



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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PARISH SECRETARIES

Alexandra Lindstrom (Finance)

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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 (1st Friday)

Sat 8:00 am

HEALING MASS

2nd Friday of the month at 7.00am

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am and 5.15pm.

1st Friday of each month 8:15pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, BENEDICTION AND ADORATION

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

1st 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair – Matthew Dahms

Secretary – Patrick Collins

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LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

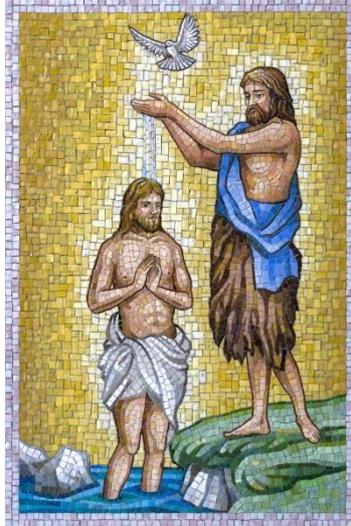
Chair – Dawn Penna

Secretary - Marian Brooks

11th January 2026 – Epiphany of the Lord Year A

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Spirit Energy



Today, Jesus' baptism by John, was a special moment - the real coming of God's spirit upon him. It was the same Spirit who had come upon Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy. The feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus is the beloved and son; from eternity and into time.

The Spirit came upon him - but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us - of forgiveness and of perseverance in doing good.

Today is about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The Spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet? Open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, being really fully the person I can be?

May the waters of baptism, O Lord, bring us the new life of your love.

Donal Neary S.J.

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We Remember



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially: Gerardo G. Urbina, Peter D’Rosario, Joseph Aleantara, Angela Cokely, Agnes McArthur, John Stuart

Stirling, Julie Adams, Norman Ellis, Helen Irving, Michael Pitt, William Shepherd. **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.

Mass Intentions

Sat 10 th	6:00pm	Rebecca & Nadine
Sun 11 th	7.00am	David Gibbon (50 th Birthday)
	9.00am	Douglas Labrooy (1 st Death Anniversary)
Mon 12 th	7.00am	
Tue 13 th	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 14 th	7.00pm	
Thu 15 th	9.00am	Nora Rubio (RIP)
Fri 16 th	7.00am	Personal Intention for Solomon
Sat 17 th	8.00am	Eugenia Limeta (RIP)

WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Regular Adoration will recommence on the 14th January 2026.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

The Parish Office will reopen next week with reduced hours from January 12th to January 30th. (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays). Regular office hours will resume from Monday February 2nd.

MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Father Chinua would like to kindly meet with all Eucharistic Ministers for special meeting for all ministers who bring Holy Communion to our sick and homebound parishioners. This will be an opportunity for fellowship, discussion, and shared reflection on this vital ministry.

Date: Thursday, January 15th Time: 7:00pm in the Parish Office

HEARTFELT CHRISTMAS THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for your generous gifts and the many kind Christmas wishes. They were a great joy to us both. Thank you for your warmth and for making us feel so welcomed and supported. – Fr. Chinua & Fr. Edward

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE

Combined Brisbane Cenacle led by Fr Andrew Grace, the Australian responsible for the Marian Movement of Priests will be held in our Church on **Friday 16th January starting at 10am.** All welcome. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch. Tea and coffee provided. For more information call Marg on 0448 182 896.

READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

*Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4, 9-10 (JB)

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**
The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Mark 9:8 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026

Information meetings regarding **HOLY COMMUNION** will be held on:

- Thursday 12 March @ 6:30pm in the church
- Sunday 15 March @ 10:00am after Mass

Attendance at one meeting is necessary before enrolment.

Enrolment for First Holy Communion & First Rite of Reconciliation:

- Saturday 21 March @ 5pm
- Sunday 22 March @ 10am
- Monday 23 March @ Parish Office (by appointment only)

First Holy Communion (Year 4 or older)

Ceremonies: 6/7 June (during Mass)

First Rite of Reconciliation (Year 5 or older)

Ceremony: Monday 1 June @ 6:30pm in the Church

CONFIRMATION Information Meeting.

- 11 June 6:30pm
- 14 June 10:00am

Confirmation Enrolment (Year 3)

Enrolment for Confirmation:

- Saturday 20 June @ 5pm
- Sunday 21 June @ 10am
- Monday 22 June @ Parish Office (by appointment only)

Ceremony: Sunday 23 August

Baptism: If any school age children wish to be Baptised please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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Roster for this Sunday – The Baptism of the Lord 10th/11th January 2026 (2nd Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Tony Martin	Ashley Smith Marie Hird	Ester Malgapo Rebecca Davis
Special Ministers	Tony Martin Alan Brooks Yanery Ventura	Vicki Norris Ashley Smith Agimary Joseph	Bryan Irvine, Joyce Cubillan, Alvin Cubillan, Pele Pese
Altar Servers	Charlotte Lindstrom Josie Lindstrom Juliette Lindstrom	Lokani Fosita Julius Fosita	Justice Emmanuel Wisdom
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music	Jennifer Marsh	Emmanuel Choir	"Le Ala" Samoan Choir
Hospitality			Assistance Required Please

Roster for next Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th/18th January 2026 (3rd Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Doreen Mones Menuki Perera	Paul Ferris Sherine Tobias	Joyce Cubillan Crisalyn Tenio
Special Ministers	Doreen Mones Pat Casey Carleen Augustus	Marie Hird Lito De La Vega Jun Lacson	Susan Lu, Juliet Kumar, Japar Kumar, One more please
Altar Servers	Paulo K Manuel K		Francis Fernando Peter Fernando Theresa
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music		Emmanuel Choir	Couples for Christ Australia
Hospitality			Assistance Required Please