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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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12th April 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Easter Year A

Today, the Easter Octave closes with this glorious Sunday, which our beloved Pope Saint John Paul II designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. He did not invent this devotion but simply opened the door that Jesus had already knocked upon through Saint Faustina.

In today's Gospel, the disciples are hiding in fear behind locked doors. The Risen Lord appears to them, not a rebuke. Not a demand for an apology. He speaks two words that embody God's Mercy: "Peace be with you." (John 20:19-21)

As you have reflected, "If God counted our faults, who would survive?" (Psalm 130). None of us. We would all remain locked forever in our own upper rooms of shame. But God does not count. God forgives. God forgets. God heals.

Yet here lies the challenge of Divine Mercy Sunday. Look closely at what Jesus does next. After breathing the Holy Spirit on them, He says: "If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven."

We are a channel of God's mercy. If you block a river, the water becomes stagnant and poisonous. The same is true of God's mercy. If we receive His forgiveness in Confession yet refuse to forgive those who have hurt us, we shut the dam and turn mercy toxic.

The command "Be merciful" (Luke 6:36) is rooted in the very character of God. We are not merciful simply to be nice, but because we imitate a Father whose mercy is unearned and limitless.

We know that we are living mercifully when we:

1. **Stop judging.** To judge is to "play God," assuming we know all the facts of another's life and struggles. Refusing to condemn opens our eyes to compassion instead of fault-finding.
2. **Start forgiving.** Forgiveness is the core act of mercy. It is a deliberate choice to release others from their "debt" of pain—and in doing so, to free ourselves from the prison of bitterness.
3. **Give generously.** This is the economy of grace. While the world says, "Hold on tight," Jesus says, "Give." When we give mercy, love, and forgiveness, we create space to receive the same from God in abundant, overflowing measure— "pressed down, shaken together, and running over." (Luke 6:38)

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we are invited to move from being mere recipients of God's mercy to becoming its generous agents and givers. May the God of infinite mercy, who does not count our faults, give us the courage to stop counting the faults of others. Through Christ our Lord.

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 11th	6:00pm	Celine Jeremiah (RIP)
Sun 12th	7.00am	Bebe Turner (RIP Anniversary)
	9.00am	Clare Heffernan (RIP)
Mon 13th	7.00am	Bill Shaw (RIP Anniversary)
Tue 14th	7:30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri 17th	7.00am	Monthly Family
Sati 18th	7.00am	Jorge Elias
		Jim Hall (RIP)

Upcoming Events

Apr 12 th	Divine Mercy Sunday
Apr 30 th	Readers' Workshop @ 7.00pm
May 1 st	May Devotion Begins
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
June 6 th /7 th	First Holy Communion
June 27 th	Working Bee
June 29 th	Solemnity of St Peter and Paul
Aug 30 th	Multicultural Mass
Sep 13 th	Parish Assembly

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: Claire Heffernan, John Macdonald, Joy Ash, Jim Blake, Ester Norup, Eileen Weatherley, Leonard Perry, Brian O'Flaherty, Kiran Chandulal. May their souls rest in peace.

PENTECOST SEMINAR

Join us for four inspiring evenings as we prepare our hearts for Pentecost. From Monday 18th to Thursday 21st May, 7:00-8:30pm each evening, a wonderful line-up of speakers will guide us deeper into the life and power of the Holy Spirit.



Fr January Mkude CSSp opens the seminar with "I Believe in the Holy Spirit," followed by Br Matthew Beckmann OFM exploring the Holy Spirit through the eyes of St Francis of Assisi. Fr Edward Khaemba CSSp reflects on Mary overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, and Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp closes with the Spiritan charism of being inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Each evening includes praise and worship, a talk, prayer to the Holy Spirit, and either Eucharistic Celebration, Rosary, or Benediction — along with time for faith sharing.

All are welcome at Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Road, Bray Park. For enquiries, phone 3205 1493. Come and be renewed!



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LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

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SACRAMENTAL TEAMS TRAINING NIGHT

The evening covers formation, training, and fellowship for sacramental teams, with a focus on deepening understanding of the theology of the Sacraments of Initiation, exploring Church wisdom for contemporary challenges in sacramental preparation, and sharing resources and ideas.

Date: Thursday, 23 April

Location: Hendra Catholic Parish Centre

The session will be repeated at different times and locations across the archdiocese for those who can't make this one. Registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/SacramentalTraining>

READINGS FOR 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING *Acts 2:42-47 (JB)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (JB)

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 1:3-9 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been

prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 20:29 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 20:19-31 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

*'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'*

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

*For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;*

*for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'*

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me,

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
 There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOUSE BLESSING

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PARISH PICNIC

Saturday 9th May, 12–2pm at Bullocky's Rest, overlooking Lake Samsonvale. Bring your lunch, grab a blanket and some fold-up chairs, and come share great company and a relaxing afternoon in the sunshine with your parish family.



Knights of the Southern Cross Silver Circle Result:
 the winner of last week's draw is Joe Slater of Narangba Ticket No 41.....thank you Joe.

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Roster for this Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Easter 11th/12th April (2nd Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Tony Martin Paul Naylor	Ashley Smith Marie Hird	Ester Malgapo Rebecca Davis
Special Ministers	Carleen Augustus, Tony Martin, Alan Brooks, Yanery Ventura	Lito De La Vega, Vicki Norris, Ashley Smith, Agimary Joseph, Laurie Conlon	Bryan Irvine, Alvin Cubillan, Juliet Kumar, Japar Kumar, Susan Lu, Joyce Cubillan
Altar Servers	Charlotte Lindstrom, Josie Lindstrom, Juliette Lindstrom	Lokani Fosita, Julius Fosita	Angelique Moody, Xavier Priaulx
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	–
Music	–	Emmanuel Choir	'Le Ala' Samoan Choir
Hospitality			Samoan Group