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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat 6:00pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sun 7:00am, 9:00am
Sun Aramaic Mass (TBA)
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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK (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

**HOLY MATRIMONY & RCIA (RITE OF
CHRISTIAN INITIATION) FOR ADULTS**

Please contact the Parish Office

**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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3rd May 2026 — 5th Sunday of Easter Year A

Homily

The first reading reveals the disciples appointing men 'full of the Spirit and with wisdom' to care for the vulnerable — the widows of the early community. Today the Church is no different — we too have the vulnerable among us and we are called to care.

May is Queensland's Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. This is a significant issue in Australia. In the first three months of this year, 14 women and 5 children lost their lives to this violence. In 2025 there were over 22,000 Domestic Violence Orders issued, and 1 in 4 women — compared with 1 in 14 men — experience abuse by an intimate partner. Like the early Church, we must consider how to respond.

A Community Full of the Spirit

St Paul reminds us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22–23). A community full of the Spirit is a safe community — where anyone, however vulnerable, can experience love, gentleness and kindness. Are we such a community? Are we a safe haven for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence?

Our Lord Knows Rejection and Suffering

Peter reminds us that Jesus was rejected and gave his life as a sacrifice. He knows suffering, rejection and injustice. For those who have experienced abuse, Jesus empathises — he is with you in the darkest moments and promises never to forsake you (Heb 13:5). He calls us out of darkness and into his wonderful light. We are clear: we stand in condemnation of domestic and family violence, and Jesus does not require anyone to remain in an unsafe situation.

There is Hope

There is always hope. Our Lord is preparing a place of perfect love, perfect peace and perfect healing. At a practical level, we share that hope by encouraging those impacted by domestic and family violence to seek help, access support services, and find a path toward safety and healing.

Conclusion

Today we stand in solidarity with victim-survivors of domestic and family violence. We are called to be a community full of the Spirit — a safe place where survivors experience love, joy, peace and kindness. Our Lord knows suffering, empathises with us, and calls us from darkness into light. We share the hope we have in Christ, encouraging victim-survivors to break the cycle of abuse and look forward to healing, love and peace.

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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.

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Acts 6:1-7 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (JB)

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

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:4-9 (JB)

GOSPEL John 14:1-12 (JB)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Mass Intentions

Sat 2 nd	8:00am	Felicidad Laguesma (RIP)
	6:00pm	Mary & Lawrence D'Ekenaike (RIP)
Sun 3 rd	7.00am	Joselito Samson (RIP)
	9.00am	Marianne and Donald Halangoda (RIP)
		Pat and Margaret Bergin (RIP Anniversary)
		Ryan David (Birthday)
Mon 4 th	7.00am	Luz Sunpayco (RIP)
Tue 5 th	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 6 th	7.00am	Enny Moses (RIP)
Thu 7 th	9.00am	Joselito Samson (RIP Anniversary)
Fri 8 th	7.00am	Jing Magat (RIP)
Sat 9 th	8.00am	Lawrence Casas (RIP)

Upcoming Events

May 1 st	May Devotion Began
May 1 st 31 st	Domestic Violence Awareness month
May 7 th	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Workshop @ 7.00pm
May 9 th	Parish Picnic - Bullocky's Rest 12 Noon
May 10 th	Mothers Day
May 15 th -23 rd	Pentecost Novena
May 18 th -21 st	Pentecost Seminar 7:00pm
May 24 th	Pentecost Sunday
May 25 th	Mary Help of Christians
May 30 th	Public Rosary 8:45am
May 31 st	Trinity Sunday
June 6 th /7 th	First Holy Communion
June 7 th	Corpus Christi
June 12 th	Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 27 th	Working Bee
June 29 th	Solemnity of St Peter and Paul
July 11 th /12 th	Confirmation Commitment
July 28 th	Visit by Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole, FDP
Aug 15 th	Assumption of Our Lady
Aug 30 th	Multicultural Mass
Sep 13 th	Parish Assembly

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH PICNIC

This Saturday, 9th May, 12-2pm at Bullocky's Rest, Joyner, 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.



PENTECOST NOVENA

The novena will run from May 15th to 23rd. The novena shall include the daily mass, benediction and prayer to the Holy Spirit. The Pentecost seminar is part of the Novena.

PENTECOST SEMINAR 2026



Join us for four evenings of prayer, worship and reflection as we prepare for Pentecost. Monday 18 – Thursday 21 May 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Road, Bray Park. Each evening features

praise & worship, a talk, Eucharistic Celebration or Benediction, and faith sharing. Programme:

Day 1 – I Believe in the Holy Spirit — Fr January Mkude CSSp

Day 2 – The Holy Spirit in the Understanding of St Francis of Assisi — Br Matthew Beckmann OFM

Day 3 – Mary Overshadowed by the Holy Spirit — Fr Edward Khaemba CSSp

Day 4 – Spiritans Inspired by the Holy Spirit — Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

All are welcome. For enquiries call 3205 1493

CELEBRATION OF THE PARISH FEAST DAY

Pentecost is the feast of the Parish, the Spiritans and the Church. On Pentecost day, May 24 after 9am mass, we shall have celebrations in the canteen area with food and music. Please bring a plate to share

PUBLIC ROSARY

On May 30, Parishioners are invited to a public Rosary at 8:45am, held in the Parish carpark.

TOGETHER WE CAN: DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

This May, our parish joins the Archdiocese of Brisbane in recognising Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month — a time to promote a culture of safety, dignity and respect in all relationships. Domestic and family violence is a hidden reality affecting people from all walks of life. As a community of faith, we are called to listen, believe, and walk alongside those who are vulnerable — breaking the silence that surrounds this injustice. This year's theme, Together we can, reminds us that prevention is shared work. Each of us has a role in how we listen, speak up, and support one another. If you or someone you know needs support, Centacare provides specialist counselling and practical pathways to safety. Visit dfvproject.org.au for more information.

A PRAYER TO END DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

Loving and Just God,

As we cry out for an end to the suffering of the innocent, You cry with us. As we cry out in righteous anger against violence of all kinds, You cry with us.

As we cry out in frustration that cultural change is happening far too slowly, You cry with us. While it may feel like it at times, we are not crying out alone, we are not crying out in vain... Our cries are Your cries too. As You blend Your voice with ours, lend us Your strength too, so that we may continue to do what it takes to put an end domestic and family violence. Lend us Your strength, so we can continue to challenge harmful behaviours, misuses of power and authority, misconceptions, and misinformation. Lend us Your courage, so we can continue to bring to light the reality of who is impacted, and how widespread domestic and family violence is. Our hands are Yours, so let us not shy away from reaching out to those in need of practical support. Our feet are Yours, so let us not walk away from those in need of community and belonging as they bravely step out of violent relationships.

Our eyes are Yours so let us not be blind to those that try to cover up the abuse out of fear or shame.

Our ears are Yours so let us not be deaf to the roaring cry that enough is enough... it is time to end domestic and family violence once and for all.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

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

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 6th May.

FLORES DE MAYO/SANTACRUZAN

Flores de Mayo/Santacruzán on Sunday 10th May 2026 at Sacred Heart Church, 118 Brighton Rd.

Sandgate; 11:00am Santacruzán

Procession/Offering of Flowers to Mary/Rosary;

12:00pm Holy Mass honouring Mothers; 1:00pm

Fellowship, kindly bring a plate to share. Further

Info, Jima 0432374239; Cristy 0430083877

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

Eddie & Silvia Perazzoli, Bernadette Di Marchi, 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: Leslie Wright, Jason Birch, Dorothy Mula, William Wagner, Silvero & Justo Villegas, Edward Espiritu, Jesus Garcia-Urbina, Olive Wilson, Janette Matanovic. May their souls rest in peace.

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Encounter "The Vow" Mini Retreat - All couples welcome.

Date and Time: Saturday 30th May 2026 from 9am to 12:30pm

Venue: St Oliver Plunkett Church Hall, 21 Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill.

RSVP to: Cathy and Vince Agius - vinceandcathywwme@gmail.com

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Roster for this Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter 2nd/3rd May (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	Sacristan Marian Brooks Marian Brooks, Alan Brooks Carleen Augustus , Pat Casey	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Lito De La Vega, Nelia De La Vega Vicki Norris, Marie Hird	Sacristan Bryan Irvine, Bryan Irvine, David Waken, Joyce Cubillan, Alvin Cubillan, Pele Pese, Juliet Kumar
Altar Servers		Maria Kunau	Klara Pacl Angelique Moody
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	–
Music	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	Spirit Alive Choir
Hospitality			Parish Council