

**1st Reading** Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom teaches understanding.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 33:2-3. R. v.9 (R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**2nd Reading** 

Ephesians 5:15-20 Sing praise to God, avoid that which is evil.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:56 Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51-58 Whoever eats and drinks of the body and blood of Christ has eternal life.

#### LITURGY TIMES

Saturday Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm Vigil Mass, 6pm

**Sunday** Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 9.05am

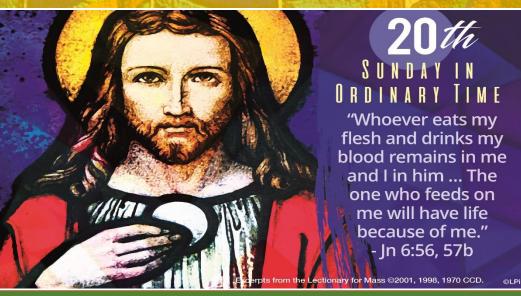
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Night Devotion

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

> Divine Mercy Devotion 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month 7.30pm

**Children's Liturgy** Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of the month (during school term)

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



DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN – 'Behold, I am with you always!'

Dear Friends,

The quote from Matthew 28:20 - 'Behold, I Am With You Always' - reflects both the reality of Jesus' abiding presence with us and the dream expressed in the Diocese of Parramatta's Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church, launched last weekend. This Plan offers us a model for renewal and ministry in accord with the teaching of Vatican II. Keynote speaker and eminent theologian Fr Ormond Rush likened the model to Jesus' style of ministry and a move to a more reciprocal and responsive model of Church. A Synodal Church is one which 'listens' and guides the People of God in how they relate to one another and how they engage with the world reflecting the deeper understanding and fresh outlook in the Council's documents written some 60 years ago. We can feel very proud of what has been achieved and take ownership of the Plan to the extent that many parishioners participated in the early discernment sessions and the more recent think-tank meetings that responded to aspects of the Draft Plan. Both at the Diocesan Synod last October and at the recent Launch, Holy Spirit Parish was well represented.

Synodality is an acknowledgement that together we are on a journey towards maturity as Church – guided by the Holy Spirit, all sharing in the Church's mission by virtue of our baptismal call, with a 'sense of the faith' that helps us recognise God in our lives, walking together as the People of God, sharing our gifts and charisms, searching for and discerning the way forward. Our call and commitment is to be .....

- An inclusive and welcoming Church
- A humble and healing Church
- A listening Church
- A Church renewed in spirit and prayer
- A Church that reaches to the margins
- A Church walking together

With Bishop Vincent, we pray 'that the seeds we have sown will bear fruit for generations to come.



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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:

Ray Yates, Louise Bucholtz, Robert Bucholtz, Norma Rodriguez, Michael Hay, Joel Dizon, Andrew Boulos, Linda Allen, Fe Uy, Leitu Saena, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Hayden Young, Dot & Joe Gray, Emilia Rose Moya, Angela Cook, Alice Grech, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Bill Lynch, John Warne, Salvador Espadilla, Jacinta Luisa Ortiz, GK Chai, Juileene McNally, Judy Younes Scott.

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Eufrocina Exconde, Herman Monton, Maureen Boyd, Mervyn Fernandez, Lucia Espera, Duncan Littlewood, Winston Newbond, Flory Pinto, Maria Luisa Sanico.

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Stella Maloney, David Joseph, Elizabeth Carlin, Orven Paranis, Larry LeFeuvre, Lance Currion, Rita Walters, Mervyn Walters, Hervey Cotte, Gerard Cotte,
Felix Martinez, Gloria Graham, Joan Myers, Petty Gonsalvez, Birdie Fernandez,
Stella Maloney, Manuela Uy, Jacinta Sevare, Drago Marjanovic, Denzil Baxter, Lyra Montero, Ben Apikotoa, David Joseph, Pearl Francis, Louis Tham.

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



There is a "great cloud of witnesses" found in the official saints of the church and in ordinary people we meet every day. They are faith-filled inspirations who, by their example, help us to persevere in our faith. Living in a sea of conflict, change, challenge, and confusion, it is easy to grow tired and get weary. With so many things in competition for our attention, it is challenging to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and the Kingdom of God. We have to keep running the race and continue proclaiming the Good News. This message is not always welcome. It can cause division, challenge accepted mindsets, ruffle peoples' feathers, and cause some folks to become defensive. God's ways are not always our ways. Even though often rejected by the world, the message of God in Jesus Christ must continue to be preached. We can rely on the examples of faith before us and around us and not lose heart. As Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we.

#### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:** The court official, Ebed-melech, courageously advocated for the prophet Jeremiah, having him recused from the muddy cistern. When have you defended someone being ridiculed for their faith?

**Second Reading:** The author of Hebrews encourages his community to remain strong in their faith in Jesus. What or who helps you when you feel spiritually discouraged?

**Gospel:** Jesus forewarned his disciples that his message would bring division, even within families. How does your family deal with this type of tension?



# WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

There is a lot of talk this week in the readings about how riches keep us from the kingdom of heaven. The rich young man was a good person and yet was asked to give up his riches. He was so challenged that he apparently walked away from the life Jesus was offering. Often people take this Scripture to mean that money is not good. However, Jesus never said that money is bad... it is just our attachment to it and all it can do for us makes it hard to give it up for anything... even eternal life. Your challenge this week is to take a personal assessment. Go through each room in your house (garage too), and make a list of what you have. Cross out things you really don't need and make plans to give them away. Then go over the list again and see if there are things you can live without. Make plans to give those away too. Encourage the whole family to participate. It is a great way to become less attached to possessions and to remember where they all come from in the first place.

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### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

# Celebrating the Feasts of St Augustine and St Monica



You are invited to a Conversation.... 'Walking Together as Church -Journeying with St Augustine'

Monday 26 August – 7.30pm in the Pioneers Room Facilitator – Fr Dave Austin OSA Light refreshments afterwards

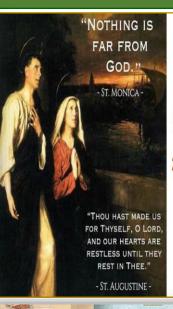
# Wedding Anniversary Mass 25 August 2024,9.30AM MASS

Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in the month of July are most welcome to join us. Morning Tea available after Mass.





On Saturday 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. Our pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 16 months. To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit parracatholic.org/synodality



Parish celebration of the Feasts of St Monica (27 August) and St Augustine (28 August)

25th August @ 9:30 am Mass

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea after mass.



AUGUSTINIAN LAY CONGRESS - ROME – JULY 2024 From left: Kate Garrone, Rachael Kama, Lorensz Herft, Cardinal Robert Prevost OSA, Sylvia Herft, Judith Ducan, Seaview Kama.



Please keep our children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time in your prayers.

# Become Involved... Join us....



Parish Gardening and Maintenance Team Contact Parish Office

### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

# Holy Spirit Parish 2024 Marian Fiesta

09 October Marian Talk By Fr Percival Sevare OSA 10 October Start of Novena 19 October Fiesta

# DINNER AND RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE

available at the Piety Stall and in the Church Foyer

# **Dinner Tickets:**

- \$10 each for ages 13 and up (including drinks)
- \$5 each for ages 6-12 (including drinks)
- Free for ages 0-5

# Raffle Tickets:

\$5 for 3 or \$2 each One Book for \$200

# **Prizes:**

First Prize: \$500 Second Prize: \$300 Third Prize: \$200 and lots of consolation prizes!!!

# Thank you for your generous support.



### **RCIA Information Evening** Monday, 2 September 2024, 7pm to 8.30pm Pioneers Room, Holy Spirit Parish St Clair

If you know anyone interested in the faith (either as enquirer or as sponsor), invite them to come to this session. If you are interested to know more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith, come and join us.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

### SAVE THE DATE 12/13 OCT WEEKEND FOR MEN LOCATION - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY - ST MARYS "GOD IS GLORIFIED WHEN MEN ARE FULLY ALLIVE"

# **Pilgrims of Hope**

A Retreat for Men at Mt Schoenstatt Sat & Sun 26, 27 October, 2024. With Mass & Reconcilation. Begin at the Shrine 9am. Mt Schoenstatt 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa.. email menstranch@schoenstatt.org.au Jim 0432 487 927 for info/bookings

# **Bethany Pilgrimage**

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 8am Ladies 18+ are invited to participate in a whole day walking pilgrimage from OLOR Parish (St Mary's) visiting four parishes along the way and returning to OLOR. The theme is "Joys of Our Lady".

## FUNERAL THIS WEEK: MONDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 11am: JOSEPH GRIMA (Viewing at 10.30am)

# PROTECT YOUR CAR FROM BREAK-INS

Don't take any risks.

Keep your car doors locked.

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Keep valuables inside your car out of sight.



### AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence."

Augustine of Hippo

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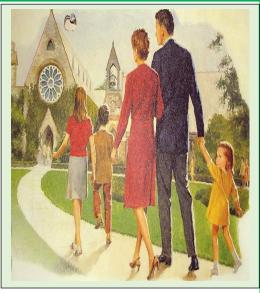


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### **CREATION CARE TIPS**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil." – Ephesians 5:15-16. There are so many factors at work sending the state of creation in the wrong direction (corporate greed, rampant consumerism, corrupt politicians) but that doesn't mean we should go along with them. St. Paul urges Jesus' followers to swim against the tide and live wisely, cherishing the time we have been given. What can you do this week to swim against the tide of evil or apathy, choosing to respect and care for the *limits of creation?* 





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

#### **Question:**

My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

#### Answer:

Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!

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# NEXT WEEKEND (25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST) 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr B

**1st Reading** Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18 The tribes of Israel choose the Lord above all other gods.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9 (R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**2nd Reading** Ephesians 5:15-32 Family members in Christ must defer to one another.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:63. 68 Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Gospel** John 6:60-69 Many disciples desert Jesus.

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#### 24 AUGUST, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Madeline Mostert

Eucharistic Ministers Lea Jadraque Fe Uy Aruna Heslop

> *Reader 1* Janice Salmon

*Reader 2* Romeo Prieto

Commentator Lea Jadraque Music

Couples for Christ *PowerPoint* 

Volunteer Needed Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Terry Serrao Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

## 25 AUGUST, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Stephen Middleton Eucharistic 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 Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

#### 25 AUGUST, 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

Young Voices Choir PowerPoint

Volunteer Needed Junior Servers

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*Welcomers* Joe Duval <mark>Volunteer Needed</mark> Volunteer Needed

#### 25 AUGUST, 6PM

*Minister at the Altar* Victor Brangwin

**Eucharistic Ministers** Lumen Decena Peter Smith Robert Lees

*Reader 1* Genevieve Luangratt

> **Reader 2** Jodie Donlan

Commentator Robert Lees

*Music* BASIC GIFT

*PowerPoint* BASIC GIFT

*Junior Servers* Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteer Needed

### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 18th AUGUST**

Mon 19 Aug:Saint John Eudes, PriestTue 20 Aug:Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the ChurchWed 21 Aug:Saint Pius X, PopeThu 22 Aug:The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin MaryFri 23 Aug:Saint Rose of Lima, VirginSat 24 Aug:Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

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