

6th SUNDAY of EASTER, Year C

EASTER – 'Feeling at Home in our Faith!'

Dear Friends,

The Gospel readings during the Easter Season focus on relationships - the relationship between Jesus, the disciples and the women at the tomb; Jesus' showing himself to the disciples on the shore of the lake; shepherd and sheep; the community of the Trinity; love as the essence of discipleship; and today our being drawn into the hospitality of God's own life the remarkable promise that God will come to us and make his home with us.

In recent weeks, we have been reflecting on our new Pope Leo, known to some of us from his visits to Australia and particularly to St Clair in 2005. Today's readings open up for us a familiar insight about 'feeling at home in our faith'. Even our early perceptions of Pope Leo make present that sense of being 'at home in the Church', feeling safe under his leadership, confident as we face present and future challenges... Leo is someone we know.

Feeling at home does not always come to us naturally. Much as I have enjoyed my periods of overseas study in the US and Ireland and participation in conferences in different countries, returning home brings a sense of relief. This is a timely reminder as our political leaders debate the merits of migration that we should not underestimate the effects of dislocation on those new to our country – certainly the experience of many in our parish. We need to extend 'thoughtful hospitality' - not just as human beings but as people of faith.

Our sense of 'being at home' suffered a jolt during the pandemic, particularly the separation from family members and community – perhaps a dim memory but we are still learning about the true impact on individuals, families, workplaces and communities. Parish-wise, we describe ourselves as a welcoming parish and that all are 'invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit'. By its nature, we are continually 'growing into' this reality.

Not all of Jesus' teachings and miracles are recorded in the Gospels but what is there helps us believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. We are blessed to have so many accounts of Jesus' appearances after his Resurrection. So many occur in a 'homely' setting – with the disciples in the upper room, walking with the 2 followers heading back to Emmaus, and cooking breakfast by the lake. The original prophecy of Jesus' coming was as Emmanuel - 'God-with-us' – a strong focus at Christmas but perhaps not so much in this Easter Season. The Risen Jesus is more than ever God-with-us, Jesus' message in John 14:23, how Jesus' Father will love us and they shall come to us and 'make their home' with us.



The Hospitality of God is a strong theme in Luke's Gospel. This invitation is not just about the hereafter but about what happens now in our awareness of Jesus' inner presence, in how we pray. Why not make God 'at home within each of us' our prayer focus today?

Catholic Diocese of Parramatta

25th May, 2025

1st Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29 It has been decided by the Holy Spirit

and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 66.2-3, 5-6: R 8 R O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23 Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:23-29 The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

MASS Mon & Wed - 7 am Tues. Thu & Fri - 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

.Fr. Jane

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH—ST CLAIR

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND



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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 personal affiliation, history, age, background, race, color, or sexual orientation—regardless of your selfesteem—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/wpcontent/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: <u>https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/</u>. We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

<u>SICK</u>

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vincent Donnelly, Edward Afeaki, Peter Sebastian, Joyce Verri, Rudy & Bernard Rulach, Grant Kopua, Maran Dhanaraj, Viviane Kaikati, Michael Sabanal, Josefina Marayag, Robie Jayawardena, Jamie Dowsett, Erlinda Lamoridan, Robie Jayawardena, Ester Ravida, Mercedes Hernando, Josefino Arbolante, Os Vaurasi

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Francisco Cabi-less, Michelle Thomas, Jack Maloney, Betty Gonsalvez, Kenneth D'Cruz, Enid D'Cruz, Mena Valladures, Marjianovic Malo Anka, Federica Alcantara & Ma. Criselda Franco, Beni Apikatoa, John Hawley, Annette Brackett, Doreen and Rebecca Herft, Manuel Cabilies, Peregrina Atega, Prudencio Penaflor, Shiela Tham, Sofia Falcatan, Edward Atony, Ferdinand Amores, Esther Perez, Tomas de Guia, Primo Mari, Belen Valladores, Otto Clemente

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.

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:

www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations

Donation by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)Account Name:Holy Spirit Parish St ClairBank:CBABSB:067 950Account Number:000 005 78Please enter your Surname and Initial as a reference.



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)

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world gives"

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23 -29

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Jesus, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There is a move afoot to replace church teaching on the just war with a more proactive doctrine of just peace. As Paul VI observed long ago, peace is much more than the absence of war. In a world riven by conflict, peace is a matter of discipleship and, at the personal level, a matter of deliberate choice even in the everyday conflicts of our ordinary lives. The prayer for peace goes well beyond praying for individualistic freedom from stress.

PRAYER

O God, though the human race is divided by dissension and discord, yet we know that by testing us you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation. Even

more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples seek to meet together. Amen.

POINTERS FOR PRAYER

- Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life?
- Remember times of separation from a loved one through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation?
- 3. To his followers Jesus, promises 'we will come and make our home with them'. Our God is not a distant God but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you?
- 4. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid'. When you have been anxious, who have been the Jesus people for you who were able to calm your anxiety. How did they do this? For whom have you been one who calmed anxiety?

PRAYER

Great and loving Father, your will for us in Jesus is the peace the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



Parish Pilgrimage to Mount Schoenstatt	Bishop's Good S	hepherd Appeal
 Saturday, 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 	prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously	
 11 am Holy Mass in the Shrine Fellowship following mass. Please bring finger foods. 	Social Justice Commission Winter Appeal	
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	The Social Justice Commission is holding its annual collection of warm scarves, beanies, and socks for distribution to local agencies from the weekends commencing the 31st of May and the 7th of June. A box will be placed at the back of the church for donations.	
PENTECOST CELEBRATION	FILIPINC) MASS
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	Sunday, 1st June Following the mass you fellow	are welcome to join in
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Message of Thanks From the Dowsett Family

On behalf of our family, I would like to extend our deepest and most sincere thanks to the Augustinian Priests, Fr Anthony, Fr Andrew and our beautiful parish and school community for the overwhelming love, support, and kindness shown to us during this incredibly difficult time following the passing of my dear husband, Jamie Dowsett. Your prayers, words of comfort, and presence have been a great source of strength. We are especially grateful to all who attended the Rosary and Funeral Mass, and to everyone involved in organising and supporting the beautiful wake. It was a blessing to come together and celebrate Jamie's life. A life filled with love, laughter, and deep faith. We have truly felt the presence of God through the compassion and care of this parish. Your support has re-

minded us that we are not alone, and we are so blessed to be part of such a faithful and loving community. We will forever hold you all in our prayers.

AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

Fr. Peter will return on the 30th May from holiday. Fr Dave is also away at this time and will return on 31st May.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Wednesday @ 7:30 pm Meeting ID: 896 9388 2850 // Passcode: 254 695 Everyone is Welcome

Holy Spirit Parish 5 Todd Row St Clair NSW 2759

PENTECOST SUNDAY PARISH FEAST DAY

8th June 2025 Mass @ 9:30 - Celebration following the Mass

> CELEBRATE WITH US COME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS SHARE THE SPIRIT. WEAR SOMETHING RED.

You may donate towards
the sausage sizzle and drinks,
or bring a dish to share on the day.Face Painting, Jumping Castle,
Entertainment, Games, Zumba,
Sausage Sizzle, and much more!

Contact Trina 0411344613

TRIDUUM MASSES Wednesday - Friday, 4th to 6th June @ 7:30 PM

Fellowship follows after mass. You may bring a plate to share. All is welcome.

Ministries	31 May, 6 PM	1 June, 8 AM	1 June, 9.30 AM	1 June, 6 PM
Ministry	Lorensz Herft	Gloria Slade	Victor Branguin	Tony Cleary
of the Altar				
Eucharistic	Hazel Littlewood	Louise Bucholtz	Sina Carvalho	Esther Rose
Ministers	Sylvia Herft	Ron Brackett	Tina Fernandes	Lumen Decena
	Jeanne Appleton	Volunteer Needed	Seaview Kama	Sue Oram
Reader 1	Sheila Francis	Faye Aboghazaleh	Cathy Allen	Charlotte Smith
Reader 2	Volunteer Needed	Christine Younes	Sally Banguis	Robert Lees
Commentator	Volunteer Needed	Manuel Fidow	Marty Facciol	Corinne Brooker
Music	AMEN Choir	Manuel Fidow	Luchie's Choir	El Shaddai Sydney Gospel Choir
PowerPoint	Volunteer Needed	Carol Vella	Ivan Fernandes	El Shaddai Sydney Gospel Choir
Junior Servers				
Welcomers	Volunteer Needed	Dorotea Seed	Jenny Kyd	Corinne Cerdow
	Volunteer Needed	Remy Morada	Joe Duval	Esther Rose
	Lorensz Herft	Volunteer Needed	Marthese Grima	Fiona Ferreira





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The light bulb is not a toy

I will pick up three pieces of trash near

I will pick up three pieces of trash near our house today.

COLOR Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



NEXT WEEKEND: THE ASCENSION of the LORD, YEAR C

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11 Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9 God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading Eph 1:17-23 He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

> **Gospel** Luke 24:46-53 While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Cleaners: Group 4 Banners: WHITE

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF THE 18TH OF MAY

Mon 26th May:

Tues 27th May: Wed 28th May: Thu 29th May: Fri 30th May: Sat 31st May: Monday of the 6th week of Easter St Philip Neri, priest Tuesday of the 6th week of Easter Wednesday of the 6th week of Easter Thursday of the 6th week of Easter Friday of the 6th week of Easter Saturday of the 6th week of Easter The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 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 **June 10th at 7.00pm**. Presenter is Seaview Kama.

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