

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Worshipping Communities of St Clair, Erskine Park and parts of Kemps Creek

Under the Pastoral Care of the Augustinians

Catholic Diocese of Parramatta

Easter Joy! – *'Thanksgiving for our Holy Father and for our Mothers!'*

6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER, Yr A  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Friends,

**Pope Leo XIV – First Anniversary of Election** – We remember with great joy the election of Pope Leo on 8 May, the Feast of Our Lady of Grace (the oldest title of Mary venerated by Augustinians) – special because Leo is an Augustinian, even more special because he is *'our Pope, one of us'* – someone who visited Holy Spirit Parish in 2005.

A strong theme in today's Scriptures is the careful manner in which our God looks after us, reflected in Acts as the people welcomed the message preached by the disciples and the conferral of the Holy Spirit. St Peter then reminds us to reverence the Lord Christ in our hearts, that strong sense of God's presence, and in the Gospel of John Jesus affirms the divine presence in us in the Spirit.

Pope Leo continues to be a wonderful exemplar and teacher of our Catholic faith and God's engagement with us and we offer grateful thanks for his strong, faith leadership in a hungry and often conflicted world in need of hope and a renewed conviction that God continues to be present with us.

**Blessing on Mothers' Day** – On this day, we give thanks for the love and the warmth of *'home'* as Mums and Dads have nurtured us and kept us safe over the years. How fitting in today's Gospel that Jesus treasures his intimacy with his Father and the love that continues to be shared with us through the Spirit – our belonging to the family of the Trinity.



May this Easter Season help keep us buoyant in faith and prayer and may we be ever grateful for our mothers, both those living and those with the Lord, whom we remember today and whom we ask the Lord to bless in a special way.

May we continue to savour the Joy of Easter in our lives and hold on in faith to our *'Easter sense'* – our faith in Jesus and the refreshment of the Holy Spirit.

*Fr. Dave*

## First Reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

*They laid hands on them,  
and they received the Holy Spirit.*

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20

*Let all the earth cry out  
to God with joy.*

## Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

*In the body he was put to death,  
in the spirit he was raised to life.*

## 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 14:1-12

*I shall ask the Father and he will give  
you another Advocate.*

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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](mailto:admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au).



**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

*There is strength and peace that comes when we pray for one another. If you have a prayer request or would like to offer a Mass for a special intention, go to:*

*<https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/>*

*We ask that you please submit your prayer intentions a few days before your preferred Mass.*

**SICK:**

Judy Younes Scott, Andrew Boulos, Robert Bucholtz, Yael De Leon, Ida Martirez, John Cassar, Michael Hay, Joe & Dot Gray, Sandy Morrison, Julian Giuliano, Steven Johns, Hayden Young, Janice Salmon, Alexandra Di Censo, Emmanuel Spiteri, Sam Chahoud, George Chahoud, Keith James Doggett, Fr. Kieran O’Mahony OSA, Glenda, Al, Ashley, Donald, Lee Felsing, Tension Silva, Alan Demascus, Liam Banguis, Michael Omrad, Mitchell Dalgliesh, Vittoria Sultana, Rosemary Richardson, Matt Wills, Bretton Pierce, Geraldine Lawrence, Tony Teodoro, Fr. Peter Hayes OSA, Sarah, Jeffrey Atienza, Chioma Rinnah Mokelu, Peter Coffin, Cleo Bradshaw,

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Gwenyth Mullens, Margaret Dutton, Pamela Isacs, Bernadette Herft, Joseph Spagnol, Jesusa Villaestes, Dolores Delatado, Russell Pavey, Ann Barrington, Eva Vetter, Fr. Dermott Clinton, Stanley Rugg, Lisa Smit, Colleen Lobo, Lila, Df, Tadeusz Ted Turek, Mary Grace Aguilar Felix, Marlon Felix, Fr. David Taylor, Angela Marfia, Russell Pavey, Peter Benjamin Pritchard, Sr. Brenda Mascarenhas, Fr. Jim Littleton MSC, Judith Kuestler, Louise Marie Banno

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jamie Dowsett, Jose & Rogelio Teodoro, Evie Aitken, Restituto Pascual, John Richard ‘Jack’ Gore, Bernard Crowie, Charles Yeoh,

*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](mailto: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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**Donation by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

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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!*

# 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](http://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*)

## You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

### Gospel: John 15-21

15 Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. John 14:18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

### Thought for the Day

"The greatest things you'll ever learn is to love and be loved in return." The following words, attributed to Pedro Arrupe SJ, may up lift and inspire. "Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love, in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evening, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything."

### Pointers for Prayer

1. The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you?
2. "If you love me you will keep my commandments", and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the love of God and love of those around you?
3. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for

ever'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?

4. Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.
5. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?
6. The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that "I live and you will live". Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

### Prayer

Jesus, you love the human race: let your love of us strike so deep a chord within us that our lives may resound to the music of that grace, drawing others to the leap of faith and the dance of joy.

Amen.



**Do you feel called to serve and welcome our Parish Family to Mass? Why not Join our Welcome Ministry?**

**Contact the Parish office on 9670 8222 or email [admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au](mailto:admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au)**

We wish all the Mothers and Maternal figures in our Parish - those who are near and those who are far away - a very blessed and grace-filled Mother's Day.

We also remember with love and gratitude all mothers and maternal figures who have gone before us. May they enjoy eternal rest with Our Blessed Mother Mary in heaven and her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With blessings and thanksgiving to you all,  
Frs. Perci, Peter, Dave & Saju

*Happy Mother's Day*

# POPE LEO XIV'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## The Heart of Stewardship: Recognising Our Blessings

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,  
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”*

(1 Peter 4:10)



Dear Friends,

Holy Spirit Parish is a place where people come to pray, encounter God, and find peace, hope, and community.

Every Mass, prayer gathering, liturgy, and quiet moment in our church helps draw people closer to God. Many come carrying joys, worries, grief, or hope — and here they find a welcoming and prayerful space.

This prayerful atmosphere is made possible through the generosity and support of our parish community.

Your support of the parish — in whatever way you are able — helps maintain our church, care for our parish facilities, and enhance the celebration of Mass and our parish prayer life.

This week, the focus of our Parish Stewardship Program is:  
Growing in Faith Through Prayer and Worship.

As Catholics, our faith is strengthened through the Eucharist, personal prayer, and the Sacraments. We invite you to consider:

- Prioritising Sunday Mass
- Spending time in daily prayer
- Receiving the Sacraments regularly
- Sharing your gifts through ministry and service
- Supporting the parish financially in whatever way you can

Thank you for your generosity and continued support in helping our parish remain a place of prayer, worship, welcome, and community.

Please collect a Parish Stewardship envelope available at all entrances of the church.

To learn more about our Parish Stewardship Program, please visit:

<https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations/>

**Yours in Christ,**  
Fr. Perci OSA



## Invitation to a Prayer Group: *Reflecting and Praying with Pope Leo*

*You are warmly invited to join a weekly prayer group as we reflect on the teachings and reflections of Pope Leo XIV shared during his Wednesday Papal Audiences in Rome.*

These reflections offer rich spiritual insights and encouragement for our journey of faith. Together, we will listen, reflect, and pray as a community.

 **Every Friday at 9:45 AM**

 **Pioneers Room, Holy Spirit Parish**

*All are welcome.*

# PENTECOST SUNDAY PARISH FEAST DAY

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

9:30 am Mass | Celebration following the Mass

## TRIDUUM MASSES

Wednesday - Friday

20 - 22 May @ 7:30 PM

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

All are welcome.

## CELEBRATE WITH US

COME WITH YOUR FAMILY

AND FRIENDS

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



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and much more!

Contact Trina 0411 344 613



## PENTECOST COOKIE BAKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for 12 volunteers to assist with our Pentecost Cookie Baking.  
Cookie cutters will be provided. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office.  
Thank you for your generosity and support in helping make our Pentecost celebration special!



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

Every Wednesday @7:30 PM

Meeting ID: 896 9388 2850

Passcode: 254 695

Everyone is welcome to join



**HELP NEEDED:** The Social Justice Commission needs a  
**few volunteers** to assist with the waste collection at the  
Pentecost Celebration.

If you can help, please contact Chris Brenton on 0423058800.

## SAFEGUARDING is EVERYONE'S responsibility

The **Parish and Diocese of Parramatta** take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. This includes past or present forms of abuse. Safeguarding those who are vulnerable is part of the mission that Jesus Christ entrusts to our Church. We all have a role to play in safeguarding those who are vulnerable.

If you have any concerns about someone's immediate safety, or you suspect a crime may have or is likely to occur, please contact NSW Police on Triple Zero (000).

Concerns about safeguarding in the Parish and the Diocese may be referred to our Parish Priest:

**Fr. Percival Severe, OSA**

Phone: (02) 9670 8222

Email: pp@holyspiritstclair.com.au;

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Information about the Diocese's response and support for safeguarding children and vulnerable people is available at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au).

*Thank you for helping keep our parish safe for all!*



"What is prayer but the pouring out of our hearts to God?"

*St. Augustine, Expositions on the Psalms, Psalm 62:8*

# PARISH NEWS



## Parish Formation Day – All Are Welcome!

You are warmly invited to our **Parish Formation Day** with the theme:

**“The Holy Spirit at Work in the Eucharist: Gathering, Transforming, Sending.”**

**Saturday, 16 May**

**2:30 PM**

**Facilitator: Fr Perci**

Come and join us for a time of reflection and formation as we deepen our understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist.

Let us *allow ourselves* to be **spiritually nourished and renewed** as we prepare to celebrate our **Parish Feast Day on Pentecost Sunday**—the day we rejoice in the coming of the Holy Spirit.

## PARISH NEWS VIA EMAIL

If you have registered to receive parish news and bulletins via email or are a minister on the Weekend Mass Roster and **NOT** receiving your messages, please contact the Parish Office to update your contact details & email address at [admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au](mailto:admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au) asap.

## KID'S CORNER

### PUZZLE

Circle the pictures that show love.



### PRAYER

Jesus, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask.

### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



### MISSION

Make cards for the sick. Remind them how much Jesus loves them.



6th Sunday of Easter • John 14:15-21

**NEXT WEEKEND:  
The ASCENSION of  
the LORD, Year A**

**First 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.*

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:17-23

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 28:19, 20

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

**Gospel**

John 14:1-12

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

**Cleaners: Group 5 (16/05)**

**Banners: WHITE**

**Observances for the week of the  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Year 2 – EASTER TIME**

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May: Monday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter  
Tue 12<sup>th</sup> May: Tuesday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May: Wednesday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter  
Thu 14<sup>th</sup> May: St Matthias, apostle  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May: Friday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May: Saturday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter

**PARISH BULLETIN – DIGITAL COPY**

If you wish to be added to our mailing list to receive a digital copy of our weekly Parish Bulletin, along with other important parish news and updates, please email the Parish Office at [admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au](mailto:admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au)

***If you have changed your details, please send us an email so you do not miss any important information.***

**PARKING REMINDERS**

**Please be mindful of our neighbours — do not park across their driveways.**

**Also, do not leave valuables in your car to avoid the risk of break-**



**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 **12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm.**

Presenter – Seaview Kama.

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