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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

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15th March 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) Year A

Theme: Seeing Truly

Today, the Gospel presents us with the powerful story of Jesus healing the man born blind. This narrative serves as a mirror for our own lives, revealing that we, too, need Jesus to see truly.

We are living in strange times where our attention is often drawn to distant and prominent figures—world leaders, celebrities, and headline-grabbing events. Many of us can track the intricate developments of a war on the other side of the globe, yet we know astonishingly little about our next-door neighbours and the inner lives of those we call family and friends. This Sunday, the liturgy invites us to ask Jesus to heal our blindness so that we may truly see the people right in front of us: our children, our spouses, our parents, the fellow parishioner in the next pew, and the colleague at the desk beside us. In the Gospel, the man born blind does not achieve full vision all at once. His journey to recognising Jesus as Lord unfolds in four distinct stages. First, he encounters Jesus as simply a man (John 9:15). Then he sees Him as a prophet, one who speaks for God (John 9:17). Next, he recognises Jesus as the Son of Man, a figure of authority and judgment (John 9:35-36). Finally, his eyes are fully opened, and he worships Jesus as Lord, the one true God (John 9:38). This progression beautifully illustrates the journey of faith. For each of us, the path to recognising Christ as the Messiah unfolds at its own pace. For some, it's a sudden and dramatic awakening; for others, it's a slow and gradual realisation. If we are blessed to see and recognise Christ quickly, we are called not to look down on those whose journey takes longer, but to walk beside them with prayer and patience.

There is a profound irony in this story: it is the blind man, not the learned Pharisees, who arrives at true faith. From him, we learn a vital lesson for our own spiritual lives: to be healed, we must first admit our blindness. To be forgiven, we must confess our sins. To see clearly, we must humbly acknowledge how little we truly see.

As we go through this week, let us carry the blind man's example in our hearts and ask ourselves honestly: Do I truly recognise Jesus in my life? Am I actively looking for Him? And perhaps most importantly, do I see Him in the people He has placed right beside me?

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 14th	8:00am	Mico Wallace (RIP)
	6:00pm	David Gibbon (Healing)
Sun 15th	7.00am	Fred Ventura (RIP)
	9.00am	Paterna Aguilar and Eileen Longlois (RIP)
	5:30pm	
Mon 16th	7.00am	Greg Slaats (RIP)
Tue 17th	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 18th	7.00am	
Thu 19th	9.00am	
Fri 20th	7.00am	
Sat 21st	8.00am	

Upcoming Events

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 5 th	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:

Bryan Doyle, Dorcas Leema, 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.

We Remember

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially: Stan Dennam, Patrick Keogh, Patricia Worth, Anne Mc Farland, John Meggitt, Rex Moses, Ted Lazzam, Shirley Fitzgerald, Kenneth Crotty, Peg

Gageler, Stephen Pardoen, Wayne Kluver, Geoffrey Lynch, Peter Baker, Joan Johnson. ***May their souls rest in peace.***

LENTEN WEEKLY STUDY ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

In person & online. The online participation is through Zoom on Tuesdays at 6pm. 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

Chrism Mass in St Stephen's Cathedral March 26th 7:00pm

Parishioners are invited to participate at this Mass.

WORKING BEE

If you are available, we invite you to please join us for our Working Bees, held straight after the 8am Mass on Saturday 21st and 28th March, as we prepare our church for the joy of Easter.

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. If you have palm fronds but are unable to bring them, please contact the office to arrange for someone to come and help collect them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER EDWARD

Please join us in wishing our beloved Father Edward a very happy birthday! We are so grateful for his faithful leadership, compassionate heart, and dedicated service to our parish family. May God bless him abundantly in this new year of life.

Salubong – a traditional Filipino Easter Sunday Dawn Celebration on 5 April 2026 at St. Flannan's church, 194 Handford Rd. Zillmere. It starts at 4:30am with a procession around the church, then the re-enactment of the Resurrection and the meeting of the Risen Lord and His Mother, Mary believed to have happened at dawn of Easter Sunday; and culminates with a Holy Mass (in English) at 5:00am to be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Marce Singson. There will be a choir of angels, apostles and other bible personages. Fellowship, Easter Egg Hunt and Games follow after the mass. Kindly bring a plate to share. For further info contact Jima on 0432374239.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY



This Thursday, March 19, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. As the humble, silent guardian of the Holy Family and patron of the Universal Church, St. Joseph models quiet strength, obedience, and dedicated service. In a world that prizes the loud and the powerful, Joseph reminds us that

holiness is often lived in the hidden, everyday acts of faithfulness — in honest work, in tender care, and in trusting surrender to God's will.

All are welcome to join us after Mass for a cuppa in honour of St Joseph.

PLEASE NOTE: Rosary on Thursday will be at 8:30am

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT PATRICK

This Tuesday we celebrate Saint Patrick, the fifth-century missionary bishop who brought the light of Christ to Ireland. Kidnapped as a boy and later escaping slavery, Patrick returned to the very people who had enslaved him — not with bitterness, but with the Gospel. His courage and charity transformed a nation. May his example inspire us to share our faith boldly and joyfully, wherever God has placed us.

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 (Year A) (JB)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint

him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22 (Year A) (JB)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14 (Year A) (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,

rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 8:12 (Year A) (JB)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (Year A) (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to

the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE: A few tickets yet to sell this weekend so good luck to all ticket buyers as the 1st Draw is due for the 21st March. Knights Charities are the beneficiaries.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents Information meetings will be held today after 9:00am Mass

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 – Fourth Sunday of Lent 14th/15th March 2026 (3rd Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Doreen Mones	Paul Ferris Sherine Tobias	Joyce Cubillan Crisalyn Tenio
Special Ministers	Doreen Mones (S), Pat Casey, Carleen Augustus, Peter Greasley	Lito De La Vega (S), Marie Hird, Agimary Joseph, Vicki Norris	Bryan Irvine (S), Susan Lu, Alvin Cubillan, Juliet Kumar, Japar Kumar, Joyce Cubillan
Altar Servers	—	—	Francis Fernando, Peter Fernando Theresa
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	—
Music	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	'Chorus Dei' Choir
Hospitality			Couples for Christ