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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 (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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

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

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1st March 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent Year A

Transfiguration of the Lord

Last Sunday, we were with Jesus in the desert. In the Bible, a desert represents a place of hardship and trouble, and indeed, Jesus encounters challenges there when he faces temptations. Today, Jesus takes us to the mountain. In biblical terms, a mountain is considered a place where God descends to meet His people.

It was on Mount Sinai that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. Jesus delivered His first teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. He often withdrew to the mountains at night to pray. He was crucified on Mount Calvary and ascended to heaven from the Mount of Olives. Today, we witness the Transfiguration of Jesus before His apostles on Mount Tabor.

The vision of the Transfiguration was never meant to be a permanent dwelling place. It served as a glimpse of God's glory, meant to sustain both Jesus and His disciples for the journey ahead. This journey leads straight down the mountain and into the valley—a path that takes them along the dusty roads of Galilee, through the hostility of Jerusalem, and ultimately to the hill of Calvary, where Jesus was crucified.

Thus, the Transfiguration was meant to strengthen Jesus for His Passion and, more importantly, to fortify the disciples. When they witnessed His arrest and crucifixion, they would not lose hope. They would remember the shining light and God's affirming voice: "This is my beloved Son; listen to Him." They would recall that the suffering they observed was temporary.

This is the message for us on the second Sunday of Lent. We all experience our mountaintop moments with God—times of consolation, clarity, and peace. These are precious moments, but we cannot live on the mountaintop. The Christian life is primarily lived in the valley—amidst the daily grind of work, family, and our own small sacrifices. It is a life filled with our fears and the world's brokenness.

The Transfiguration serves as a reminder that the glory of God is our real destiny. However, the path to that glory passes through the cross. So, when we find ourselves in the valley, when the light seems dim, and the path becomes challenging, we should remember the "mountain." In our tough moments, we should remember that we follow the Beloved Son, and when we listen to Him, He will guide us through the valley. He will lead us through the cross to the everlasting light of Easter. Amen.

Fr Edward Khaemba CSSp

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 28 th	6:00pm	Celine Jeremiah (RIP)
Sun 1 st	7.00am	Pavel, Tatiana & Victor Shevchenko (RIP)
	9.00am	Celine Jeremiah (RIP)
Mon 2nd	7.00am	Joseph Taukeve (RIP Anniv)
Wed 4 th	7.00am	Geneveve Marie (Successful Surgery)
Thu 5th	9.00am	The Holy Soul of Adriana Forbes and Cesaria Heruela
Sat 7th	8.00am	Celine Jeremiah (RIP)

Upcoming Events

Mar 8 th	Commissioning of Parish Pastoral Council Members
Mar 19 th	St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM (Cuppa) New Eucharistic Minister Training 7.00pm
Mar 25 th	Annunciation of the Lord
Mar 29 th	Palm Sunday
Apr 2 nd	Holy Thursday
Apr 3 rd	Good Friday
Apr 4 th	Easter Vigil
Apr 5th	Easter Sunday
Apr 30 th	Readers' Workshop @ 7.00pm
May 7 th	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Workshop @ 7.00pm
May 15 th –23 rd	Pentecost Novena
May 20 th –22 nd	Pentecost Seminar 7:00pm
May 24 th	Pentecost Sunday
Aug 30 th	Multicultural Mass

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

Carolyn Tanner, Vincent Stufano and family, Sr Lina Vaschina, Anna Maria Vaschina, Christina Grace Hambling, Josie Longo, Marco Polo Tanzi, Gerry Demenzes & Maria Stufano,, Joe Barrett, Genevieve Marie, Lameka Eketi, Sa Tamalii, Brendan Drury, Stephen Thompson, 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.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Cameron (a founding member of our Holy Spirit Parish community)

We Remember

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially: Joe Mullins, Mary Symmens, Barney Godwin, Garry Jones, Colin Brennan, Garry Gerussi, Colleen O'Brien, Ray Hankinson, Alexander Gray, Brad Hurren, Kazimierz Pietrala, David Chow. ***May their souls rest in peace.***

LENTE 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 17th to Tuesday March 31st – Tuesdays: 6:00pm–7:00pm (In person & online)
The online participation is through Zoom. This link is also on the Parish Website. <https://holyspiritbraypark.com>

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday eveing at 7:30pm

Sunday Evening Mass during Lent

5:30pm (each Sunday during Lent)

Easter Reconciliation

March 25th 7:00pm

Parish Lenten Retreat

March 11th – March 13th: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Prepare your heart for Easter with our Parish Lenten Retreat. Over three evenings, we'll explore the transformative themes of Grace and Forgiveness. There will be reconciliation each evening. Led by Fr. Patrick Swaray CSSp.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please join us in welcoming the new members of our Parish Pastoral Council! They will be introduced at all Masses this Sunday. Next Sunday, the Parish Pastoral Council members will be officially commissioned during the 9:00 AM Mass. We pray for and support those who will serve in this important ministry.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: Stay connected with our parish community online! Follow us on Facebook for updates, reflections, and events:

<https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritBrayPark>

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: VISIT THE SPIRITANS IN PNG

Parishioners are invited to express their interest in a short mission visit to our Spiritan brothers in Aitape, Papua New Guinea. The trip is planned for June/July this year and will be approximately one week in duration. This is a wonderful opportunity to witness the life and work of the Spiritans in a vibrant cultural context. For further details or to register your interest, please contact Patrick Collins on 0419 712 581.

OZANAM CLUB – THIS WEDNESDAY

The Ozanam club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Bowls Club Coffee Shop at 10:30am. The next meeting will be this Wednesday, the 4th March.

TAKING HOLY COMMUNION TO HOMES AND AGED CARE

I thank all those who are volunteering to take Holy Communion to their vulnerable loved ones at home or to those in Aged Care facilities. Please proceed to the foot of the sanctuary to receive blessing/commissioning at the end of Holy Communion rite. Once you receive the pix containing Holy Communion, please proceed to bring the Holy Communion to the recipient/s immediately. If you intend to participate in "cuppa" after mass, the Blessed Sacrament should be left on the altar with lit candle until you are ready to bring the Holy Communion to the recipient/s. Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp.

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE: Selling over 7/8th and 14/15th March w/ends. \$20 per ticket. This will give you 12 chances over 10 weeks for Cash Prizes. \$40 per week and Final Draw (10th wk) of \$200;\$100;\$50. Proceeds mostly to local Charities (incl. St V de P). Only 100 tickets sold!

YOUNG ADULTS - HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Come join us!

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17

Our Young Adults group offers a welcoming community for growth, fellowship, and service. We invite you to be part of this vibrant ministry!

What We Offer:

- Weekly Men's and Women's Bible Studies
- Monthly gatherings for fellowship
- Monthly social activities
- Opportunities to serve in parish and community ministries

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 1st, after the 9:00 AM Mass
Get Connected: Contact Ashan at 0424 641 418 or follow us on Instagram @holyspiritya

Whether you're new to the parish or looking to deepen your faith and friendships, we'd love to have you join us!

POPE SENDS MEDICINE AND HEATERS TO UKRAINE

By Benedetta Capelli

As Ukraine endures its fourth brutal winter of war, Pope Leo XIV has stepped in to answer a desperate plea from local bishops, sending a truckload of critical medical supplies and electric heaters to those most in need. The war has left a trail of devastation: families torn apart, civilians fleeing for their lives, women and children separated from husbands sent to the front, and homes reduced to rubble. Yet, even in the darkest moments, acts of kindness and resilience shine through.

In response to a heartfelt appeal describing the situation in Ukraine as a "humanitarian catastrophe," Pope Leo XIV has dispatched a shipment of essential medicines.

According to a statement from the Dicastery for the Service of Charity, the Pope sent a truckload valued at over €1 million, which was made possible primarily by the Banco Farmaceutico ETS Foundation.

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-4 (JB)

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 (JB)

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10 (JB)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 17:5 (JB)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

SUNDAY CUPPA AFTER 7AM and 9AM MASS - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

So many of us enjoy a 'cuppa' and a chat after both the 7am and 9am Mass each Sunday. It has become part of our Sunday routine and we are very grateful to our loyal groups of volunteers who make it happen. We still have quite a few free dates on our 2026 roster for the 9am Mass and would love to have some new volunteers – either individuals or groups. Each group is rostered on once every two months. There is always someone on hand to help out, if you, or your group, need assistance. If you would like to be involved, please contact me, or the Parish Office. Any donations of biscuits/cakes etc. are always very welcome. Most of the food served is provided by our generous volunteers. Thank you, Catherine (plucka01@bigpond.com)

HOLY SPIRIT PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

<https://www.holyspiritbraypark.qld.edu.au/enrolment/Pages/default.aspx>

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

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 Chaplet will be recited. Please join us to lend your support.

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Roster for this Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent 28th February/1st March 2026 (1st Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Alan Brooks Marian Brooks	Rob Van Meygaarden Terry O'Donnell	Children's Mass
Special Ministers	Marian Brooks (S), Alan Brooks, Carleen Augustus, Pat Casey	Lito De La Vega (S), Laurie Conlon, Vicki Norris, Marie Hird	Bryan Irvine (S), Joyce Cubillan, Juliet Kumar, Japar Kumar, Pele Pese, Susan Lu
Altar Servers		Maria Kunau	Klara Pacl, Sandra Glaties, Alana Bijomon
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	–
Music	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	Spirit Alive Choir
Hospitality			Parish Council