

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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Catholic Diocese of Parramatta

4th SUNDAY of EASTER, Year C

11th May, 2025

Friday, 9th May, 2025

Dear Brothers and Friends

In support of the letter addressed to the Order and international Augustinian Family from our Prior General Fr Alejandro Moral Anton OSA and in union with the Universal Church and the global community, the Augustinians of the Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel, Australasia celebrate with gratitude and joy that in the election of Pope Leo XIV, a Pope has been chosen that will serve the good of all with compassion, wisdom and love. The election of a Pope who will serve with goodness is the outcome we have all been praying for in these recent days.

As an Augustinian family, with humility, we rejoice that our brother Cardinal Robert Prevost OSA has been called to this role of servant leadership in which he is called to be Pope for all.



Many of us have known the new Pope personally and have experienced his leadership when he served as Prior General of the Augustinians (2001-2013). During that time he visited all our communities and ministries in Australia and Korea. Of special significance was that he was the Prior General who initially encouraged our Province to work towards the foundation of the Order in Vietnam.

Robert Prevost was born in Chicago in 1955. After his schooling at an Augustinian high school/seminary in the United States, he professed vows in the Order in 1978, was ordained to the priesthood in Rome in 1982 where he was undertaking higher studies in Canon Law, missionary work in the OSA American mission in Chlucanas, Peru, Provincial of the Midwest (USA) Province, Prior General of the Order (2001-2013), Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, Head of the Dicastery of Bishops in Rome and made Cardinal in 2023.

Pope Leo XIV when he served our Order as Fr Robert Prevost OSA (Prior General) loved and served all of us well. He will now do the same for the Universal Church. In his first address Pope Leo XIV pleaded for peace and referred to the words of Augustine that while a Bishop for us, he is first a Christian with us. The values of communion in human relationships and profound interiority in our relationship with God are deeply embedded in the heart of Pope Leo XIV.

I commend Pope Leo XIV to the prayers of each of you.

Fraternally

Fr Peter Jones OSA
Prior Provincial, Order of Saint Augustine,
Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel, Australasia



1st Reading

Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3, 5: R

*R We are his people,
The sheep of his flock.*

2nd Reading

Rev 7:9, 14-17

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be
their shepherd and will lead them to
springs of living water.*

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

John 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

MASS

Mon & Wed - 7 am

Tues, Thu & Frid - 9:05 am

Sat (Vigil) - 6 pm

Sunday - 8 am, 9.30 am & 6 pm

Public Holiday - 9:05 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 5.00 to 5.45pm

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

1st & 3rd 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*

Holy Spirit Parish pays respect to the Darug People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith in God.

Welcome

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We are a welcoming parish. No matter your current status in the Catholic Church, family or marital situation, past or present religious affiliation, personal history, age, background, race, color, or sexual orientation—regardless of 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 our community, we encourage you to explore what we have to offer. We serve the community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, and providing comfort to the sick and those in mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organizations, you may be interested in joining one of our many liturgical ministries, such as Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, or Choir.

To formally register, please fill out a form that will be entered into our parish data system (all information provided will remain confidential). These forms are available at the parish office or in the church foyer.

To learn more about parish life, you can pick up a copy of our Welcome Newsletter available in the foyer or visit 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)

We are grateful to those who continue to financially support our Parish.

God bless you!

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

Fe Uy, Judy Younes Scott, Robert Bucholtz, Yael De Leon, Ida Martinez, John Cassar, Michael Hay, Monica Conroy, Anthony Grech, Harley Conroy, Ray Weeden, Maribeth Felipe, Daniel Guiraud, Marie, Dwight Quiaoit, Reynalda, Mary Victoria Cemon, Gary Connors, Maribeth Felipe, Jesus Felix Gonong

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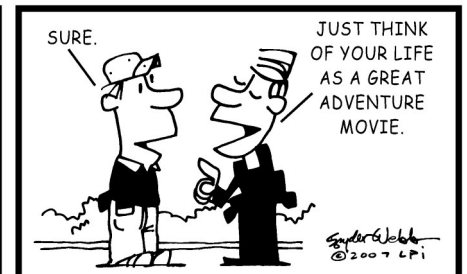
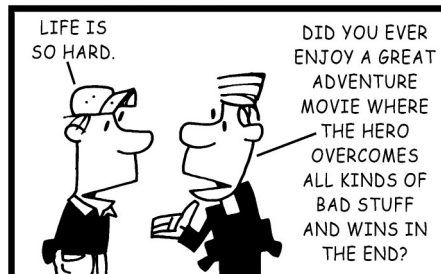
Pope Francis, Vincent Donnelly, Edward Afeaki, Peter Sebastian, Joyce Verri, Rudy Rulach, Grant Kopua, Maran Dhanaraj, Viviane Kaikati, Michael Sabanal, Josefina 'Joy' Marayag, Bernard Rulach, Robie Jayawardena, Jamie Dowsett

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Francisco Cabi-less, Michelle Thomas, Jack Maloney, Betty Gonsalvez, Kenneth D'Cruz, Enid D'Cruz, Mena Valladures, Marjianovic Malo Anka

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time. Please contact admin if you have an ongoing illness and wish to remain on the sick list for longer than 4 weeks.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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EASTER JOY – ‘Grace of the Good Shepherd – Pope Leo XIV’

Dear Friends,

As I write this reflection, we rejoice in the election of Augustinian Cardinal Robert Prevost as Pope Leo XIV. A letter from Provincial Fr Peter Jones is printed on the front of this bulletin and there will be further communication about the Holy Father next Sunday.

As Prior General, then Fr Robert celebrated Mass at St Clair in 2005 and last year parishioners attending the International Lay Congress met up with him in Rome. His election just before the 4th Sunday of Easter – **Good Shepherd Sunday** and **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** – is very fitting. This Sunday is also special, coinciding with Mother’s Day.

Recently, a fellow priest described the Blessed Mother as a ‘good Mum’! We all have our preferred personal titles for Mary but this one was new to me – so appropriate, intimate and fitting. ‘Good’ is a small but powerful word that also describes Jesus as the Shepherd. We recall Pope Francis as a ‘Good Pope’ and a ‘Good Shepherd’ - imagery he used to describe his ideal for bishops who ‘smell of the sheep’ – part of his ‘earthy ecclesiology’, the Church that evangelises in its pastoral mission. I’m sure Pope Leo will be a Good Shepherd too.

We affirm the role of women in our lives and in our world and recall the Easter appearances of the Risen Jesus and the women disciples who witnessed the appearances of Jesus after his death and told the news to the apostles – they are *‘the apostles to the apostles’!*

In our world, the pivotal role of mothers remains undisputed, their special nurturing qualities, their place in passing on the Faith and, with fathers, encouraging sons and daughters and grandchildren

too to find their way in the world and follow the call in their hearts.

Today we are asked to pray to God that he *‘send more workers into the harvest,’* including religious and priestly vocations. Let’s remember that prayer changes us and very little will happen unless families cultivate faith and positively encourage members to embrace a religious vocation. Mums and Dads are good at that but in our time some are reticent in raising the subject.

Mothers are invariably models of faithfulness and perseverance, serving the family and understanding the unique, personal gifts and hopes of each child. Pope Francis offers the maternal faith of Mary Mother of Jesus as our inspiration:

‘Mary’s gaze reminds us that faith demands a tenderness that can save us from becoming lukewarm. Tenderness: the Church of tenderness.... When faith makes a place for the Mother of God, we never lose sight of the centre: the Lord, for Mary never points to herself but to Jesus; and our brothers and sisters, for Mary is mother.

We honour our mothers, living and deceased, and affirm the remarkable call of motherhood and the ways in which each of us has been given life and formed in the likeness of God through the love of parents and the unique role of our mothers. Let us pray that each of us will continue to pray and listen to our personal call.



Fr. Dave

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Happy Mother's Day

Remembering all our mothers, step-mothers, mother-in-laws, grandmothers, aunts, and all maternal figures in our lives, those who are here with us, and those who have gone before us.
May God bless you and protect you.



Frs. Perci, Peter, Dave and Saju

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*)

I know my sheep and they follow me

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:22

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The cultural dismissal of faith as illusory consolation or opium has left its mark on us all. Is it all projection? Has God truly spoken and revealed God's self? In Christian faith, our response is a resounding yes and, while we should be wary of facile solace, at the same time we should not deny ourselves the good and wholesome reassurance of faith. After all, one of the most repeated phrases throughout the Bible is "Do not be afraid" (though not in John, curiously). There are grounds for fear; but we, of all people, should not be overwhelmed by the negative.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, risen from the dead, guide us to listen deeply to your voice, your word, that we may know you and, that knowing you, we may enjoy life in abundance, now and into eternity with you. Amen

POINTERS FOR PRAYER

1. Jesus tells us that we can rely on his relationship with us. Think of the relationships you have in which you feel safe and secure because there is mutual understanding and the relationship has stood the test of time.
2. Jesus says that the disciple is one who listens. What is your experience of listening to the word of God in the Scriptures? To what other voices have you listened and found guidance?
3. The faithful disciple is also one who follows the path of love that Jesus preached and practiced. Although it may be difficult at times, it is in following it we find life. Where have you had the Oexperience of listening, responding, loving, and finding life?

PRAYER

Safe in your hand, O God, is the flock you shepherd through Jesus your Son. Lead us always to the living waters where you promise respite and refreshment, that we may be counted among those who know and follow you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lies and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God for ever and ever. Amen.

MINISTRY FORMATION GATHERINGS

Readers-Lectors

Thursday, 15th May @ 7 PM

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Combined Gathering for Ministers of the Altar and Eucharistic Ministers

Tuesday, 27th May @ 7 PM

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
WORKING
BEE**

9am – 12pm
Saturday
17th May 2025

If possible, please bring your cleaning and gardening tools, including gloves. If you have a wheelbarrow, kindly bring it along, as we will be transporting bark chips for our garden spaces.

PARISH FEAST DAY

Pentecost Sunday

8th June 2025



Join us for a celebration
after the **9:30 am Mass**.

Share the Spirit. Wear something **Red**

We also encourage everyone
to wear a nametag on the day.

*You may donate towards the sausage
sizzle and drinks, or bring a dish
to share on the day.*



Contact Trina 0411344613

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our community mourns the death of Jamie Dowsett, who was an active member of the parish. Jamie was a member of the Men's Business Ministry and the Parish Pastoral Council. He was also the Chair of the Western Deanery Pastoral Council. We extend our deepest sympathy to Jamie's family, especially to Bianca and the children.



Pentecost Celebration Dancing in the Spirit

We are inviting Primary School Kids to join us
in a liturgical dance to celebrate Pentecost

Practice Details

When – Thursday 29th May and 5th June

Where - Holy Spirit Parish

Time - 4:30 – 5:15pm

Dance Details

Outfit Theme: Red

Mass Time: June 8th 9:30am

Contact Details

Karen: 0423974801 or Trina 0411344613



*"We have to look together how to be a missionary Church,
building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving with
open arms for everyone, like this square, open to all, to all
who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love. "*

Pope Leo XIV, Inaugural Address, 8th May '25

NEXT WEEKEND: FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER, YEAR C

Ministries	17 May, 6 PM	18 May, 8 AM	18 May, 9.30 AM	18 May, 6 PM
Ministry of the Altar	Jacob Fonseca	Gloria Slade	Bert LLamas	Peter Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Dalton Gonzalves Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca	Pat Dowd Celeste Lapid Elsa Roberto	Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley	Lena Maclean Peter Moriarty Romana Cunanan
Reader 1	Maeline Mostert	Carol Vella	Tamara Richards	Romana Cunanan
Reader 2	Dudley Littlewood	Sarah Damole	Joanne Staunton	Sheila Francis
Commentator	Marinella Licuanan	Shirley Croning	Nida Hawley	Hieu Le
Music	St Joseph's Choir	Pierre D'Cunha	St Augustine's Choir	Esther Rose Choir
PowerPoint	Volunteer Needed	Louise Bucholtz	Ivan Fernandes	Volunteer Needed
Welcomers	Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira Lorensz Herft	Sarah Damole Jun Damole Maria Bulaong Dorotea Seed	Jenny Kyd Joe Duval Remy Morada	Marthese Grima Fiona Ferraira Esther Rose

Parish Pilgrimage to Mount Schoenstatt

**Join us on our Parish Pilgrimage
31st May 2025**

Itinerary for the day:

- 9:00 am Assembly in Holy Spirit Church for the Pilgrimage Opening Prayer
- 9:15 am Departure from Holy Spirit Church
- 10:15 Assembly in the Pilgrim Centre at Mount Schoenstatt
- 10:45 Jubilee Prayers in the Shrine
- 11 am Holy Mass in the Shrine
- Fellowship following mass. Please bring finger foods.

Kindly register your name on the registration sheet located in the foyer.

Address: 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

If you can take someone with you in your car to the Shrine, please contact Ivan: 0410 865 170 or Savio: 0437 279 548



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



**NEXT WEEKEND: FIFTH
SUNDAY of EASTER, YEAR C**

1st Reading

Acts 14:21-27

*They assembled the church and gave
an account of all that God had done
with them.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13: R 1

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

2nd Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

*He will wipe away all the tears from
their eyes.*

Gospel Acclamation

John 13.34

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment: love
one another as I have loved you.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 13:31-35

*Jesus issues a new commandment, love
one another.*

Cleaners: Group 3
Banners: WHITE

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF THE 11TH OF MAY

Mon 12th May: Monday of the 4th week of Easter;

World day of prayer for vocations

Tues 13th May: Tuesday of the 4th week of Easter;

Our Lady of Fatima

Wed 14th May: Wednesday of the 4th week of Easter;

St Matthias, apostle

Thu 15th May: Thursday of the 4th week of Easter

Fri 16th May: Friday of the 4th week of Easter

Sat 17th May: Saturday of the 4th week of Easter

SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility

**Commitment to the Safety
of Children and Young People**



Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair

is committed to celebrating and safeguarding the involvement of
young people in our communities. We believe that young
individuals are valuable members of our church family, and their
voices, ideas, and contributions are essential.

**PARKING CONCERNS
FROM NEIGHBOURS**

Please be considerate of our
neighbours when parking
during church events,
including Mass.
Make sure to avoid parking
across their driveways.

BAPTISM



BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

Parents wishing to have their child baptised are asked to contact the
Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism
Preparation session is on **May 13th 7.00pm.**
Presenter is Michael Zammit.

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