



**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**PINE RIVERS**

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**PARISH SECRETARIES**

Alexandra Lindstrom (Finance)  
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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 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)  
Sat 8:00 am

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK (HEALING MASS)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 7.00am

**BAPTISMS**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the Month.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 8.30am and 5.15pm.  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 & 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Chair – Matthew Dahms  
Secretary – Patrick Collins  
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**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Chair – John Thomas  
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**31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 — The Holy Trinity Year A**

In other church memorials, feasts, and solemnities, like Christmas, Easter, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate what God is to us; or what God has done for the sake of human beings or how God's grace has triumphed in people. But in celebrating the solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity, we are celebrating what God is in God self (that is the inner life of God). We are saying thank you to God for being God! The revelation that there are three Persons in one God is a divine revelation. The Eternal God, the Alpha and Omega, the Omnipotent and the omniscience God lives in communion with Himself: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. John told us in his first epistle that God is love. What it means is that the one true God lives in communion with Himself.

This revelation of God as a Trinity took a gradual process. Genesis 1:1-3, presented us with rudimentary form of the Trinity. It stated that in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, God's Spirit hovered over the waters, and "God said, let there be light." Here we see God the Father, God the Spirit, and God the Word depicted. After his resurrection, at his ascension, Jesus commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all the nations and baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Thus, to restore again the glory of human beings who were created in God's image and whose glory has been distorted by sin, God the Father sent his Eternal Begotten Son through the power of the Holy Spirit to redeem the world. To ensure that we remain in the state of grace God the Father and the Son left their Eternal Holy Spirit with us.

Across the ages, some members of the faithful including the clergy have struggled with the doctrine of the Trinitarian God - One God in three Persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Arius, a priest, born in Libya, taught that Jesus Christ was sub-ordinate to the Father. This gave rise to the heresy known as Arianism which caused great division in the church leading to the First Council of Nicaea called by Emperor Constantine in 325AD during the Pontificate of Pope Sylvester 1. About 300 bishops participated in the Council. The Council in the light of the Scripture and the Church Tradition, declared the equality between the Father and the Son. They used a Greek word homoousios, which means of one substance to describe the relationship between the Father and the Son. Hence, the Apostle's Creed simple confession of our belief "in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord" was then expanded as follows; "I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made."

Later in the 4th century Macedonian heresy arose which denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit. This led to the First Council of Constantinople called by Emperor Theodosius I, during the pontificate of Pope Damasius 1 in 381. It was a gathering of 150 bishops mostly from the East. Basing on Scripture and Tradition they defined the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Thus, it expounded our simple confession of "I believe in the Holy Spirit" in the Apostles' Creed to our profession of faith in "the Holy Spirit who is the Lord and giver of life which proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is glorified and adored, and who have spoken through the prophets."

May our Trinitarian God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

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.

### SUNDAY READINGS

(Our Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

#### FIRST READING

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 (JB)

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 (JB)

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

#### SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (JB)

#### GOSPEL

John 3:16-18 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
Jesus said to Nicodemus,  
*'God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be  
lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned  
already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.'*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Mass Intentions

|                      |        |  |
|----------------------|--------|--|
| Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00am | Thanksgiving for Blessings Received                                  |
|                      | 6:00pm | Nelson Oconner (Recently Deceased)                                   |
| Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> | 7.00am | Salvatore & Nunciatina Oliveri (RIP)                                 |
|                      | 9.00am | Mr & Mrs Zephilien Monthy (RIP)<br>Morris Rigor Sr (RIP Anniversary) |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 7.00am |  |
| Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 7.30pm |  |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 7.00am | Holy Souls in Purgatory  |
| Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.00am | Holy Souls in Purgatory  |
| Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.00am | Rebecca Davis (Birthday)   |
| Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am |  |

### Upcoming Events

|   |  |
|---|--|
| May 30 <sup>th</sup>                    | RCIA Confirmation/Holy Communion       |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup>                    | Trinity Sunday                         |
| June 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>   | First Holy Communion                   |
| June 7 <sup>th</sup>                    | Corpus Christi                         |
| June 12 <sup>th</sup>                   | Sacred Heart of Jesus                  |
| June 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> | Confirmation Enrolment                 |
| June 24 <sup>th</sup>                   | Nativity of John the Baptism           |
| June 27 <sup>th</sup>                   | Working Bee                            |
| June 29 <sup>th</sup>                   | Solemnity of St Peter and Paul         |
| July 3 <sup>rd</sup>                    | St Thomas Apostle                      |
| July 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> | Confirmation Commitment                |
| July 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | Visit by Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole, FDP |
| July 29 <sup>th</sup>                   | St James Apostle                       |
| Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>                    | Assumption of Our Lady                 |
| Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>                    | Multicultural Mass                     |
| Sep 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | Birthday of Mother Mary                |
| Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | Parish Assembly                        |

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 CONFIRMATION

#### CONFIRMATION Information Meeting.

- 11 June 6:30pm
- 14 June 10:00am

#### Confirmation Enrolment (Year 3)

Enrolment for Confirmation:

- Saturday 20 June @ 5pm
- Sunday 21 June @ 10am
- Monday 22 June @ Parish Office (by appointment only)

Ceremony: Sunday 23 August

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AT ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2026

We are organising a bus for people interested in attending this event as we have done in previous years. The bus will call at:

#### Holy Spirit Church Sparkes Rd Bray Park at 12 noon,

- St Flannan's Church cnr. Beams and Handford Rds Zillmere by 12.15 pm
- Church of Our Lady and St Dymphna around 12.20 pm,
- then to St Kevin's at Geebung around 12.30 pm.
- Proceeding to Cathedral for Procession commencing at 2.00 pm

As numbers need to be confirmed as soon as possible to enable booking of a suitable sized bus, please book your seat by phoning Louise on Mobile 0407 023 603. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family payable in advance. The bus will return at 4 pm in reverse order. Please pay Parish Secretary at Holy Spirit Bray Park

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Religious Education classes for high school children commences after the Sunday 9am Mass on June 14<sup>th</sup>. All high school-aged young people are warmly welcome to come along.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR – ALL WELCOME! ✪

All children are warmly invited to join our Children's Choir for the 9am First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday, 7th June.

Come along to our practice sessions in the Church on:

- Saturday 30th May at 11:00am
- Saturday 6th June at 11:00am

No experience is needed – just bring your enthusiasm and love of singing! It's a lovely way for children to take part in the Mass and be part of our parish community. We would love to see you there!

## PARISH FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

We invite all parishioners and friends to join our regularly updated Facebook and website.:

[facebook.com/holyspiritbrayparkcatholiccommunity](https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritbrayparkcatholiccommunity)

<https://holyspiritbraypark.com>



## FAREWELL TO FATHER PATRICK



After his time with us, we farewell Father Patrick next week as he begins a new chapter of ministry. He has been assigned to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, where he will serve the parishes of Boolaroo, Booragul, Morisset,

and Toronto. We invite you to join us for cake and refreshments after the 9am Mass as we thank Father Patrick for his dedication and wish him every blessing in his new role. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes up this new mission.

## PARISH YOUNG ADULTS

All young adults age 17 to 35 are warmly invited to join our Young Adults Meeting on Sunday, 17th May, straight after the 9am Mass. We'll be gathering in the hall next to the school office.

## CHANGE OF FIRST COLLECTION TIME

The time for the first collection shall change from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June from the current place to the reflection following the Homily. This is to allow a better flow of the Liturgy.

**KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE:** Winners of the Final (10th) Draw are - 1st Prize - \$200 - Col Rimmington, Murrumba Downs No.98; 2nd Prize - \$100 - Laurie King, Kallangur No.96; 3rd Prize- \$50 - Margaret Stanton, Dayboro No.30.

Congratulations, Col, Laurie & Marg and thanks to all Ticket buyers supporting Knights Charities!

## POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL 'MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS'

Pope Leo XIV just released his first encyclical — and it may be the most important Church document of our lifetime. Magnifica Humanitas, on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence, was released by the Holy See on May 25. The encyclical develops Catholic social teaching in light of artificial intelligence, situating new questions of human dignity, labour, and the common good within the tradition that runs from Rerum Novarum through Centesimus Annus and Laudato Si.

You can read the full encyclical here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

## WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS IN FAITH

This Saturday is a joyful occasion for our parish community as we welcome our RCIA candidates who have completed their journey into the Catholic faith. After months of prayer, learning, and reflection, these men and women will be fully received into the Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a path of formation and discernment for those seeking to become Catholic, and reaching its completion is a significant milestone — both for the candidates themselves and for all of us who have walked alongside them.

We are also deeply grateful to our priests and to the generous volunteers whose time, wisdom, and care guided these candidates throughout their formation. Their dedication has been a true gift to our community. Please keep our new members in your prayers as they take this important step, and join us in extending a warm welcome to them and their families. We give thanks for their witness and rejoice that they are now part of our parish family.

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

Marg & Max Neehouse, Eddie & Silvia Perazzoli, 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**

Mary Bell (Graham's mother), Ken Daly, Terry Langton, Brian Mennis, Andrews George, Gay Cohen, Colleen Richardson, Alex Martin, Terry Campbell, Walter Scott, Patricia Horton, John Cahill, Thomas Gleeson, Edward Sumner, Suzanne Cullen, Sheila Brown, Fr John McGlone O.S.M., Ane Leulu-Brown..

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**  
Becoming Catholic is a journey of faith supported by the parish community, known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Through RCIA, you meet with others to share, reflect, pray, and learn more about the faith. To find out more, contact the parish office on 3205 1493 or [braypark@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:braypark@bne.catholic.net.au).

**MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY MEETING**  
Meeting will be taking place next Sunay 7th June after the 9am Mass

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| Roster for this Sunday – The Most Holy Trinity 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> May (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month) |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
|   | 6pm Saturday  | 7am Sunday  | 9am Sunday   |
| <b>Readers</b>  | Paul Naylor<br>Bob Bannan   | Regina Fong<br>Mary Samson  | Alfonso De La Cruz   |
| <b>Special Ministers</b>  | <b>Sacristan</b> Yanery Ventura<br>Carleen Augustus<br>Pat Casey<br>Tony Martin | <b>Sacristan</b> Lito De La Vega<br>Laurie Conlon<br>Vicki Norris<br>Marie Hird | <b>Sacristan</b> Bryan Irvine<br>Joyce Cubillan, Joyce Cubillan,<br>Alvin Cubillan, Pele Pese,<br>Susan Lu |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>  | Dylan Marsh<br>Faith D’Souza  |   | Ryan David   |
| <b>Data Projection</b>  | Michael Heyne   |   |  |
| <b>Music</b>  | Glen Edmonds  | Emmanuel Choir  | Combined Choir   |
| <b>Hospitality</b>  |   |   |  |