

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.

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

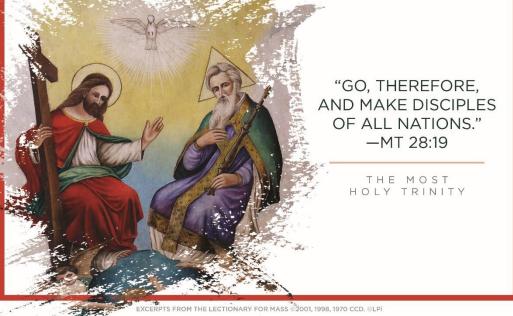
1st Friday Night Devotion

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



Trinity - 'Enjoy the Mystery!'

Dear Friends,

The Season of Easter may be over but we still have a couple of magnificent Sunday Feasts to celebrate – the Most Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ. This weekend it is the Trinity – the very essence of who God is as a God of love.

Just as love is the 'real thing', talk about love is no substitute for it. The same goes for God. There's something engaging about a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit because each dimension of God expresses an openness towards us, an invitation for us to participate in the life of the One in whose mind you and I have been since the creation of the world. God as Trinity is the defining model of community from which we derive our energy and identity.

Understanding the Trinity is an incredible challenge but we must remember that we really don't have much of a clue about who God is - echoes of Augustine: 'If you think you understand God, it is not him that you have understood!' Better to leave

the head aside and approach God with our heart. Through the Holy Spirit, we become sons and daughters of God and with Jesus, we can pray to God as '*Abba, Father*'. The Our Father is the prayer of Jesus and we pray *to* the Father, we pray *with* Jesus, we pray *in* the Spirit.

The Trinity is about who God is but it is also very much about who we are – our identity which we find in the sign of the Trinity, the sign of the Cross! It is the name in which we are baptised; it is the sign we make when we begin our prayer; it is the sign made on the child's forehead by parents and godparents before baptism; it is the sign made with the various holy oils when we receive the sacraments.

Our great God fills us with his gift of love – our heart is where it happens. As our children prepare to receive Confirmation in June, we pray that they will enjoy the mystery, which is God present in their lives.

In Same

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*)

VOICE FROM THE PEWS

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, Anthony Grech, Leitu Saena, Hayden Young, Perla Santiago, Monica Conroy, Nympha Miller, Kim Hak-Doo, Virginia Peloe, Salvador Espadilla, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Slawek Gawlik, Arthur Arendse.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Annette Brackett, Juanita Mamba, Eliseo Santiago, Lonnie Southall, Nieva Malinis, Branko Brijeski, Otto Clemente, Sr Dora, Roberto Galvez, Eduardo Balamiento, Peter Ramos Leano, Lonnie Southall, George Dy.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Bhey Sakdalan, Belen Olaes, Irma Sunico-Buno, Marie Zarraga, Pilarcita Isla, Gil Cusay, Marissa Allarey, Lourdes Acosta, Remedios Abacan, Ben Songco, John Hawley, Daniel Latefuga, Pa Sarkissan, Joseph & Isobel Rebeiro, Rebecca Herft, Emmanuel Eric Ortiz, Edward Anthony Slates, Lionel Batcho, George Herft, Belen Valladores, Sofia Flactan, Esther Perez.

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 immensity, scope, intimacy, and pervasiveness of God's presence is too intense for the human mind. We often limit God by our expectations of Him and have a hard time just letting God be God. Some people all too easily lose faith because God does not meet their expectations. Worse still, the idea of faith is rejected altogether by others because of polarities and experiences they have that don't square with who they need God to be. The Holy Trinity is one of those teachings that is best encountered rather than dissected. It is only through being present with the Trinity that we can experience both the immensity and otherness of God's presence as well as the intimacy of the God who wants us to call Him "dad." We feel the loving guidance of a God who wants to take us from fear and give us confidence. Our God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow is a God of all ages whose three-fold Presence invades all senses, seasons, and times. God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is much more than any of our expectations if we simply let God be who God is.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: First Reading:

In the closing remarks of the speech delivered to the Israelites in the desert, Moses reflects on God's fidelity and love for them. In return for God's favor, the Israelites are instructed to keep God's statutes and commandments. Why do you think so many people are resistant to this divine expectation?

Second Reading:

Paul sees the Holy Spirit as integral to our identity as "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." How do you sense our Triune God at work in your life? **Gospel Reading:**

We hear today the closing words in the Gospel of Matthew — Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to evangelize and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What insights to the nature of God does this divine relationship offer?



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

BAPTISMS

ORLANDO THOMAS KERSWELL (Son of Jayden and Lauren) OLIVIA CLARE SMITH (Daughter of Jake and Paige) NOAH BRINLEY (Son of Joshua and Stephanie) HALAINA A. CONROY-PAKEHO (Daughter of Thomas and Monica) ARIELLA LAUS (Daughter of Brandon and Jacqueline)



This week we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity and remember one of our most beloved popes - Pope John XXIII, who died on June 3, 1963. The Trinity, our belief that God is a communion of Father. Son and Spirit, reminds us that we are called to live in communion with each other. Catholics are people who build unity in the world. Pope John XXIII nudged the Church to build communion not only inside the Church, but also with the rest of the world. He knew that people had to live their faith in the world and encouraged Catholics to do so. He called the second Vatican Council and had a dream...a vision... that the church would be a light of unity to all the world. While the Trinity is a mystery, it isn't a mystery at all as to HOW the Church is to be a light. Each of us has gifts and must use those gifts in the service of others to build unity. How are you a light to your friends, family, school, co-workers and even strangers or enemies? This week, explore the areas of division in your life and try to be a light to someone each day.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"Go and make disciples of all nations."

Sheepish Question: Crustaceans aside to whom does

Crustaceans aside, to whom does Jesus send me, specifically?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

BLESSED THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN. PSALM 33



FRI 7 JUNE • 7.30-8.30PM HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH 2024 Sacramental Preparation

Bookings can be made online thru the Parish Website www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

Bookings available from 1 July 2024

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation. For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:

W: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au • E: sacraments@holyspiritstclair.com.au P: 02 9670 8222 or 0451 279 934 • A: 5 Todd Row, St Clair 2759 NSW

Friday 7 June, 9.05am

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Reconciliation available

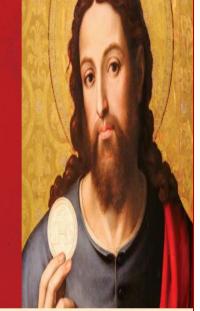
before Mass from 8.30-9am

PENTECOST CELEBRATION - THANK YOU!

Last Sunday's Celebration of our Parish Feast Day was a wonderful occasion for our Community, beginning with the Eucharist which was very well-attended and followed by our gathering in HSP grounds for refreshments and activities. We thank all those responsible for the Liturgy, including ministers, readers, musicians and presiding Augustinians. Students from Holy Spirit Primary, Trinity and Emmaus participated in the Mass, along with staff and school families, and enhanced the celebration. Decoration of our worship space was very striking and we thank the banner team, flower ministry and donors for their contribution. Small groups attended the Triduum and generous parishioners provided supper. Organisation of Sunday's activities was overseen by the PPC Executive, with the help of many volunteers who provided delicious food, including cookies for those attending other Masses and a celebration cake. Entertainment, music and other activities were provided by parish volunteers and groups, including our children's choir and cultural dancers. As usual, the set-up and clean-up were very efficient and we thank our volunteers, Parish staff and all who contributed in any way.

Together, we are a stronger Faith Community!

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



Continuing: June 5th OTime: 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!

Hosted by the Men's Business Men's Ministry

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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 this Sat 25th and Sun 26th Vinnies is doing a collection to help the disadvantaged.

Cash or eftpos donations will be accepted.

A short video which promoting the Winter Appeal will be shown before the notices and collection is to 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

NOTE FOR ANNETTE BRACKETT'S WAKE:

Dear friends,

On this Monday 27th – as you must know, we are having the funeral for our so much-loved Annette Brackett who sadly passed away to be with Our Lord on last Friday.

There will be a Wake after the funeral and burial (Pinegrove).

If you would like to attend to the Wake please contact Jeanne on mobile: 0432063044 for details of time and location, also to advise her if you are bringing a plate to share.

FROM, ANNETTE's FAMILY

FUNERALS THIS WEEK:

MONDAY 27th May, 11am: ANNETTE BRACKETT

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"The Father is the one who loves, the Son is the one who is loved (the 'beloved Son' revealed in the baptism of Jesus), and the Holy Spirit is the love that flows between them and binds them together."

Augustine of Hippo

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CREATION CARE TIPS

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

-Matthew 28:20.

Being conscious of climate change and environmental disasters can be frightening, depressing, and exhausting.

Just before Jesus left his apostles for the last time, and they were frightened about what was in store for the future, he spoke these words of reassurance.

Instead of dwelling on the bad news this week, take some time in nature to meditate on these last words of Jesus spoken in Matthew's Gospel.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer:

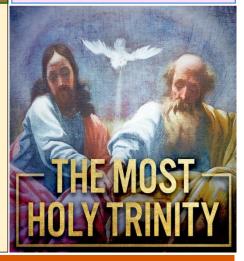
One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage.

And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

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NEXT WEEKEND (2nd JUNE) THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, Yr B

1st Reading

Exodus 24:3-8 Convenant between God and the Israelites is sealed in blood.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 115:12-13. 15-18 R. v.13 (R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

2nd Reading Hebrews 9:11-15 *The blood of Christ purifies us.*

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52 Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 Jesus took bread, broke it and shared it.

CLEANERS:	Group 3
BANNERS:	White

1 JUNE, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Lorensz Herft

Eucharistic Ministers Hazel Littlewood Sylvia Herft Jeanne Appleton

Reader 1 Sheila Francis

Reader 2 Moira Rebello *Commentator*

Sylvia Herft *Music* AMEN Choir

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed *Welcomers* Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Volunteer Needed

2 JUNE, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade/ Stephen Middleton Eucharistic Ministers Louise Bucholtz Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett

> **Reader 1** Faye Aboghazaleh **Reader 2** Christine Younes

Commentator Volunteer Needed Music Manuel Fidow

Powerpoint Carol Vella *Junior Servers*

Volunteer Needed Welcomers

Angela Pecnik Remia Morada Volunteer Needed

2 JUNE, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis

Eucharistic Ministers Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandes Seaview Kama

> **Reader 1** Cathy Allen

Reader 2 Tess Barnes

Commentator Joy Rulewski

Music Luchie's Choir

Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Skye Spacek Jennhy Kyd Volunteer Needed

2 JUNE, 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 26 MAY

Mon 27 May:	Saint Augustine Of Canterbury, Bishop
Tue 28 May:	Tuesday Of The Eighth Week In Ordinary Time Year 2
Wed 29 May:	Saint Paul VI, Pope
Thu 30 May:	Thursday Of The Eighth Week In Ordinary Time Year 2
Fri 31 May:	The Visitation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 1 June:	Saint Justin, Martyr

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