed</p>
	<p>OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 21 APRIL</p> <p>Mon 22 April: Monday Of The Fourth Week Of Easter Tue 23 April: Saint George, Martyr, Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr Wed 24 April: Saint Fidelis Of Sigmaringen, Priest And Martyr Thu 25 April: ANZAC DAY Fri 26 April: Saint Mark, Evangelist Sat 27 April: Saint Louis Grignon De Montfort, Priest</p>			

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