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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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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7th June 2026 — Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Year A

On Holy Thursday, at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we celebrated among other themes the institution of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus, during his last supper with his disciples, took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them and said, "take this all of you and eat it for this is my body." He then took a cup filled with wine and said the blessing and gave it to his disciples and said, "take this all of you and drink, for this is the blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you." He then added, "do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19-20).

Due to the centrality of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ in the economy of salvation, the Church has singled it out for a commemoration today. The Eucharist symbolises the self-emptying of Christ on the Cross and an invitation for us to follow the example of Christ who came not to be served but to serve and to offer his life for our justification. The Eucharist is the summit around which the other Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick, and Holy Orders) revolve. It is so central that it is also the Last Rite received as Viaticum! (food for the journey).

Jesus, during his earthly ministry, performed multiple mighty works through which he made the kingdom of God present to the people. He proclaimed the Good News, healed the sick, raised the dead, gave hope to the distressed and fed the hungry. However, only once did he say to his disciples, "do this in memory of me", and it was after he instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

During Mass, after the words of consecration have been said by the priest, we believe that through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and institution narrative (the words spoken by Jesus during his last supper), that transubstantiation has taken place. That is, the bread and wine have been changed in essence into the Body and Blood of Christ, and hence, are now objects of our adoration and spiritual nourishment because of the presence of Christ in them.

The celebration of this Solemnity today, also includes a thanksgiving to God for providing us with physical food and drink which are essential for healthy living.

During the Eucharistic celebration, the priest offers the bread saying, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life." (Roman Missal).

He then offers the wine saying, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink." (Roman Missal).

Hence, there is a link between the physical food that nourishes our body and the spiritual food that we receive in the Holy Eucharist which nourishes our souls. There is a deep connection between the Eucharist and the needy people in our society. Part of the history of taking up collections at Mass was to provide for the needy people in our society.

The sacrifice of Jesus on the altar during Eucharistic celebration, re-enact Jesus' sacrificial offering on the Cross except that on the altar, he is not physically bleeding as on the Cross. The Eucharistic sacrifice on the altar also includes us because the water mingled with wine represents humanity, while the wine represents Christ. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us approach the table of the Lord with adoration, for it is Christ the Saviour of the world that we are receiving in the Eucharist. Renewed and transformed by the Eucharist, let us reach out to our brothers and sisters who are in need.

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

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 (JB)

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (JB)

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58 (JB)

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:

'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 6 th	8:00am	Miguelito Javier (RIP)
	6:00pm	Mary & Lawrence D'Ekenaike (RIP)
Sun 7 th	7:00am	Trevor Brittain (RIP Anniversary)
	9:00am	Victor Shevchenko (FIP)
Mon 8 th	7:00am	Hernandez Family (Special Int.)
Tue 9 th	7:30pm	Thanksgiving
Wed 10 th	7:00am	George & France Cherval (RIP Anniversary)
Thu 11 th	9:00am	Alfredo Gueverra & Matthew Ryan (RIP)
Fri 12 th	7:00am	The Holy Soul of Renato Cabungcal
Sat 13 th	8:00am	Michel Monty (RIP Anniversary)

Upcoming Events

June 6 th /7 th	First Holy Communion
June 7 th	Corpus Christi
June 12 th	Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 20 th /21 st	Confirmation Enrolment
June 24 th	Nativity of John the Baptism
June 27 th	Working Bee
June 29 th	Solemnity of St Peter and Paul
July 3 rd	St Thomas Apostle
July 11 th /12 th	Confirmation Commitment
July 28 th	Visit by Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole, FDP
July 29 th	St James Apostle
Aug 15 th	Assumption of Our Lady
Aug 30 th	Multicultural Mass
Sep 8 th	Birthday of Mother Mary
Sep 13 th	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 @ Prish Office (by appointment only)

Ceremony: Sunday 23 August

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>



MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE FROM FR EDWARD

Father Edward wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all parishioners and friends for the love, support, and prayers offered following the death of his beloved mother, Teresa Khaemba. The burial took place peacefully, and Father Edward was deeply moved by the many kindnesses shown to him and his family during this time of loss. Please continue to keep Teresa and the Khaemba family in your prayers.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY SPIRIT

WINTER APPEAL - 1st → 30th JUNE

This weekend and throughout the month of June your local St Vincent de Paul group will be conducting their annual Winter Appeal.

ALL money donated will be used to help struggling families in Bray Park, Lawnton, Joyner, Warner and Strathpine. You will find a collection box and envelopes at the back of the church, and if you need a receipt for your tax return, please write your name and address on the envelope.

St Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit thank you for your continued support.

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

We are organising a bus for people interested in attending this event as we have done in previous years.

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

CHANGE OF FIRST COLLECTION TIME

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who will be receiving their Holy Communion for the first time. This is a joyful milestone in their journey of faith, and we celebrate this special moment with them and their families.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Wendy Greasley, our Sacramental Coordinator, and to all the catechists, parents, and parishioners who helped prepare the children to receive this beautiful Sacrament.

Please keep these children, and their families, in your prayers as they draw closer to the Lord in the Eucharist.

Alaska, Alexander, Allan, Asha, Callan, Carmen, Chloe, Christopher, Darragh, Dylan, Fionnuala, Gavin, Halle, Harold, Haydden, Iytin, James, Jasnagora, Jenna, Jenon, Kean, Kyra, Lilliana, Lucy, Marvellous, Mary, McKenzie, Mhaxi, Nathan, Nathaniel, Noah, Patrick, Sophie, Tomas, Tyler

HOLY LAND COLLECTION — THANK YOU

Our parish has received heartfelt thanks from the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land for our generous donation of \$1,398.35 to the 2026 Good Friday Holy Land Collection. The Franciscan Friars, who have ministered to the Christians of the Holy Land for centuries, assure us of their daily prayers for all benefactors. Let us continue to pray for peace and justice for the people of the Holy Land and for all those facing conflict in our world.

BENEDICTION

There will have benediction this Sunday after the 7am Mass.

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS RAFFLE DRAW

The raffle tickets will be drawn this Sunday 7th June after the 9am Mass. A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported us last Sunday 31st May. Together we raised around \$331 to support our Young Adults. We are very grateful for your generosity.

YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY MEETING — PICNIC

Our Young Adults (ages 17–35) will hold their monthly meeting as a picnic on Sunday 28th June at 11am at Bullocky Rest. All are warmly welcome to come along — please bring a plate to share. We'd love to see you there!

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

Kenneth Woodward, John Brown (Brother of Mike Brown), Nance Bailey, Miriam Smyers, Edward Roddy, Ellis Moran, Joyce Jutila, Ayana Mberi, George Cherval, Matthew De Baar, John Dillon, Mary Russell, Adelchi Candido Fugolin (Alex), Ayana Mberi.

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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.

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

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Tae Kwon Do classes held at Holy Spirit School every Wednesday afternoon. All ages welcome. Established since 1988. Please call Damian or Daisy on 0438 860 967 for more information.

Roster for this Sunday – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ 6th/7th June (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 Alan Brooks, Carleen Augustus, Pat Casey	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Nelia De La Vega, Vicki Norris, Marie Hird	Sacristan Bryan Irvine, David Waken, Joyce Cubillan, Alvin Cubillan, Pele Pese, Ester Malgapo
Altar Servers		Maria Kunau	Klara Pacl Angelique Moody
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	–
Music	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	Spirit Alive Choir
Hospitality		First Communion	Indian Community