



1st Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1.24. 29-31 R. v.30 (R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

> **2nd Reading** Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 *Be guided by the Spirit.*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23 The Spirit will guide the Apostles to all truth.

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

19 MAY 2024

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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PENTECOST - 'Doors wide open!'

Dear Friends,

Open doors are a powerful symbol and certainly a preoccupation of Pope Francis' in various documents, including <u>The Joy of</u> <u>the Gospel</u> [46]: 'A Church which "goes forth" is a Church whose doors are open.' It's a nice 'churchy' statement though in practical terms not easy to follow through, especially in a previous parish where the Poor Box was constantly prised open until one day the thief brought a power saw and cut off the end of the pew which he then took home with him!

The COVID lockdown experience brought home in dramatic fashion the importance of 'doors open' as an essential mindset if we are to be truly Church! Closed doors do not mean closed hearts unless we close ourselves off from other people and God's Holy Spirit as well!

I daresay that you, like me, find the Holy Spirit difficult to understand. How easily we slip into a mode of living and doing where we are always in control, which is fine... until we aren't! We need to think of times we have found ourselves in situations, seemingly by chance, but with the benefit of hindsight, actually where God wanted us to be. I recall 2 occasions when I visited critically ill friends in hospital when I should have been somewhere else. While I was there, both passed to eternal life – definitely moments of grace and the Holy Spirit nearby.

As a Parish Community, we are blessed with the patronage of the Holy Spirit. As we seek to live the Christian life, we recall that our gift to Jesus is our humanity, still part of him as he returned to his Father. His gift to us is the Holy Spirit – Helper, Comforter, Guide, Companion, Divine Presence, God always within us. Might the Spirit of God be more real for us if each of us gave this Holy Spirit our own favourite name? The Spirit enlivens our spirit at every moment!

Fr Dave

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:

Andrew Boulos, Jacinta Luisa Ortiz, Fe Uy, Dot & Joe Gray, 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, Hayden Young, Salvador Espadilla, Leitu Saena, Virginia Peloe.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Annette Brackett, Juanita Mamba.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Patricia Creenaune Cook, Daniel Letufuga, Gil Cusay, Pa Sarkissan, Joseph and Lina Cuschieri.

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.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week



The phrase "being filled with the Holy Spirit" may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

First Reading:

The descent of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples, which marked the beginning of the Church, was a transformative experience for the followers of Jesus. What have been some transformative experiences for you in your faith journey?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks to the Galatians about our universal struggle between the Spirit and the flesh. Paul even lists examples of the "works of the flesh" and the "fruits of the Spirit." How would you measure you own success in this spiritual battle?

Gospel Reading:

Jesus assured his disciples that his Father would send the "Spirit of truth" to believers offering guidance and divine gifts. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?



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 11th April** 7.00pm. Presenter will be Joyce McMahon.

BAPTISMS



DEARIN AUVIE BONTO (Daughter of Ron and Ma Devie)

SAINT VALENTINO AFEAKI and SIDNEY ELIAS AFEAKI (Sons of Atelea and Paige)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

May 21st has been designated as World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

It is very interesting to note that this day occurs in the week before we celebrate **Pentecost**, which is a story about unity in diversity. How appropriate! Cultural diversity is a buzz term today, but it also is something which we Catholics—by our very identity, since "catholic" means universal—embody. We are a diverse people in every way: age, gender, economic status, race, personality, location, and so much more. We are called to embrace and celebrate our differences, not try to make everyone else over in our image and likeness. Your challenge this week is to experience and celebrate something in another culture.

It might be a particular prayer, or an ethnic dish, or a type of music. Whatever you choose, embrace the gift of the culture. And offer a prayer of thanks to God that while we are all created in God's image, we are also created in unique and different ways from each other.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Sheepish Question:

How can I most effectively serve the Gospel as a member of my faith community?



Continuing: June 5th **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. All are welcome! - Let's journey together in faith. See you there! Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in Hosted by the Men's Business Men's Ministry

the month of MAY are most welcome to join us.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

26th MAY, 9.30AM MASS

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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IMPORTANT:



Safeguarding Information Series –

Standard 3: Families and communities are informed and involved.

As you'd be aware, the Diocese is committed to keeping children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. We have processes in place to keep this commitment. The Diocese Safeguarding website has links to Government and non-Government safeguarding websites with useful information for parents in relation to keeping their children safe (https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding).

Our relationships with our children, however, place us in a privileged position where we can have important conversations about how they can keep themselves safe, and who to talk to when they don't feel safe.

It's not always easy to know where to start the "safety" conversation, but a range of resources are available to parents on the internet which can advise parents on what to discuss and even how to approach the conversation!

Age Specific Information -

https://raisingchildren.net.au/

Personal Safety - <u>https://www.napcan.org.au/tips-for-</u> talking-to-children-about-personal-safety/

Online Safety - https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents

Vinnies Winter Appeal

At the Masses on Sat 25th and Sun 26th Vinnies will do a collection to help the disadvantaged.

Cash or eftpos donations will be accepted.

A short video which promotes the Winter Appeal will be shown before the notices and collection will be done at the

same time. The envelopes will be located on your seats.



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



at Holy Spirit School Hall

Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drinks on Sale Free tea, coffee & biscuits

Donations welcome

Organised by the Community and Cultural Commission



Christian Life Program

A proclamation of the basic message of Christianity through various topics that will draw couples and individuals into a renewed commitment to the Lord

Pioneer Room, Holy Spirit Parish

Starting <u>Sunday 26th May</u> <u>@1pm</u>



Ivan - 0413 117 134 Julius - 0401 680 995 Gliz - 0430 045 234

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



Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him.

Augustine of Hippo

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different.

Answer:

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch. Sirach. 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

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CREATION CARE TIPS

On Pentecost we associate fire with the coming of the Holy Spirit. We know fire has always been essential to human civilization, and we are also aware of the destructive nature of fire, especially as the earth is experiencing more wildfires and extreme wildfires each year. Although burning wood in a fireplace, campfire, or outdoor fire pit can be a cozy ritual, the smoke from wood burning is a significant source of air pollution in some areas and climates.

What activities or sources of warmth can you use as an alternative to burning wood?



NEXT WEEKEND (26th MAY) THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, Yr B

1st Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40 Moses tells the people of the one true God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:4-6. 9. 18-20.22. R. v.12 (R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

> **2nd Reading** Romans 8:14-17 We are heirs with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

See Revelation 1:8 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus sends forth the Apostles with the promise to be with them always.

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25 MAY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar
Madeline MostertMiEucharistic MinistersEu

Lea Jadraque Fe Uy Aruna Heslop

Reader 1 Janice Salmon

Reader 2 Romeo Prieto **Commentator** Lea Jadraque

Music Couples for Christ

> *Powerpoint* Nanette I.

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed Welcomers

Terry Serrao Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

26 MAY, 8AM

AltarMinister at the AltarertVictor BrangwinstersEucharistic Ministers

Gloria Slade Fiona Ferreira Chris Younes **Reader 1**

> Louise Bucholtz *Reader 2* Millie Perez

Commentator Espy Sarno

Music Volunteer Needed

Powerpoint Manuel Fidow

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Espy Sarno Angela Pecnik Volunteer Needed

26 MAY, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Alice Zafra

Eucharistic Ministers Nilo Gajo Marthese Grima Anabel Jader

> **Reader 1** Tina Fernandes

Reader 2 Michael Paulo

Commentator Carmen Marcelo

Music Children's Choir

Powerpoint Jamie Bertumen

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Joe Duval Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

26 MAY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Victor Brangwin

Eucharistic Ministers Lumen Decena Peter Smith Robert Lees

Reader 1 Genevieve Luangratt

> **Reader 2** Jodie Donlan

Commentator Rebert Lees

Music BASIC GIFT

Powerpoint BASIC GIFT

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 12 MAY

Mon 13 May:Our Lady Of FatimaTue 14 May:Saint Matthias, ApostleWed 15 May:Wednesday Of The Seventh Week Of EasterThu 16 May:Thursday Of The Seventh Week Of EasterFri 17 May:Friday Of The Seventh Week Of EasterSat 18 May:Saint John I, Pope And Martyr

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