HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr B — **14th JULY 2024**

1st Reading
Amos 7:12-15
Amaziah questions Amos.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 84:0-14. R. v.8
(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading
Ephesians 1:3-14
God chose us in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation
Ephesians 1:17-18
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel
Mark 6:7-13
Jesus sends the Twelve out in pairs.

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)

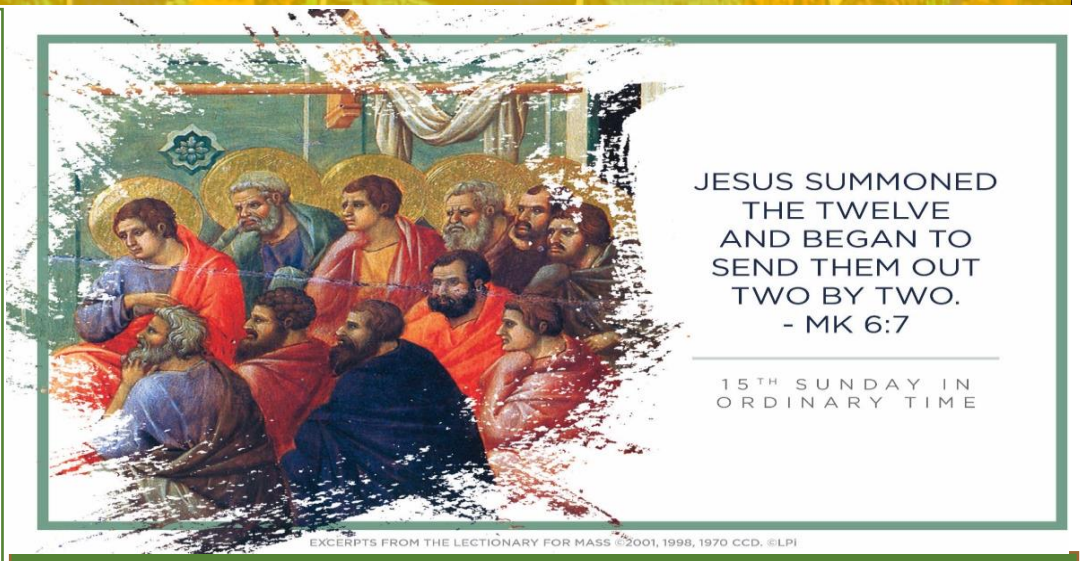
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Mass, 9.05am
Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

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



Invitation to Holiness - Jubilee Year 2025

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis is both endearing and challenging in the different ways that he invites us to grace and in his concern that there be a place for all in the Church. He offers ***'invitations to grace'*** as simple, everyday ways for us to deepen our faith and grow in our capacity to love.

Recently, Francis proclaimed that 2025 would be a Jubilee Year, a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance. Jubilee years are held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

Imagine that we were asked to choose the theme for the Jubilee Year… how would we respond? Most of us would reflect on what's happening in our hearts, in our family and community, and in our world… to discern what we need most. Our choice would be affected by our desires for the welfare of those we love, by the extreme conflicts in parts of our world, perhaps by the evils of domestic violence which confront us daily and the injustices suffered by so many in our society and beyond.

The 2025 Jubilee Year focuses on ***Hope*** – certainly a reality lacking in the lives of so many who experience oppression and despair – and expresses as its motto: ***"Pilgrims of hope"***. The logo symbolises unity and fraternity among all of humanity, with four stylised figures from different corners of the earth embracing each other.

The leading figure holds a cross, representing faith and hope. The rough waves beneath the figures symbolise life's challenges, emphasising the need for hope in difficult times. The elongated lower part of the cross forms an anchor, a well-known symbol of hope. This image depicts the pilgrimage as a communal journey towards the cross, which reaches out dynamically to offer presence and hope. ***Jubilee***… something special for each of us!

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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/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)*

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: https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/
We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions
a few days before preferred Mass.

SICK:

Jacinta Luisa Ortiz, Linda Allen, Reginald Reynolds, Andrew Boulos, Fe Uy, Leitu Saena, Hayden Young, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Stephen Johns, Joseph Valladores, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, John Warne, Michael Hay, Salvador Espadilla, Joe Muscat, Dot & Joe Gray, Danaree Teapthong, Dolly Evidente, Noleen Clark, Lourdes Tibig, Sheila Glennon.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Edith Hungerford-Schiller, Helen Patricia Paynter, Luzviminda Barroga, Amalia Cachola Corrales, Perfecto Decena, Andrew Fluck, Beverley Johnson, Jennifer Velasco Gabriel.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

John Borg, Antonia Pirotta, Katrina Mercia, Viriato M Molina Jr, Jimmy P. Baldonado, Licuanan Snr, Maria Gabriella Licuanan, Elizabeth Chow, Elizabet Chuh, Zoila M Decena, Olive Yeoh, Robert Dirk, Bienvenido Columna, Karina Francesca Torres, John Sequeira, Rustico Liquido, Charles Vella, Marion Briffa, Steven Gatt, Luis & Lily Abreo.

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

GOD BLESS YOU.

LIVE THE LITURGY - Inspiration of the Week

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.

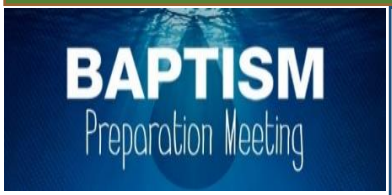
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The priest Amaziah was threatened by the visions of the Lord received by Amos that warned of Israel's destruction. Amos' defense is that he was chosen by God to prophesy. When has your faith been a threat to others?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of the abundance of blessings we receive from God as believers in Jesus Christ. Paul asserts these blessings make us "holy and without blemish" before God. To whom in your life should you share this message of hope and redemption?

Gospel Reading: During his public ministry, Jesus commissioned the welve Apostles to evangelize by preaching repentance and healing the sick and demon possessed. What do you see as effective tools for evangelization today?

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 13th Aug** 7.00pm. Presenter will be Seaview Kama.

EMILIA SPITERY
(Daughter of David and Dorothy)

AVAGRACE JUNE WALKER
(Daughter of Brenton and Aileen)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

July 14th is the feast day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the patron of the environment and ecology. She was from an Algonquin tribe that had been hit with a small pox epidemic which took the lives of her family. As a teenager, she was introduced to Scripture by missionaries and she was baptized. She led a very prayerful life devoted to the Eucharist and to serving others. Some in her tribe ridiculed her and she endured great suffering for her faith. Yet she never wavered in her beliefs. Your justice challenge this week is to take a step out in faith like Kateri, talk with a friend or someone in your family about your faith. Share what is important to you about it and then encourage those you talk with to do the same. You may be laughed at or ridiculed, or even surprised by a warm reception. Whatever the response, thank God in prayer for the opportunities you have to bring the good news to others and continue to be a living witness of your faith.

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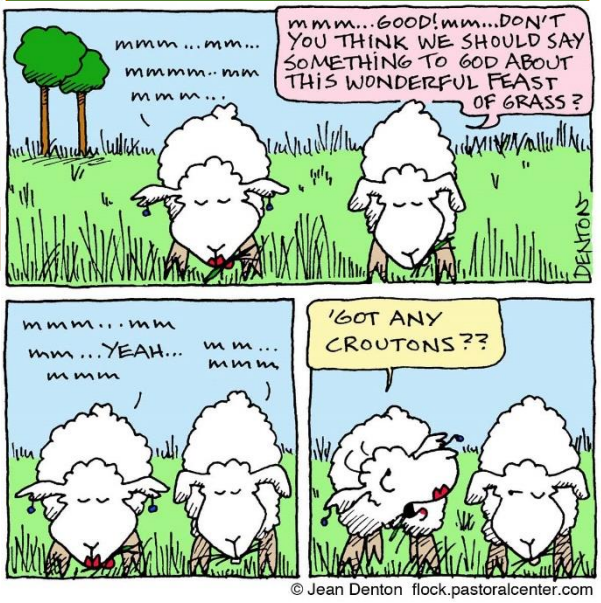

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"The one who feeds on me will have life because of me."

Sheepish Question:

Am I more focused on the gift or the giver?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Bringing Up Great Kids

Parents and caregivers are welcome to join this parenting group designed by the Australian Childhood Foundation and delivered by an accredited facilitator. The group will run over 4 sessions at Mamre House & Farm, Orchard Hills and is supported by our free creche.
A certificate of completion will be provided at the end of the four week programme.

Parenting Group Dates

When: Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th September 2024, 10am – 1pm
Where: Mamre House & Farm, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills

Numbers are limited, so please express your interest by contacting us on 8843 2500 or 0439 917 129 by 15th August 2024.

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WESTERN SYDNEY AND THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

AUGUSTINIAN LAY CONGRESS – ROME

Best wishes to members of Friends of St Augustine from St Clair who are attending the Augustinian Lay Congress in Rome from 10 – 15 July – Lorensz and Sylvia Herft, Peter and Margaret Moriarty, Seaview and Rachael Kama.

The Congress Program covers a range of topics, including the role and formation of Augustinian Lay Faithful and Augustinian leadership in a synodal Church. We wish our delegates well and look forward to their sharing of insights on their return.

EVERY SATURDAY, 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Wedding Anniversary Mass
28 July 2024, 9.30AM MASS

Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in the month of JULY are most welcome to join us.

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO GENEROUSLY RESPONDED TO THE APPEAL FOR DONATIONS OF WARM SOCKS, BEANIES AND SCARFS.

Friends of St Augustine will meet on Tuesday 30 July at 7:00pm in the Pioneers Room, anyone interested in attending will be most welcome.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you.

Augustine of Hippo

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH God chose us to be his own

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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

Amos
children
Christ
food
holy
homes
money
priest
sick
temple
turn
twelve

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CREATION CARE TIPS

"He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts." –Mark 6:8. In today's Gospel, Jesus commands his disciples to live simply as they spread the Good News. Just like the first disciples, we are asked to live simply too. This week, challenge yourself to live with fewer disposable items, cut down on your waste, and choose reusable items. Instead of using plastic wrap, use beeswax wraps or other reusable substitutes. Use cloth grocery bags and mesh vegetable bags instead of the single use plastic ones at the store. If you haven't already, commit to using a reusable coffee cup and metal straws.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

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NEXT WEEKEND (14th JULY) 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr B

1st Reading
Jeremiah 23:1-6
The Lord will appoint new shepherds.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 22. R. v.2
(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading
Ephesians 2:13-18
Christ removes the barriers between peoples

Gospel Acclamation
John 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel
Mark 6:30-34
Jesus pities the crowd, sheep without a shepherd.

CLEANERS: Group 5
BANNERS: White

20 JULY, 6PM	21 JULY, 8AM	21 JULY, 9.30AM	21 JULY, 6PM
Minister at the Altar Carol Vella	***Minister at the Altar*** Gloria Slade	***Minister at the Altar*** Anthony Bertumen	***Minister at the Altar*** Peter Smith
Eucharistic Ministers Janice Salmon, Fiona Ferreira, Mary Fonseca	***Eucharistic Ministers*** Pat Dowd, Celeste Lapid, Elsa Roberto	***Eucharistic Ministers*** Michael Paulo, Marie Sanosa, Nida Hawley	***Eucharistic Ministers*** Lena Maclean, Robert Lees, Romana Cunanan
Reader 1 Marinella Licuanan	***Reader 1*** Shirley Croning	***Reader 1*** Nida Hawley	***Reader 1*** Joseph Valladores
Reader 2 Madeline Mostert	***Reader 2*** Carol Vella	***Reader 2*** Tamara Richards	***Reader 2*** Romana Cunanan
Commentator Stephen Middleton	***Commentator*** Sarah Damole	***Commentator*** Joanne Staunton	***Commentator*** Sheila Francis
Music St Joseph's Choir	***Music*** Volunteer Needed	***Music*** St Augustine's Choir	***Music*** Esther Rose Choir
PowerPoint Volunteer Needed	***PowerPoint*** Louise Bucholtz	***PowerPoint*** Ivan Fernandes	***PowerPoint*** Volunteer Needed
Junior Servers Volunteer Needed	***Junior Servers*** Volunteer Needed	***Junior Servers*** Volunteer Needed	***Junior Servers*** Volunteer Needed
Welcomers Selwyn Oliveira, Sonia Oliveira, Corinne Cerdor	***Welcomers*** Sarah Damole, Jun Damole, Remia Morada	***Welcomers*** Sue Oram, Joe Duval, Volunteer Needed	***Welcomers*** Volunteer Needed, Volunteer Needed, Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 14TH JULY

Mon 15 July: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church
Tue 16 July: Our Lady Of Mount Carmel
Wed 17 July: Wednesday Of The Fifteenth Week In Ordinary Time Year 2
Thu 18 July: Thursday Of The Fifteenth Week In Ordinary Time Year 2
Fri 19 July: Friday Of The Fifteenth Week In Ordinary Time Year 2
Sat 20 July: Saturday Of The Fifteenth Week In Ordinary Time Year 2

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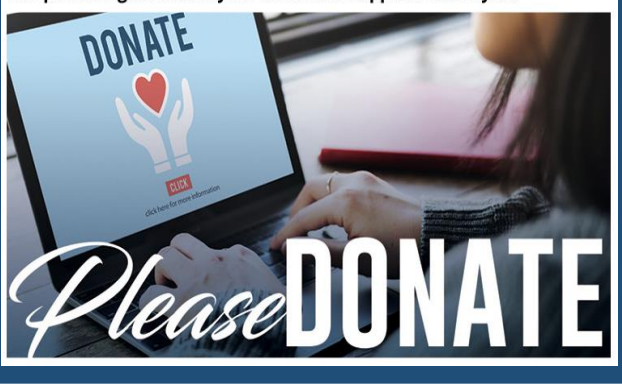

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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Mila, accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au. Thank you so much for your support of our parish!