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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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29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday Year A



There is a strange tension in today's liturgy. We begin outside the church, waving palm branches and singing "Hosanna!" We reenact the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, bringing a feeling of joy and victory. However, as we process inside, everything changes. We hear the Passion narrative, filled with betrayal, denial, suffering, and the cross. In just a few minutes, we shift from

celebration to agony.

This tension reflects the reality of what it means to follow Jesus. The crowd on that first Palm Sunday had specific expectations. They wanted a political Messiah, a warrior king who would crush their oppressors and restore Israel's earthly glory. When Jesus rode in on a donkey—humble, peaceful, and unarmed—they cheered, perhaps hoping he would soon seize power. But by Friday, when it became evident that Jesus had come for a different kind of kingdom, most of them turned away. Their cry of "Hosanna" quickly shifted to "Crucify him."

We might be tempted to judge that crowd, but the liturgy invites us to see ourselves in them. How often do we desire a Jesus who aligns with our plans and expectations? We seek blessings, comfort, and solutions to our problems. We wave our palms when life is good and God feels near. Yet, when the path becomes difficult—when following Christ demands sacrifice, requires forgiveness that costs us, or involves carrying a cross we didn't choose—our shouts of praise quickly fade.

The disciples exemplify this pattern. At the Last Supper, they argued about who was the greatest. Peter vowed that he would never abandon Jesus, only to deny even knowing him. Judas spent three years alongside Jesus and ultimately betrayed him with a kiss. They were not bad men; they were weak men. And so are we.

This week, we are invited to be present:

- On Holy Thursday, to watch with Him in the garden, even if just for one hour.
- On Good Friday, to stand at the foot of the cross and acknowledge the cost of our salvation.
- On Holy Saturday, to sit in the silence of the tomb, waiting with hope.

We know how the story ends. We know Easter is coming. But we cannot arrive at the Resurrection (Easter) without first passing through the cross (the suffering of Holy Week). So, as we hold these palms today, let us make a commitment. Let us not be fair-weather disciples. Let us not be satisfied with waving branches on Sunday and disappearing by Thursday. Let us walk with Jesus this week and throughout all time, whether life is good or we face challenges.

May you have a blessed and grace-filled Holy Week-

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 28th	8:00am	Eugenia Limeta (RIP)
	6:00pm	Mr & Mrs August Barbier (RIP Anniv)
Sun 29th	7.00am	Fred Ventura (RIP)
	9.00am	James Mancham e Serah Estro (RIP)
Mon 30th	7.00am	Joannie Ryan (RIP)
Tue 31st	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 1st	7.00am	Carolina & Josefino Guevarra (Birthday Anniversary)
Thu 2nd	9.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Upcoming Events

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 1 st – 31 st	May Devotion
May 7 th	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Workshop @ 7.00pm
May 9 th	Parish Picnic - Bullocky's Rest 12 Noon
May 15 th –23 rd	Pentecost Novena
May 18 th –21 st	Pentecost Seminar 7:00pm
May 24 th	Pentecost Sunday
May 30 th	Public Rosary 8:45am
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.

Recently Deceased: Joannie Ryan (sister of Laurie Ryan). Andrew "Andy" Eggert. Funeral on April 1 at 10am at Holy Spirit Church.

We Remember

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially: Robert Purdie, Colleen Mahoney, Valentine Clair, Joe Martens, Cornelia & Peter Van Gulk, David Coombes, Nathan Grant, Father Gerry Gogan C.S.Sp. May their souls rest in peace.

Holy Week & Easter Programme

Palm Sunday – 28th/29th March

Sunday Vigil 6.00 pm (Saturday evening, Procession)
Sunday 7.00 am, (Procession)
Sunday 9.00 am, (Solemn Procession)
Sunday 5.30 am, (Procession)

Holy Thursday -- 2nd April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm
Watch & Pray with Jesus 8:30pm to Midnight

Good Friday -- 3rd April

Stations of Cross 10.00 am
Passion of the Lord 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass -- 4th April

7:00 pm (Awaiting the Resurrection of the Lord)

Easter Sunday (Resurrection of the Lord) -- 5th April

7.00 am, 9.00 am, No evening Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday – 12th April

Reconciliation available from 12:30pm
1:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
2:00pm Eucharistic Procession
2:30pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
2:45pm Benediction
3:00pm Three O' Clock Prayer followed by Mass

HOUSE BLESSING

Parishioners wishing to have their home blessed during the Easter Season are welcome to contact the Parish Office on 3205 1493 to make an appointment.

HOLY WATER

We invite parishioners to bring bottles to take home Holy Water blessed on Easter Vigil Mass.

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 1st of April.

EASTER TRIDUUM ROSTERS

Readers, Special Ministers, Altar Servers and Data Projector Operators, if you are available for the Triduum Masses (i.e. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) please write your name and contact details on the sheets in the Sacristy.

EASTER TRIDUUM CHOIR PRACTICES

All parishioners are warmly invited to join the choir for the Easter Triduum Masses. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in song during this special time in our liturgical year.

Please see the table below for practice dates and times.

Monday, 30 March

Easter Vigil (Combined Choir)

6:00 – 7:00 pm — Church

Good Friday (Combined Choir)

7:00 – 8:00 pm — Church

Wednesday, 1 April

Easter 9am Mass (Spirit Alive Choir)

7:00 – 8:00 pm — Parish Meeting Room

Saturday, 4 April

Easter Vigil (Combined Choir)

10:00 – 11:00 am — Church

Easter 7am Mass (Emmanuel Choir)

3:30 – 4:30 pm — Church

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

GOSPEL Matthew 27:11-54 (JB)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgment, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them

'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him: it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all

the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani!' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me!' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

At that, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena starts from Good Friday (7th April) to Saturday in the Octave of Easter (15th April). The daily Novena prayers include the Divine Mercy Chapter.

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE: The winner of the 1st Draw drawn 21st March was Brendan Heffernan of Strathpine with Ticket No.45. Congratulations, Brendan!

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Roster for this Sunday — Palm Sunday 28th/29th March (5th Sunday of the Month)			
	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Paul Naylor Bob Bannan	Regina Fong Mary Samson	Alfonso De La Cruz
Special Ministers	Yanery Ventura, Carleen Augustus, Pat Casey, Tony Martin	Lito De La Vega, Laurie Conlon, Vicki Norris, Marie Hird	Bryan Irvine, Joyce Cubillan, Juliet Kumar, Japar Kumar, Pele Pese, Susan Lu
Altar Servers	Dylan Marsh, Faith D'Souza	—	—
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	—
Music		Emmanuel Choir	Combined Choir
Hospitality			Young Adults Group