



## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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#### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat 6:00pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sun 7:00am, 9:00am

Sun 11:00am Aramaic Mass

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 7:00am; Tue 7:30pm;

Wed 7:00am; Thu 9:00am

Fri 7:00am & 7:30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)

Sat 8:00 am

#### HEALING MASS

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 7.00am

#### BAPTISMS

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the Month.

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am and 5.15pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month 8:15pm

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,

#### BENEDICTION AND ADORATION

Every Wednesday after the 7am Mass  
until Thursday 8:30am

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month – 8:15pm until  
7:30am Saturday morning

#### ROSARY

After weekday mass

Second Saturday of the month at 7.30am

Last Friday of the month at 6:30am

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## 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Feast of the Holy Family Year A

### Merry Christmas to you all!



Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, our scripture readings invite us to reflect on the love, courage, and faith that bind families together in God's grace. In Sirach, we're reminded of the honour and respect owed to parents, and the blessings that flow from caring for family members, especially in their old age. It's a timely message in a world that can sometimes undervalue the wisdom and dignity of our elders.

Sirach calls us to see the holiness in daily acts of kindness and respect, "Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure." These are not just ancient words, but a living call to nurture family relationships, even when it means patience and sacrifice.

Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians gives us a blueprint for family life grounded in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Paul urges us to "bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you." These words are both challenge and comfort as we navigate the highs and lows of family life. The Holy Family—Mary, Joseph, and Jesus—lived this love in the midst of joy, hardship, uncertainty, and change. They show us that holiness is not found in perfection, but in the willingness to listen, forgive, and put on love, "which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Matthew's Gospel reminds us of the courage and trust needed in family life. Joseph listens to God's guidance, protecting Mary and Jesus, fleeing to Egypt in the face of danger, and returning in obedience when the time was right. The Holy Family's journey was not easy, but they were united in faith and trust in God's providence. Their story encourages us to rely on God during times of challenge—whether it's moving house, facing uncertainty, or making difficult decisions for those we love. Jesus grew up in a home marked by trust, resilience, and faithfulness, a model for all our families.

As we honour the Holy Family today, we're invited to recognise God's presence in our own families—whether they're big or small, traditional or blended, near or far. Let us pray for the strength to show compassion, patience, and forgiveness, to listen and to care for one another. May our families be places of welcome, joy, and peace, shining with the love that can only come from God. And may we, like Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, trust in God's guidance every day, knowing we are never alone on this journey.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

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## We Remember

**Recently Deceased: Mrs Sandra Rafter**



**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially:** Michael Lankester, Martin Cunningham, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Marie Rowley, John Hall III, Albert Clair, Gloria

Doyle, Kevin Buckett, Victor Hood, David La Caze, Rita Zgrajewski, Noel Cottrell, Jean Pickerd, Stasys Alekna (Steve).. **May their souls rest in peace.**

**We pray for all of our sick parishioners and those who we have been asked to pray for, especially:**

Genevieve Marie, Lameka Eketi, Sa Tamalii, Brendan Drury, Stephen Thompson, Jacob Young, Marg Wallace, Ellie Zemann, Clive Smith, Editha Hall, Betsy Van Meygaarden, Peter Brown, David Lowe, Clifford Naughton, Darren Searle, Glen Brown, Henry Mencia, Victoria Murrell, Maarten Vollebregt, Henny Van Meygaarden, Elda, Albert Jahnke, Mark Hopgood, Angela Gannon, Josephine Abellera, Kevin Pavey, Carolyn Tanner, Dorcas Leema, Eddie (Luisa's brother), Bernadette (Luisa's daughter), Fiona Russell, Maggie, Frank Zoing, Michael Sedl, Trish, Jeffrey Heyne, Larry Eliepa, Arthur Naylor, Bryan Doyle, Marian David, Vincent Stufano and family, Sr Lina Vaschina, Anna Maria Vaschina, Christina Grace Hambling, Josie Longo, Marco Polo Tanzi, Gerry Demenzes & Maria Stufano, Lewis Mika. People in Nursing Homes.

**If you would like a priest to visit yourself or if you know of someone, for anointing and/or Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office on 3205 1493.**

### SYRIAC CATHOLIC MISSION

Thu 5-8pm (Women' Group), Fri 6-8pm (Teenagers), Sat 9.00-11.00am (Catechism & First Communion)

Subdeacon - Zaid Sallouha 0499404013

### HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit Parish, Pine Rivers, guided by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Word and the Eucharist, commit ourselves to:

1. Fulfilling our Baptismal responsibility through evangelization and service;
2. Becoming a loving and welcoming community;
3. Recognizing and affirming the dignity of all as "Children of God";
4. Deepening our spirituality; that God's Kingdom may reign now and evermore.

## This week in our Parish

Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Evening Mass for World Peace followed by All Night Adoration
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Mass – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

## Mass Intentions

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Rex, Yolande & Joan Moutou (RIP)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00am	James & Catherine Slevin (RIP Anniversary) Joe & Bernadette DeMarchi (62 <sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
	9.00am	Lydia & Antoine Heeraman (RIP)
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Joseph Benjamin Mathias (60 <sup>th</sup> year death anniversary)
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Personal intention for Solomon Blanche Moses (RIP Anniversary)
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Pascoal & Amelina Rodrigues (RIP)
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00am	De Castro Family (Thanksgiving)
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am	Special Intention for Editha Hall (Healing)

## MASS AND ALL NIGHT ADORATION

### 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025

On **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**, New Year's Eve, there is an All Night Adoration, where there will be evening Mass at **7.30pm**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 8:30am, prior to the 9am Mass Thursday morning, 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2026.

## WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Regular Adoration will recommence on the **14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

## PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office has been closed for the Christmas break from Thursday, December 25th and will reopen on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2026. The office will reopen with reduced hours from January 12<sup>th</sup> to January 30<sup>th</sup>. (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays). Regular office hours will resume from Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## FIRST READING

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (Year A) (JB)*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus  
The Lord honours the father in his children,  
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.  
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,  
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy; with children  
of his own,  
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.

Long life comes to him who honours his father,  
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to  
the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,  
do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,  
do not despise him in your health and strength;  
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten  
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 127:1-5 (Year A) (JB)*

**R.** Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine

in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive,

around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed

the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

all the days of your life! **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:12-21 (Year A) (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and  
you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness  
and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one  
another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins.

The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.

Over all these clothes, to keep them together and  
complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ  
reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were  
called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home  
with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all  
wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and

hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do  
anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving  
thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the  
Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with  
gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always,  
because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never  
drive your children to resentment or you will make them  
feel frustrated. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Colossians 3:15, 16 (Year A) (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (Year A) (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord  
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take  
the child and his mother with you, and escape into  
Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod  
intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So  
Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with  
him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until  
Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had  
spoken through the prophet:

*I called my son out of Egypt.*

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a  
dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the  
child and his mother with you and go back to the land of  
Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'.  
So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother  
with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he  
learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as  
ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being  
warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There  
he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the  
words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

*He will be called a Nazarene.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## HEALING MASS

Our next healing mass will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
2026 at 7am.

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## CELEBRATING 62 YEARS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Please join our parish family in congratulating  
Bernadette and Joe De Marchi as they celebrate  
their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on December  
28th. Let us keep them in our prayers, asking God  
to continue to shower them with His abundant  
love, joy, and blessings.

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**Roster for this Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month)**

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
<b>Readers</b>	Wendy Greasley Dylan Marsh	Sania Taukeve Remigia Muller	Beverley Halangoda Sandra Glaties
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Marian Brooks Peter Greasley Tony Martin	Vicki Norris Agimary Joseph Marie Hird	Bryan Irvine, Joyce Cubillan, Alvin Cubillan, One more please
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Shaun Perera Faith D'Souza		Sophia Moody Janelle Bose Christian Dahms
<b>Data Projection</b>	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
<b>Music</b>	Jennifer Marsh	Emmanuel Choir	Couples for Christ Australia
<b>Hospitality</b>			Assistance Required Please

**Roster for next Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month)**

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
<b>Readers</b>	Alan Brooks Marian Brooks	Rob Van Meygaarden Terry O'Donnell	Zoraida Requina Sherin Glaties
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Marian Brooks Carleen Augustus Pat Casey	Laurie Conlon Jun Lacson Lito De La Vega	Susan Lu, Juliet Kumar, Jumar Kumar, Bryan Irvine
<b>Altar Servers</b>		Maria Kunau	Klara Pacl Sandra Glaties Alana Bijomon
<b>Data Projection</b>	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
<b>Music</b>	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	"Spirit Alive" Choir
<b>Hospitality</b>			Assistance Required Please