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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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21st June 2026 — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The first reading from the book of prophet Jeremiah (Jer 20:10-13), catalogued some of the hardships experienced by prophet Jeremiah. During his call as a prophet, the Lord informed him that before his birth that he had been consecrated and sent as a prophet, hence he must not say, "I am only a boy," but should rather go to those he shall be sent to by the Lord and proclaim His commandments without fear or favour.

Jeremiah challenged the people of Israel and asked them not to put false hope on the presence of the temple in Jerusalem. They must desist from impunity, worshipping false gods, and maltreating strangers. He warned them that they must not be living with impunity and believing that the presence of the temple would immunise them from punishment. They must repent from their iniquities.

Jeremiah chastised Pashhur the chief officer of the Temple who struck him and had him detained in the Temple because of his prophecies, by renaming him terror-on-every-side.

In today's passage, there was a gang up against Jeremiah which he denounced, and nick named "terror from all sides." His detractors threw lots of "muds" on him to see which one will stick. Jeremiah recounted thus: "All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' Jeremiah also recalled that the Lord came to his aid, and he was saved from the hands of his enemies. Though the Lord was his salvation, yet he was thrown into a dry well to die (Jer 38:6) and later dragged to Egypt where he died.

In today's Gospel passage (Mt 10:26-33), Jesus counselled the apostles to be steadfast in their faith and not to break their covenant with God because they want to please people and gain cheap popularity. Contravening God's commandments to engender oneself to the people may elicit temporary accolades but eternal repudiation. We recall the story of Ananias and his wife Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11. In the nascent Christian community in Jerusalem, believers contributed money and goods with volition to help in the propagation of the faith and to take care of the needy among them. Some people like Joseph from Cyprus nicknamed Barnabas by the apostles sold a piece of land and deposited the full proceed with the apostles. Due to the gratitude Joseph received from the apostles and other believers, Ananias and Sapphira decided to sale a piece of land and brought the proceed to the apostles. They were not under compulsion to do this, and after they had sold the land, they were not under duress to bring the whole money to the apostles, however, they were obligated to be honest in declaring that they were only presenting the amount they wanted to, rather than presenting part of the money as if it was the total amount they realised from the sale. Their deceit led to their death! On the contrary, building our ethics around fidelity to God's covenant channels us toward beatific vision at the end of our earthly existence. Jesus stated in the Gospel of today as follows, "'... if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'"

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Centring our lives on God's covenant, do not imply that we may not face hostilities and other difficulties in life. Take Jeremiah for instance, he faced hardship from the people, but the Lord was with him in his ordeals.

We think of the life of martyrs whose blood are the seeds of evangelisation. We recall Maximilian Kolbe 1894 – 1941, a Franciscan Conventual friar who volunteered to die for Franciszek Gajowniczek in Auschwitz, a German death concentration camp, in Poland. Other modern matters include Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was killed while celebrating Mass in San Salvador in March 1980; Evariste Cagorora, who had sought shelter in a church during the Rwandan genocide of 1994. Many Christians who have lost their lives in Nigeria due to Terrorism. The lives of all these martyrs are in the hand of the Lord.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

SUNDAY READINGS

(Our Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:10-13 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (JB)

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-15 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33 (JB)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 20 th	8:00am	Rea & George Cherval (RIP Anniv)
	6:00pm	Special Intention for the Rodriguez Family
Sun 21 st	7.00am	Jordan Go (RIP Anniversary)
	9.00am	Philip & Carole Monthly (Special Intention)
Mon 22 nd	7.00am	Safe travels & career for Daniel Patrick Anderson D Anderson & k Hankin (Relationship)
Tue 23 rd	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 24 th	7.00am	Rudolf Muller (RIP 5 th Anniversary of passing) Giuseppe Pregliasco (101 st Birthday Anniversary)
Thu 25 th	9.00am	Pragasam & Harriet Thomas (RIP)
Fri 26 th	7.00am	
Sat 27 th	8.00am	Rudolf Muller (RIP)

Upcoming Events

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 Enrolment (Year 3)

Enrolment for Confirmation:

- Saturday 20 June @ 5.00pm
- Sunday 21 June @ 10.00am

Ceremony: Saturday 22 August @ 6.00pm

PARISH FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

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

facebook.com/holyspiritbrayparkcatholiccommunity

<https://holyspiritbraypark.com>





ST VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY SPIRIT

WINTER APPEAL - 1st → 30th JUNE

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.

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!

YOUNG ADULTS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Young Adults group will be holding a sausage sizzle on Sunday 5th July, straight after the 9am Mass. All proceeds will go towards supporting their attendance at the Ignite Conference.

WORKING BEE

We're calling on all willing hands to join our parish Working Bee on Saturday 27th June after the 8am Mass. It's a wonderful chance to give our church and grounds some extra care and attention, and to enjoy some good company as well.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR — ALL WELCOME! 🎵

All children are warmly invited to join our Children's Choir for the 9am Children's Mass on Sunday, 5th July.

Come along to our practice sessions in the Church on:

- Saturday 27th June at 2:30pm
- Saturday 4th July at 2:30pm

No experience is needed — just bring your voice and a smile! Come along, join in, and have fun singing together.

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY — 30th AUGUST

Holy Spirit Parish warmly invites everyone to our annual Multicultural Celebration, a joyous occasion when the many different nations of our parish come together to praise the one God who unites us all. The celebrations will take place on **Sunday 30th August**, beginning in the church at 9am with a Multicultural Mass. Following the Mass, the festivities continue with entertainment and international food tasting in the Holy Spirit School Hall.

Holy Spirit Parish is blessed with a wonderfully diverse cultural heritage, and this is one of the most vibrant and inspirational events of our year. Many parishioners dress in their national costume, and various cultures take part in the liturgy and share the richness of their traditions after Mass through singing, dancing, and the wonderful aromas of food from around the world.

ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC VISITS BRISBANE

Australia will be the 25th nation to host a major pilgrim relic of St Carlo Acutis — his pericardium. The relic comes to Brisbane from 2–6 July 2026, with Masses, talks, veneration, and a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition held at various churches across the city, including St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane on Thursday 2nd July.

Come and discover St Carlo's "5 Steps to Holiness." For the full schedule of venues and times, visit <https://stcarloaustralia.com>

Pilgrimage to the Marian Valley, Saturday 27 June 2026 celebrating the Feast Day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Bus transport is available for \$35.00pp return. Pick-up Time/Venue: 6:30am, Holy Spirit Church Bray Park; 7:00am Sacred Heart church Sandgate; 7:15am St. Flannan's church Zillmere; 7:30am Queen of Apostles church Stafford. For further information and to book your seat/s, contact Jima on 0432374239.

ENCOUNTER CATHOLIC KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

This one-day program is filled with fun, games, activities, engaging messages and prayers, all designed to give children a positive and powerful experience of the Catholic faith. Come along for a program of fun, friends and faith!

When and Where: Five dates and locations across the June/July school holidays.

Find all the information here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ECKJuly>

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

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

Dick Armit, Percy Adams, Wilhelmina Albertha Janssen, William (Bill) Davis, Matthew Hickey, Doreen Burgess, Rudolf Muller, Peter Price, Bernard Welch, Debra Wallace, Valerie Joan Nugent, Lawrence D'Ekenaike, Noel Lovisa

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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.

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Roster for this Sunday — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th/21st June (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	Sacristan Doreen Mones Pat Casey, Carleen Augustus, Bernie Piovesan	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Marie Hird, Agimary Joseph, Mia Young	Sacristan Bryan Irvine Veronica Topindik, Ester Malgapo, Joyce Cubillan, Alvin Cubillan, Juliet Kumar, Japar Kumar
Altar Servers			Francis Fernando Peter Fernando Theresa
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	—
Music		Emmanuel Choir	"Chorus Dei" Choir
Hospitality			Filipino Group