

**1st Reading** Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15 *Manna from heaven.* 

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 77:3-4. 23-25. R. v.24
(R.) The Lord gave them bread
from heaven.

**2nd Reading**Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Lay aside your former way of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel
John 6:24-35
Jesus if the bread of life.

#### **LITURGY TIMES**

Saturday

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

#### Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass,  $2^{nd}$  &  $4^{th}$  Sun, 6pm

Monday and Wednesday Mass, 7am

(except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

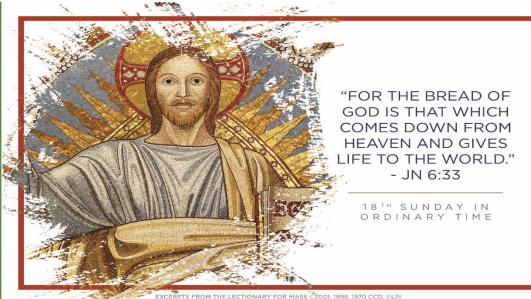
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

1st Friday Night Devotion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

**Divine Mercy Devotion** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



# Grace That Touches Us - 'Knowing Our Vocation!'

Dear Friends,

Each time I baptize a baby I include family members who are with the Lord in the Litany of Saints – our 'family saints' whose faith has influenced our own growth in faith, whatever condition it is in today. We need to reflect on how God has been and continues to be active in our lives. The recent feast of Mary's parents Joachim and Anne and Pope Francis' initiative in establishing in 2021 the annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on the 4th Sunday of July remind us of the significant people in our lives whom we need to bless and carry in prayer.

The life of each of us is important and celebration of grandparents and the elderly brings us back to basics - respect for all human life actually - to quote Pope Francis, 'Grandparents and the elderly are not leftovers from life, scraps to be discarded. They are a precious source of nourishment... They protected us as we grew, and now it is up to us to protect their lives, to alleviate their difficulties, to attend to their needs and to ensure that they are helped in daily life and do not feel alone.'

In affirming our elders, their lives and dreams, the Holy Father affirms in each of us our personal vocation – our call to be who we are, our identity, family, nationality, religious faith –before any choice of a lifestyle vocation in the single, married or committed religious state. Each is called to live lives of commitment, love and grace in the vocation of our choice. Grace touches each

of us through our extended family, parish and wider community – young, old, married, single, widowed, separated, divorced, religious or priest – who make such a difference through their generous love and outreach to their family, community and Church.

Each year at this time, the Church invites us to reflect on our personal call as baptized Christians during National Vocations Awareness Week (4-11 August). Most of us go that extra step to make a difference, to live in response to Christ's call. While we need priests and religious, the Church is about much more than that. Vocation is about all of us - our faithfulness to family life, passion for justice, our need to make a difference, our idealism, commitment and love. Vocation is about living expectantly and being prepared for the unexpected, giving of ourselves in the service of others when needed. Parents know this so well in their ministry within the family - vocation is already built into parenting and family life. Christ comes into our lives unexpectedly and quietly. Could that be why we sometimes miss him? As we pray for Marriage and Family Life, the Single Life, and the call to Ecclesial Ministry in the Church, we remember the Spirit's gifts and fruits which are about hospitality - extending the hospitality of Jesus to everyone who seeks it - foundation of a Christian vocation.

Fr Dome

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

#### SICK:

Norma Rodriguez, Jacqueline Cuschieri, Michael Hay, Louise Bucholtz, Joel Dizon, Eufrocina Exconde, Andrew Boulos, Linda Allen, Fe Uy, Leitu Saena, Hayden Young, Dot & Joe Gray, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Angela Cook, Alica Grech, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Bill Lynch, Joh Warne, Salvador Espadilla, Jacinta Luisa Ortiz, Renee Cunningham, Herman Montón.

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Pete Montilla, Maureen Boyd, Glenn Gandy, Allan Gomes, Georgina Agius, Monica Van Gramberg, Bob Tilly, Jose Gomez Jr.

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Michael Tham, Maria Cristina Asuncion, Teodora Floro, Cora Herft, Doreen Herft, Denham DeSilva, Maria Kuljanic, Tony Kuljanic, Noel & Philomena Bartholomeusz, Toma & Manda Yearkovic, Phylis Rodrigues, Irene Rhodes.

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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#### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week



When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death.

After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.

#### **OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

First Reading: Early in their Exodus journey, the Israelites expressed fear and frustration to Moses. God heard and responded to their "grumbling" by sending bread from heaven. When you have you experienced God answering your plea for help?

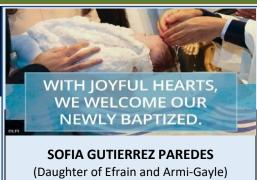
Second Reading: Paul told the Ephesians that as believers in Christ you should "put away" the bad parts of "your former way of life." How have you done this in your life as a believer in Christ?

Gospel: We hear today the introduction of Jesus' extended "bread of life" discourse. In referring back to the ancient Israelites who ate "manna" (bread) in the desert, Jesus tells the crowds: "I am the bread of life." How would you explain to someone how Jesus sustains you?

#### **BAPTISMS**

# **BAPTISM** Preparation Meeting

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** 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 7.00pm. Presenter will be Seaview Kama.



**HUDSON BRAY IORDANOU** 

(Son of Simon and Tianna))

# WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

One of Blessed Pope Paul the VI's most famous quotes is, "If you want peace, work for justice." This idea comes from years of Catholic social teaching responding to the world and the issues at hand in any given age. This statement can be clearly understood today. Just take a look at the civil war in Syria. At the heart of the refugee crisis is a lack of justice from a government that has amassed wealth while the people go hungry or without opportunities for education and participation in decisions that affect them. Followers of Jesus Christ must work to alleviate issues that attack the dignity of the human person - with works of charity and acts of justice. What exactly does that mean? When Syrian refugees are hungry and homeless, we must feed them and help them get the safe homes they deserve. Those would be acts of charity. At the same time, we can encourage our government to pressure the Syrian government to alleviate the problem and find solutions that will benefit the people and ensure the people won't suffer so terribly ever again. Policy and political change are both ways to bring justice. Both are needed to make change happen. Your challenge is to choose an injustice you see in your community. Ask questions about the issue. What do I know about this injustice and what don't I know? Who is affected by the issue? Who has the power to change the issue? Who seeks to gain if the issue isn't resolved? Now... what are YOU going to do about the issue? Start today.

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#### THE SUNDAY FLOCK





"What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?"

#### Sheepish Question:

What does God's constant, overabundant giving mean to me?

#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

# **NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 2024**

# **4-11 AUGUST**

During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply. We pray that more generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for the Church in Australia





Listen to Your Heart

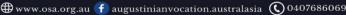
# BE PART OF OUR AUGUSTINIAN

If you want to know more about the Augustinian way of life contact us and join our discernment program

The Augustinian Vocation Office









# **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**

@ Holy Spirit Parish

FRIDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 7:30 -8:30 PM

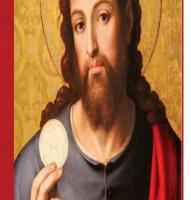
- Praise & Worship
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Adoration

**2ND FRIDAY** OF THE MONTH



# A BIBLICAL THROUGH THE MASS

Continuing 7 Aug at 7pm



**III 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** 

# 2024 MARIAN FIESTA





# 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.

# **Bethany Pilgrimage**

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Ladies 18+ are invited to participate in a 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, 12th August, 11am: MAUREEN BOYD

# Dark to Light an exploration on Domestic Violence

8<sup>th</sup> September, 1:30 PM Holy Name of Mary Church Hall, Hunters Hill

This event features Ms. Livia La Rocca, a trained psychologist with 20 years of experience working with the Good Shepherd Sisters, and Ms. Nicole Yade, CEO of the Women and Girls Emergency Centre, a specialist homelessness service for women and families escaping domestic violence. www.maristlaityaustralia.com/dark-to-light

# **First Holy Communion**

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August at 3pm Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August and 8<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon Please keep our children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time in your prayers.

# **Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop**

8<sup>th</sup> August Mass at 9:05 am

**Feast of the Assumption** *Mass Times* 15<sup>th</sup> August, 7am; 9.05am and 7pm

#### **AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY**



"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence."

Augustine of Hippo

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# CREATION CARE TIPS

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day." —Exodus 16:4. So much of our environmental crisis can be traced to people taking, using, and wasting much more than they need each day, month, or year, not trusting that God will provide what we need the following day, month, or year. This week, examine how you consume and store up more food, clothing, technology, or plastic items than you ever need. Choose at least one such item to cut back on so that you only buy or consume what you need each day.





# WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

#### Answer:

TRY TO FIND

THESE WORDS:

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Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

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## NEXT WEEKEND (11TH AUGUST) 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B

#### 1st Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8 Elijah is strengthened to go walk forty days and nights to Mt Horeb.

#### Responsorial Psalm

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

#### 2nd Reading

Ephesians 4:30, 5-2 Imitate Christ.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

> Gospel John 6:41-51 *Jesus is the living bread.*

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#### 10 AUGUST, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Peter Moriarty

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Dita Sy Moira Rebello Janice Salmon

#### Reader 1

**Dudley Littlewood** 

#### Reader 2

Stephen Middleton

# Commentator

Florence Pusey

#### Music

Victor Brangwin

## **PowerPoint**

Volunteer Needed **Junior Servers** 

#### Volunteer Needed Welcomers

Terry Serrao Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

#### 11 AUGUST, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Hieu Le

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Belen Leynes Dawn Timmins Margaret Portelli

#### Reader 1

Sally Banguis

## Reader 2

Dawn Timmins Commentator

## Manuel Fidow

Music

#### Pierre D'Cunha

#### **PowerPoint Christine Younes**

Junior Servers

# Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Sarah Damole

Jun Damole Espy Sarno

#### 11 AUGUST, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Ken Allen Cathy Allen Jenny Kyd

#### Reader 1 Eileen Baana

#### Reader 2 Ray Zafra

#### Commentator Uinise Blake

### Music

Mary Immaculate Choir

# **PowerPoint**

Boy Sanosa

#### Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Jenny Kyd

Sue Oram Volunteer Needed

#### 11 AUGUST, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Edward De Leon

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Kate Blasco Esther Rose Angela Pecnik

Reader 1 Kate Blasco

# Reader 2

Candice Salmon

## **Commentator**

Marty Facciol

## Music

Alleluia Choir

## **PowerPoint**

Thomas Deepu

## **Junior Servers**

Volunteer Needed

#### Welcomers

Esther Rose Eleanor Stuart Volunteer Needed

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 4th AUGUST

Mon 5 Aug: The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Tue 6 Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wed 7 Aug: Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Saint Cajetan, Priest

**Thu 8 Aug:** Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Virgin

Fri 9 Aug: Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe

Sat 10 Aug: Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

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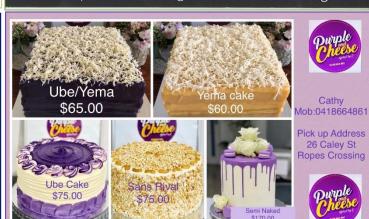
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