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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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19th April 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter Year A

Theme: The Emmaus Experience

The Gospel (Luke 24:13-35) narrated the encounter of the risen Christ with two of his despondent disciples on their way to Emmaus about 11 kilometres from Jerusalem. The name of one of two disciples of Jesus was given as Cleopas which means glory of the Father.

While the two disciples were discussing the event of the resurrection of Jesus Christ with reservation as they journeyed toward Emmaus, Jesus appeared and walked along with them, “but something prevented them from recognising him.” I invite you to pause and reflect on this phrase, “but something prevented them from recognising him.” What are the biases, the veil or hurdles that are preventing you from being a loving husband or a loving wife, a good father or a good mother? Or making an intentional commitment to Christ? Or being a good neighbour? Or reaching out to the needy?

Analysis of today’s Gospel passage portrays it not merely as the story of the encounter between Jesus and two of his dejected disciples on their way to Emmaus but a narration of the celebration of the Eucharist in the nascent church. The Eucharist is divided into two main parts with introduction and conclusion. The two main parts are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We read in the Gospel that, Jesus “... starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.” Hence, this was the Liturgy of the Word since Jesus explained the Scriptural passages that were about him starting from the book of Genesis. The first five books of the Old Testament are known as the books of Moses or Torah or Pentateuch. Thus, Jesus went through the Torah, the Prophet and other relevant books known as the Writings to explain the passages that related to his birth, ministry, passion, death and resurrection.

When they got to Emmaus, the disciples of Jesus pressed on him to pass the night with them. “... while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight.” The breaking of bread in New Testament writings refer to the celebration of the Eucharist. Once Jesus celebrated the Eucharist with them as he did during the Supper of the Lord, the veil, biases or hurdles that prevented them from realising that the risen Christ was in their midst was shattered and they realised that Christ was risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This realisation transformed their sorrow into joy, and they left for Jerusalem that night to proclaim the Good News to the rest of Jesus’ disciples! On arriving at Jerusalem, they met an elated disciples of Jesus who have also experienced the reality of the risen Christ. The Joy of the disciples of Christ at his resurrection was unbounded.

Fr Chinua Okeke 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 18th	6:00pm	Avis Atkins (RIP)
Sun 19th	7.00am	Mary Atkins (RIP)
	9.00am	Nina Labrooy (RIP Anniversary)
Mon 20th	7.00am	Dennis & Margaret Gibbon (RIP Anniversary)7
Tue 21st	7:30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri 24th	7.00am	Florencio D'Souza (RIP Anniversary)

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:

Rosemay Cherval, 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: June Barker, Bernard Sturdy, Joan Ellis, Ernestine Jezzard, Josephine Wenck, Jim Kelly, Brendan Kendall, Maude Maller, Muriel Deignan, Ramon Fewell-Smith, Pat Blake, Fran Smith, Judith

King, Edward James Kelly, Mona Linsdell. *May their souls rest in peace.*

READERS' WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL, 7.00PM

Those who are currently serving as a Reader at Mass are invited to attend this workshop. A great opportunity to grow in confidence and deepen your understanding of this important ministry.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY, 7.00PM

Those who are serving as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, whether experienced or not, are encouraged to attend this workshop.

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.



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.

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY 2026 PLANNING MEETING

Help us plan our Multicultural Sunday celebration on 27th April. Join us for our first planning meeting after 9am Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome!

*** YOUNG ADULTS ***

Did you know our parish has a Young Adults group? Come along to meet new friends, enjoy social events, and share the faith together. All young adults welcome!



YOUNG ADULTS – APRIL SOCIAL

Our parish young adults are all welcome to join in for an afternoon of skating at Iceworld Boondall

When: Sunday 26th April. 1-3pm

Where: Iceworld, Boondal

HOLY SPIRIT YOUNG ADULTS WHATSAPP GROUP

Please see the back of the bulletin for the QR code for our Parish Young Adults WhatsApp group.

READINGS FOR 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING *Acts 2:14, 22-33 (JB)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice:

'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: *I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.*

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11 (JB)*

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING *1 Peter 1:17-21 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made,

has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Luke 24:32 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 24:13-35 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he

broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together

with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Roster for this Sunday – Third Sunday of Easter 18th/19th April (3rd Sunday of the Month)			
	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Doreen Mones, Bernie Piovesan	Paul Ferris, Sherine Tobias	Joyce Cubillan, Crisalyn Tenio
Special Ministers	Doreen Mones, Pat Casey, Carleen Augustus, Bernie Piovesan	Lito De La Vega, Marie Hird, Nelia De La Vega, Agimary Joseph, Vicki Norris	Bryan Irvine, Susan Lu, Pele Pese, Joyce Cubillan, Alvin Cubillan, Juliet Kumar, Japar Kumar
Altar Servers			Francis Fernando, Peter Fernando,
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	–
Music	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	“Chorus Dei” Choir
Hospitality			Filipino Group