



## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### PINE RIVERS

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OFFICE HOURS - MON-FRI 9AM - 4:30PM

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

#### PARISH PRIEST

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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

Sun 5:30pm (during Advent & Lent)

#### 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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### Theme: You are the Salt of the Earth and Light of the World

The Gospel continues Jesus' sermon on the mount which was read last Sunday. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus referred to his followers as the salt of the earth, and the light of the world (Mt 5:13-16). In the ancient world, before the invention of refrigeration, salt was used as a preservative for meat or fish, and in modern times it is used to make food tasty. The disciples of Jesus are invited to spice up the earth as "the salt of the earth" by being agents of hope, peace, love, harmony, meaning and social justice. Jesus said that if salt has lost its essential property, that is, if it does not slow the rate of decomposition of fish or meat, or add taste to the food, then it is not useful anymore; it would be thrown away on the footpath to be trampled upon.

When one betrays one's identity as a Christian through apostasy or blasphemy, or by being unrepentant of grave sins, that disciple of Christ is like the salt that has lost its taste. We must realise that we can do nothing if we are estranged from Jesus, for he came to seek and find those who were lost (Lk 19:10). Hence, when we wander away from his path, we should acknowledge our sins and come back to him, for he is aware that it is the sick who need the doctor and not the healthy, (Lk 5:31).

Jesus also proclaimed that, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden." Our vocation as Christians has set us apart as a city built on a hilltop. We recall that Jesus had also referred to himself as the "light of the world", who ensures that his followers do not walk in darkness, (Jn 8:12). Thus, for us to be the 'light of the world' is to be another Christ. We become another Christ through our reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony (for married people), and Orders (for deacons and priests).

The First Reading reminds us that it is through the feeding of the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the needy and being charitable to one's family members that our light shines.

Jesus was adamant in the Gospel that we must allow our light to shine so that people can see our good works and give praise to God. Our faith in Jesus Christ should not merely be a private matter; it must have external manifestations. St James had warned that faith which has no good work to back it up is dead! (Jm 2:17).

In our relationship with our fellow human beings, we should be conscious that each person, no matter the colour of his skin or height or intelligence or place of birth or gender, is created in the image of God (Gen 1:26-27). Christ shed his blood on the cross for the redemption of all humanity. As Christians our desire should be to lift people up, to ensure that people have a better life, to rejoice with those who have cause to rejoice and to console the sorrowful, to stand shoulder to shoulder with the oppressed and be a voice to the voiceless. In this way, the light of Christ will continue to shine through you, and you can say unequivocally with Christ that, "I am the light of the world!"

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

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### 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 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Mary & Laurence D'Ekenaike (RIP) Celine Jeremiah (Recently Deceased)
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00am	Tony Polovich (RIP 5 <sup>th</sup> year Anniversary)
	9.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00am	Liette & Stella Cherval (Birthday)
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Basil Hicks (RIP)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Personal intention for Solomon
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Joannie & Patricia Ryan (Spiritual Guidance)

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

Joe Barrett, 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, People in Nursing Homes.

### We Remember



***Those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially:*** Patricia Hettrich, Brendan O'Sullivan, William Peachey, Catherine (Kel) Godwin, Don Cohen, Dennis D'Cruz, Francis

Vaz, William Crellin, Maureen Greaves, Tyrone Nielsen, Mary Thecla D'Orta Ekenaike, Paolo "Paul" Dusman, June Cave, Iris Menzies, Mary Lazzam, ***May their souls rest in peace.***

## Upcoming Events

Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	Anam Cara Mass @ 1:30pm
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	World Day for the Sick (Healing Mass) 7:00am
Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Benediction (7:30am)
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	New Eucharistic Minister Training: 7:00pm

## PARISH BULLETIN VIA EMAIL

To receive the weekly bulletin by email, please contact us at [braypark@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:braypark@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone on 3205 1493. This is a great way to stay informed on programmes and events in our parish community.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT 9.00AM MASS ON SUNDAYS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Peace be with you,

I wish to bring to your attention that from this Sunday onward except on the first Sunday of the month, once the priest introduces the mass, children who are five years and above will be invited to proceed to the foot of the sanctuary where they will be led by volunteers who have blue card to the parish hall. In the hall, the Gospel of the day shall be explored with them in a child-friendly manner. The children shall return to the church to rejoin the celebration of the mass at the end of the Prayer of the Faithful.

A parent must accompany their child to the hall if their child is under five years old. The liturgy of the word with children shall take place at the 9.00am mass only.

Parents are invited to fill in the names of their children and any allergies they might have, in the form provided.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

## LENTEN PROGRAMME FOR 2026

All are warmly welcome to participate in our journey toward Easter. May this Lent be a time of profound grace for you.



### Lenten Study (Weekly Reflection on the Sunday Gospel)

Weekly Sessions from Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> – Tuesdays: 6:00pm–7:00pm (In person & online)

### Ash Wednesday Masses

February 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00am, 8:45am, 7:00pm

### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday eveing at 7:30pm

### Sunday Evening Mass during Lent

5:30pm (from February 22<sup>nd</sup>)

### Parish Lenten Retreat

March 11<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

### Easter Reconciliation

March 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

## PALM FRONDS

If you have any palm fronds blessed from Palm Sunday last year, we were wondering if you could kindly bring them to the church or Parish Office.

## BOARD GAMES

Join us for a morning of fun and fellowship! We'll be meeting for board games on Monday, February 16, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Meeting Room. Please feel free to bring your favorite game to share. All are welcome to come along.

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## WINE & CHEESE – THIS SATURDAY EVENING



We will have Wine & Cheese this Saturday after the 6pm Mass. It's completely free of charge and it's a great way to catch up with friends in the parish, socialise, and meet new parishioners after Mass. It is held in the canteen area

just outside of the Church and everyone is most welcome to attend.

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## READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 58:7-10 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: *Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor,*

*clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer;*

*call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word,*

*if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 111:4-9 (JB)*

**R.** A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,

he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;

with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

open-handed, he gives to the poor;

his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

### SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 8:12 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:13-16 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**ROSARY FOR LIFE:** As part of the 40 days for Life Lenten Campaign, the rosary for the unborn with short meditations by Fr Frank Pavone, will be said after the Tuesday Evening Mass during Lent. Also, after the rosary on the Fridays of Lent, the Divine Mercy Chapter will be recited. Please join us to lend your support.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents Information meetings will be held on:

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

**CONFIRMATION:** Parents Information Meeting will be held on.

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

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**Roster for this Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month)**

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

**Roster for next Sunday – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month)**

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
<b>Readers</b>	Doreen Mones	Paul Ferris Sherine Tobias	Joyce Cubillan Crisalyn Tenio
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Doreen Mones Pat Casey Carleen Augustus	Marie Hird Lito De La Vega Laurie Conlan	Susan Lu, Juliet Kumar, Japar Kumar, One more please
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Paulo K Manuel K		Francis Fernando, Peter Fernando Theresa
<b>Data Projection</b>	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
<b>Music</b>	Jennifer Marsh	Emmanuel Choir	“Chorus Dei” Choir
<b>Hospitality</b>			Filipino Group