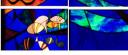


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Happy Feast Day, everyone! Let's celebrate with joy and hope.

PENTECOST YR C 8 June 2025

PENTECOST - 'Doors wide open!'

Dear Friends,

'A Church which "goes forth" is a Church whose doors are open.' This quote from The Joy of the Gospel [46] reminds us that open doors are a powerful symbol of welcome. These days of course we're often wary and lock our doors an unfortunate reminder of how we live, our fears perhaps, and the times we close the doors of our hearts to other people and God's Holy Spirit as well!

The Holy Spirit – popularly regarded as the feminine face of God - can be the forgotten member of the Trinity because she can be elusive. At the same time, we're ready to give the Holy Spirit full credit for the Election of Pope Leo!

I've certainly found myself in situations where I credit the inspiration of the Spirit to ensure that I was where God wanted me to be – visiting critically ill friends in hospital when I should have been somewhere else. On two occasions, the people passed to eternal life while I was there. Recently, I visited a past colleague and anointed him. He passed away as I walked out the door - definitely moments of grace.

Spiritual writer Richard Rohr OFM reminds us that we are always waiting for the Holy Spirit—somehow forgetting that the Spirit was given to us from the very beginning. In fact, the Spirit was 'hovering over the chaos' in the very first lines of Genesis, turning the 'formless void' into a Garden of Eden. He notes how easily threatened we are by anything we cannot control. Some Catholics, including bishops, are very wary of the process of open discussion of issues at the Plenary Council here in Australia and at the recent Synod in Rome.

It comes back to Faith really. I mean, are the gifts and fruits real or imaginary? They are certainly imaginative - the wisdom of God applied to our human condition in all its imperfection, the antidotes to our struggles and division, gifts and fruits we want and need:

Gifts of the Spirit – Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Right Judgement, Courage, Reverence (Piety), Wonder and Awe in God's Presence (Fear of the Lord):

Fruits of the Spirit – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-control, Chastity.

Gifts can only change us if we 'receive' them, welcome them and act upon them. The gifts and fruits of the Spirit have a remarkable power to change our lives, make us free, give us 'wings'. In one sense, our gift to Jesus is our humanity, still part of him as he returned to his Father. His gift to us in return is the Holy Spirit – Helper, Comforter, Guide, Companion.

Might the Spirit of God be more real for us if each of us gave this Holy Spirit our own favourite name? We can be sure that the Spirit enlivens our spirit at every moment, especially in a Parish named after the Holy Spirit,



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30 (R.) Lord, send out your Spirit

and renew the face

of the earth.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-17

The Spirit of God dwells in us. **Gospel**

John 20:19-23

Jesus promises the disciples the Paraclete.

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



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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/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 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, Bonifacia Carag, Joe & Dot Gray

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jamie Dowsett, Erlinda Lamoridan, Ester Ravida, Mercedes Hernando, Josefino Arbolante, Ostonu Vaurasi , Rosalina Villote, Caluag Family (Maricel, Phillip, & Julien), Joyce Verri, Digna Fermin, Marites Turaray, Maxima Bulaqui, Paul Farrugia, Adam Sammut, Eden Gapido, Esterlina Ravida,

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Josephine Sant, Ernest Johnstone, Milagros Nunag, Bernard Fonseca, Sr Marcelina Pinto, Isabel Rebeiro, Theresa Pinto, Pastor Domingo Jr., Leonila Macadangdang, George McDonald, Matthew Smith, Fe de Guia, Bonifacia Cabiles, Clinton Carino, Lily Margaret Slater, Lourdes Mangaser, Dora Gomes, Gerard & Horatico Gomes, Margaret Fernandes, Mirko Veselcic, Tomo Marijanovic, Katrina Marcelo, Margaret Peters

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)

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Bank: CBA BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 000 005 78

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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)

Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The four marks of our Christian belonging are our personal journey, our community belonging, our practical discipleship and our adult integration of faith and life. None of us "inhabits" all four dimensions fully, all of the time, and yet all four dimensions should in principle be there. The good news of Pentecost is that the Spirit, poured into our hearts, enables all four aspects of our faith to live: the Spirit helps us in our prayer; the body of Christ is animated by the gifts of the Spirit; our service of others gets its energy from the Spirit and the Spirit "reminds us" of all that Jesus taught. Today, we celebrate discipleship in the community of faith.

PRAYER

We open our hearts and lives to you, Holy Spirit: breathe a breath of new life into us all!

POINTERS FOR PRAYER

1. Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on

others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?

- Jesus showed his wounds to his friends.
 Moments of grace can occur when another
 shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do
 that with them. Let your memories speak of
 such experiences to you.
- 3. As Jesus was sent by the Father, so he sent out the disciples. This evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?
- 4. In our tradition the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgive rather than hold sins against others?

PRAYER

Send down, O God, upon your people the flame of your Holy Spirit, and fill with the abundance of your sevenfold gift the Church you brought forth from your son's pierced side. May your life-giving Spirit lend fire to our words and strength to our witness. Send us forth to the nations of the world to proclaim with boldness your wondrous work of raising Christ to your right hand. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.





Please keep our children who will be confirmed on Friday, June 13th, and Sunday, June 15th, in your prayers.

We thank our Sacramental team for preparing them and their parents for this sacra-

RENOVATION OF THE DEMOUNTABLE

We are looking for a structural engineer to provide pro bono assistance with the planning of the renovation of our parish Demountable . Your expertise would be greatly appreciated as we undertake this important project. If you would like to assist, please speak to any priests or contact the parish office.



Next weekend, 14/15 June, a third collection will be conducted for the Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank You for Supporting our Holy Spirit Seminarians.

Bishop Vincent and our Holy Spirit Seminary, thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal supports our seminarians to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may serve our faith community.

Volunteers needed: NAIDOC Week Event – Whalan Reserve – 10 July

On 10 July 2025, the annual Mt Druitt NAIDOC Week Event will be co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Emerton, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and Blacktown City Council at Whalan Reserve. We're seeking volunteers from parishes and organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. If you are interested in supporting this amazing celebration of Aboriginal culture, community and resilience, please visit parracatholic.org/events/naidocweek-2025 for more details.



Novena to Our Mother of **Perpetual Help on Zoom**

Every Wednesday At 7:30 pm Meeting ID: 896 9388 2850 Passcode: 254 695

Everyone is Welcome

AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

Fr. Percival Sevare OSA will be away from Sunday evening on 8th June for a Conference. He will returned on Saturday, 14th June.

Safe Parishes Week: 2-8 June 2025

Safe Parishes Week is a time to renew our commitment to creating safe, welcoming communities for all — especially children and vulnerable adults. The Diocese supports this through training, resources, and new initiatives like online check-ins for visiting clergy. We're also developing child-friendly online tools, and other initiatives that align with our Diocesan Pastoral Plan to support safer communities.

Learn more: parracatholic.org/safeguarding



On May 31, 2025, Pope Leo XIV made a surprise visit to the Augustinian community at the Collegio Internazionale Santa Monica to celebrate the 70th birthday of Father Alejandro Moral OSA, the Augustinian Prior General and his longtime friend. During the celebrations, Pope Leo remarked, "Becoming pope does not mean forgetting or losing my vocation as an Augustinian. I hope to continue walking with you. Let us keep living this Augustinian spirit."

In the photo are an *Augustinian Bishop, Brother, Prior General, and Pope*.

United in charity as sons of St. Augustine.

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening: 25 June

The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is an annual collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. This year, Parramatta will be hosting on Wednesday 25 June 2025, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company. Register via parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan

Expressions of Interest now open for Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express your interest by 25 August 2025, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org



BINGO NIGHT

Invite your family and friends.

All are welcome!!!

Saturday, 28th June, 7.30 pm at Holy Spirit School Hall

Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drinks on Sale Free tea, coffee & biscuits

Donations welcome

NEXT WEEKEND: The Most Holy TRINITY, YEAR C

Starting next weekend, the ministry roster will no longer be included in the bulletin.

Ministries	14 June, 6 PM	15 June, 8 AM	15 June, 9.30 AM	15 June, 6 PM
Ministry	Hieu Le	Gloria Slade	Bert Llamas	Peter Smith
of the Altar				
Eucharistic	Dalton Gonzalves	Pat Dowd	Michael Paulo	Lena Maclean
Ministers	Fiona Ferreira	Celeste Lapid	Marie Sanosa	Peter Moriarty
	Mary Fonseca	Elsa Roberto	Volunteer Needed	Romana Cunanan
Reader 1	Dudley Littlewood	Sarah Damole	Joanne Staunton	Sheila Francis
Reader 2	Marinella Licuanan	Shirley Croning	Volunteer Needed	Hieu Le
Commentator	Madeline Mostert	Carol Vella	Tamara Richards	Romana Cunanan
Music	St Joseph's Choir	ТВА	St Augustine's Choir	Esther Rose Choir
PowerPoint	Volunteer Needed	Louise Bucholtz	Ivan Fernandes	Volunteer Needed
Junior Servers				
Welcomers	Selwyn Oliveira	Sarah Damole	Jenny Kyd	Marthese Grima
	Sonia Oliveira	Jun Damole	Joe Duval	Esther Rose
	Lorensz Herft	Zenith Bulaong	Remy Morada	Fiona Ferreira
		Maria Bulaong		







Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



THE ANSWRE IS FOURTEEN





Pray to the Holy Spirit. Ask him to help you learn more about Jesus.

NEXT WEEKEND: The Most Holy TRINITY YEAR C

1st Reading

Prov 8:22-31 Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4-9

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

2nd Reading

Rom 5:1-5

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Cleaners: Group 2
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF THE 8TH OF JUNE

Mon 9th June: The Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of the Church

Tue 10th June: Weekday Ordinary Time, Wk 10

Wed 11th June: St Barnabas, apostle

Thu 12th June: Weekday Ordinary Time, Wk10 Fri 13th June: St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor

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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Support the Parish by signing up for online donations. Setting up a one-time or recurring contribution is quick and easy at https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations/

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fer:

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Thank you for your support!



