

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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TWENTY– NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

20 OCTOBER 2024

Jesus describes the logic of God's kingdom in paradoxical terms: **'Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant'**. However, this model is already an integral part of everyday life and can be observed in the relationship between parent and child – especially in the role of a mother.

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1ST READING

Isaiah 53:10-11

Through suffering, the Lord offers his life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

2ND READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus faced the same temptations as us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Son of Man came to serve and to give
his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

*Whoever aspires to greatness must
serve the rest.*

TO JESUS WITH MARY

Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate our faith and devotion to the Blessed Mother. Our fiesta celebration honours Mary as a model disciple of Jesus, her Son. As such it gives us the opportunity to reflect on the significance of Mary's life to our lives as disciples of Jesus.

During the Marian talk, which marked the beginning of our fiesta celebration, we explored the relationship between Mary and the Church as described in the writings of Saint Augustine.

For Saint Augustine, Mary's greatness lies in her faithfulness to Jesus Christ, her Lord and ours. He wrote: "Mary was more blessed in accepting faith in Christ than in conceiving the flesh of Christ." [Holy Virginity 3].

Augustine understands Mary's holiness in terms of her faith and radical obedience to the Word of God. He regards Mary as the true disciple of Jesus and considers her as the most eminent member of the Body of Christ who serves as a model of holiness for all the faithful.

Saint Augustine envisaged Mary as a "model member of the Church in a Trinitarian perspective." In Mary, one can find complete adherence to the Father's will, full collaboration with Christ's redemptive work and total obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Mary's life is truly, fully and actively at the service of the divine Trinity. She exemplifies to all Christians what authentic Christian discipleship is all about.

Augustine recommends Mary as a paradigm for the Christian life rather than just a subject of intercessory prayer. She is, for all us, an example for the Christian life, and not just someone we pray to.

As the first disciple of Jesus, Mary's primary role is to bring us closer to Jesus, and her mission is to make us disciples of her son.

May our devotion to the Blessed Mother bring us closer to Jesus and to one another. Happy Fiesta.

Fr Perci OSA

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

MASS

Monday & Wednesday - 7 am
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 9:05 am
Saturday (Vigil) - 6 pm
Sunday - 8 am, 9.30 am & 6 pm
Public Holiday - 9:05 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 5.00 to 5.45pm

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Friday of the month, 9:05 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month, 7:30 pm

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Second Friday of the month, 7:30 pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

First & Third Sunday during school term
Vigil Mass on Sat @ 6 pm & Sun Mass @ 9:30 am

FILIPINO MASS

First Sunday of the month, 11:30 am

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



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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,*

SICK:

Andrew Boulos, Linda Allen, Fe Uy, Leitu Saena, Michael Hay, Hayden Young, Dot & Joe Gray, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Stephen Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, John Warne, Salvador Espadilla, Jacinta Luisa Ortiz, Ray Yates, Judy Younes Scott, Robert Bucholtz, Yael De Leon, Nick Zamagias, Jess P., Monique Brooker, Hannah S, Jacqueline Cuschieri, Fr Dave, Teresita Meneses, Bert Galang, Ida Martirez, Anthony Grech, Monica Moana Conroy

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Norma Napiza, Bien Barroga, Patrick Dyson, Cathy Reba, Jhonny Armas, Catherine Deveros, Fanaral Man Barbara, Elizabeth Vella, Flory Pinto, Remedios Feliciano Catral, Slaiman Herro, Dean Shahoud, Felicissima Teodoro, Francisco Lozada, Rosita Warwick, Gennaro Marinelli, Frank Aoude, Connie Farrugia

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Elena Fajardo, Dorothy Thomas, Fernando Siazon, Jean Austin, Tapu Apikotoa, Chris Zamagias, Doroty & George Gomes, Emiliana Dilla, Silvestre D. Decena, Joseph Mercia, Elena Fajardo, Grego and Mara Marijanovic, Norbert Mascarenhas, Jose Urbano Lopez, Clorinda Urbano, Celine Gresseux, Gladys Viera, Vincent Carabott,, Amancio Mopal, Josette Sultana, Arthur Austin, Lydia Viajar, Amelia Sealtiel, Fernando Nunag, Malcolm Howse, Walter Murphy, Bounthien Mari, Lyra Montero, Olga and Terence Littlewood, R. Dhanaraj, Roland Peters, Peru Janja Marijanovic, Ann Moreira, Callistus Rebello, Wayne Rose, Guy Paris, Vivienne Cordell, Babsie Maugey, Melville Mendes, Winston Newbond, Jose Antonio Clemente, David Lee Wallace

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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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*)



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



GOD BLESS YOU.

HEARERS OF THE WORD

So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA - www.tarsus.ie

Lord, inspire me to read your Scriptures
and to meditate upon them day and night.

I beg you to give me real understanding of what I read,
that I in turn may put its precepts into practice.

Yet, I know that understanding and good intentions are worthless,
unless rooted in your graceful love.

So I ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page.
but channels of grace into my heart. Amen. (*Origen, AD c.184-c.254*)

Gospel : Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Thought for the day

As such, ambition is not quite neutral. We are called to be ambitious, that is, to use our gifts, to inhabit our strengths, to be of real service. St Paul says, be ambitious for the higher gifts. It is not that ambition as such is harmful; however, in the common experience, ambition can be destructively ego-centric and based on distorted motivation.

Prayer

Set our hearts free, O Lord, that we may desire what you desire and love what you love. Amen.

POINTERS FOR PRAYER

1. Jesus had spent much time teaching his followers that discipleship was a life of service, a life giving oneself for others. In spite of that, James and John were thinking of what they could get out of it. For Jesus, for the apostles, and for each one of us, the glory of God is revealed when we allow God to work through us as we give ourselves for others. When have you found that you reach a fuller life and others benefit when you act in this spirit of service?
2. One of the great problems in a community, a parish or an organisation, is when you have some people jockeying for status and positions of power. The good of the group and the people it serves take second place to personal prestige. You have probably seen this happen. Perhaps you have also witnessed people with a spirit of service that allowed them to value the good of the group over personal rewards. Recall them and give thanks for their witness.
3. Jesus himself is the great model of this spirit of service. Think of the aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for others.

PRAYER

Most glorious God, in Jesus you show us that your will is to save. Grant to us your people the boldness to desire a place in your kingdom, the courage to drink the cup of suffering and the grace to find in service the glory of your promise. Amen.



During November we offer Masses for the dead. If you would like to enrol a loved one on the Parish November Mass list, they will have Mass offered for them. They will be included in the Masses for the Holy Souls, and they be prayed for (collectively) during the intercessions each day in November.

You can do it online thru our parish website. <https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/holy-souls-the-november-mass-list/> **November Mass Offering envelopes are also available in the church foyer.**

SAVE THE DATE

7. 12. 2024

THE ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD OF

Deacon Joseph Van Tu Nguyen, o.s.a

11:00AM

St Kieran's Church, Manly Vale

Altar Servers Training for new Altar Servers

Wednesday, 30 October, 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Commissioning Mass

Sunday, 3 November, 9:30 AM Mass

If you are interested for your child to join, please contact the parish office.

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Administration Assistant Job in St Clair, Sydney NSW - SEEK.
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If you are interested to apply for the position of Parish Administration Assistant for our parish, please click on the link above for the details of the role or the Diocese website.

While we are in the process of finding an administration assistant, we are seeking volunteers to help with answering phone calls at the parish office. Any amount of time you can offer will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist, please feel free to approach any priest in the parish.

FIESTA 2024 - THANK YOU!

As always, our Parish Fiesta is a celebration which we can be proud of – primarily because everyone is involved – our unique way of coming together as the ‘local Church’ to build up the Body of Christ. The ‘Fiesta’ is indeed a community celebration where we celebrate God’s presence and love in our life and journey and in the life of Jesus’ Mother Mary. Our faith in Jesus is stronger, as is his presence in our life as individuals and as a community too.

Fiesta 2024 is the result of careful planning and work over several months:

A special thank you to the Fiesta Committee led by Dudley Littlewood. This year, the Indian community took on the responsibility of organizing the Novena, Rosary Procession, Dinner & Entertainment, with help from coordinators and members of all cultural groups, making the Fiesta a true community event.

Thank you to everyone involved in organizing the Marian talk and well as the 9 days novena.

Sincere thanks to all involved in preparation of our Fiesta Mass, our Choir, ministers, lectors, commentators, welcomees, collectors, banner makers, flower ministry, our Augustinian fathers, our children from Holy Spirit Primary school for their dance tribute to Mary and to everyone who assisted and participated in the procession and the Eucharist.

Many parishioners worked behind the scenes – decorating our liturgical space and fine statue of Mary so beautifully for the novena and procession. Many donated financially and did so willingly and most generously, along with prizes for the raffle and lucky door (an incredible response!), selling dinner and raffle tickets, ensuring the safety of our gathering, preparing food for our enjoyment, setting-up and cleaning-up, and providing entertainment. Thanks too to Holy Spirit Primary for the use of school facilities for the dinner and entertainment. To every person who contributed in any way, we say thank you.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAYS MASS TIMES:

Tue 1 NOV at 9.05am and 7pm

Wed 2 NOV at 10 am

Mass of Remembrance

In Holy Spirit Church, on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 7:30 pm, we will gather for a "Mass of Remembrance" for all who have lost a family member, relative or close friend during the past two years. The purpose of this Mass is to call to mind the memory of these loved ones and to thank God for the gift they have been to us. It will be a time to sit with your memories and feel the support of our praying community. An initiative of the Spirituality Commission.

BINGO NIGHT

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23 Nov 2024 @ 7.30 PM

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01 November 2024 at 9:05 am

Reconciliation available before Mass from 8.30-9am

Anointing of the Sick

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

NOMINATION FOR NEW MEMBERS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

At this time,
we are calling for nominations for the 2025
Parish Pastoral Council of Holy Spirit St Clair.

Nomination forms are available in the foyer. Deadline for nomination will be on Sunday, 20th October

PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

O God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit to guide our parish in the selection of members for our parish pastoral council. We are a parish that wants to do your will and carry out the mission Jesus entrusted to us. Help us to identify men and women who will work with our priests and guide us in our mission. We pray you send us men and women who have a great love for you and for our parish. Members who will listen to the wisdom of the Spirit and understand the needs of the people; those who will be open to the ideas of others and work together in unity as brothers and sisters in Christ. Continue to bless our parish so we can be a people filled with joy and faith as we live out our call to follow your Son, Jesus. Amen.

The Social Justice Commission members invite you to attend a presentation by **Sr Susan Connelly, SOSJ**, who will speak about this year's Social Justice Statement, **TRUTH and PEACE: A Gospel Word in a Violent World**.

Time: 7:30pm, Monday, Nov 4th, Pioneers' Room, Holy Spirit Church, cnr Todd Row and Moore St., St Clair.

Sr Susan is very active in speaking out on Social Justice issues and has advocated for the people of Timor Leste over many years and is a very engaging speaker. There will be opportunities for sharing and questions. A light supper will be served.

Synod of Synodality (2-27 October) - In Rome, the second session of the Synod of Synodality (2-27 October) is underway. **Pope Francis in his homily** at the Synod's opening Mass called for a Church where 'each person feels welcomed'. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC), preached during a Mass for the Memorial of Saint Jerome (30 September) on the first day of the Synod Retreat in Rome. In his sermon, Archbishop Costelloe said the Church was 'being asked to reflect not so much on what synodality is but rather on how we are able to live it at every level of the life of the Church . . .' See the **[ACBC website for full text of his sermon](#)**.

Children's Liturgy Workshop NEW DATE

Wednesday 30th October, 7-8:30pm, Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The workshop is for anyone who assists with Children's liturgy in their parishes or wishes to learn more about it. If you would like to attend, please click this link to register or send me an email. <https://parracatholic.org/events/childrens-liturgy-workshop-30-october/>

Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar

'Back to Basics' Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar on Saturday, 2nd of November from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown). RSVP by the 26th of October to hanah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

PEACE Women's Retreat: Sisters Through F8th

Mount Schoenstatt Mulgoa, 26 October, 9am-1pm. Cost \$20. Guests Speakers: Madeleine Carrington, Jessica Doherty and Fr Pawel. Flyers are available in the foyer, with details for booking.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices : Positions Vacant: More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

⇒Administration Assistant—Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair—applications close at 31 October 2024

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WORD SEARCH

To be good people we must serve others.

TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

- angry
- baptism
- cup
- decide
- drink
- first
- left
- rescue
- servant
- slave
- teacher
- Zebedee

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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is everyone's responsibility

BAPTISM

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 12th November** 7.00pm. Presenter will be Germaine Gil.

With joyful hearts , we welcome our newly baptized

NEXT WEEKEND (27th October) Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B

1ST READING
 Jeremiah 31:7-9
The Lord declares himself a father to Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Ps 125. R. v.3
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2ND READING
 Hebrews 5:1-6
The Lord himself calls those who are to serve.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 See 2 Timothy 1:10
Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 Mark 10:46-52
Jesus gives sight to Bartimaeus.

Ministries	26 Oct., 6 PM	27 Oct, 8 AM	27 Oct, 9.30 AM	27 Oct, 6 PM
Ministry of the Altar	Hieu Le	Stephen Middleton	Madeline Mostert	Madeline Mostert
Eucharistic Ministers	Lea Jadraque Fe Uy Volunteer Needed	Gloria Slade Fiona Ferreira Chris Younes	Nilo Gajo Marthese Grima Anabel Jader	Lumen Decena Peter Smith Robert Lees
Reader 1	Lea Jadraque	Espy Sarno	Carmen Marcelo	Robert Lees
Reader 2	Janice Salmon	Louise Bucholtz	Tina Fernades	Genevieve
Commentator	Romeo Prieto	Millie Perez	Michael Paulo	Jodie Donlan
Music	Couples for Christ		Young Voices	BASIC GIFT
PowerPoint	Volunteer Needed	Manuel Fidow	Volunteer Needed	BASIC GIFT
Junior Servers	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Welcomers	Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer needed	Joe Duval Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Eleanor Stuart Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 20 OCTOBER

Mon 21 Oct: Monday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II
Tue 22 Oct: Tuesday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II
Wed 23 Oct: St William the Hermit and Bl John the Good (*Augustinians*)
Thu 24 Oct: Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II
Fri 25 Oct: St John Stone (*Augustinian*)
Sat 26 Oct: Saturday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II

Cleaners: Group 4

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