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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat 6:00pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sun 7:00am, 9:00am
Sun 11am 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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK (HEALING MASS)

2nd Friday of the month at 7.00am

BAPTISMS

1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the Month.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 8:45am; 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

Chair – Matthew Dahms
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Chair – John Thomas
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Chair – Dawn Penna,
Secretary - Marian Brooks

**28th June 2026 — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

THEME: HOSPITALITY

The message that runs through the first Reading (2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16), is that generosity brings blessing. The Reading presented us with the generosity of a Shunammite couple (though initiated by the wife), who invited Prophet Elisha to break his journey in their house, whenever he was passing their neighbourhood, to have a meal. As time progressed, they built a room for him in the attic of their house which they furnished with bed, table, chair and lamp. Thus, Elisha was able to have a rest in their home before he continued his journey. This couple who was motivated by altruism, provided services to Elisha because he was a prophet of the Lord and not because of any foreseen reward. None-the-less, the Lord appreciated their generosity and blessed their home with a child because they were childless. "This time next year," Elisha said to the woman, "you will hold a son in your arms."

The theme of hospitality to God's messenger linked the first Reading to the Gospel (Mt 10:37-42). "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me." And again, "If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward." Here, we acknowledge all the sacrifices our forebearers had made, and we are still making for the spread of the Good News.

We acknowledge all the physical, emotional and spiritual sacrifices, the financial support and all the hours volunteered in the service of the Church as: cleaner, reader, Special Minister of the Eucharist, florist, gardener, sacrificial thanksgiving counter, computer technician, piety stall attendee, a member of St Vincent de Paul Conference, Sacristan, altar servers and so on. All these sacrifices that you have made for the Church shall not be in vain. The Lord will reward you abundantly the way he knows best.

Today's Gospel passage also contains some challenging texts like, "anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it."

The above texts should be interpreted through the lenses of the two greatest commandments in which the love of God takes precedence over the love of neighbour. Jesus had taught that loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength is the first and greatest of the commandments and loving one's neighbour as oneself is the second commandment (Mt 22:36-40). The sacrifice Jesus envisaged us to make as his followers is not an easy one, because our family is important to us. Jesus expects us to love and care for our family indeed. For instance, he criticised the practise of 'corban' by the Pharisees in these words, "for Moses said, 'Honour your father and your mother', and 'the one who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.' But you say, 'If a man shall say to his father or mother, "Whatever benefit you might receive from me is corban" (that is, set aside as a gift to God), he is not obligated to help his parents"' (Mark 7:11 - 12). Jesus believed that this interpretation of the Law which negated one's responsibility to one's family is contrary to the commandment of God and must be abrogated.

The call of Jesus to discipleship is an invitation for us not to be complacent in the society in which we live. It must be engraved in our consciousness that our Christian calling demands us to live a holy life – to be the best-behaved child, the best husband, wife, dad, mum, uncle, and aunt. It also challenges us to be altruistic and compassionate in our daily living, and to be diligent as we discharge our duties or responsibilities.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSP

SUNDAY READINGS

(Our Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19 (JB)

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42 (JB)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 27 th	8:00am	Rudolf Muller (RIP)
	6:00pm	Celine Jeremiah (RIP)
Sun 28 th	7.00am	Ray Smith (Guidance from the Holy Spirit)
	9.00am	Rea & George Cherval (RIP anniv) Manfred Kirchner (1 st year anniv)
Mon 29 th	7.00am	Norma Quinn (Special Intention)
Tue 30 th	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 1 st	7.00am	Alma Mackinnon (RIP anniv)
Thu 2 nd	9.00am	Alexandre Heeraman (RIP)
Fri 3 rd	7.00am	Holy Soul of Helen Cabungcal
Sat 4 th	8.00am	

Upcoming Events

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 7am/9am

Aug 29 th	Working Bee
Aug 30 th	Multicultural Mass
Sep 8 th	Birthday of Mother Mary
Sep 13 th	Parish Assembly
Sep 14 th	Exaltation of the Cross
Sep 29 th	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Oct 7 th	Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers
Oct 29 th	Fr Rozo Healing Mass

RECONCILIATION

In addition to our regular Saturday times of **8:45am** and **5:15pm**, we are pleased to offer a **new reconciliation time each Wednesday**, following the 7am Mass and Benediction. This will commence this week, Wednesday 1st July.

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.

We will be starting new classes soon — so if you, or someone you know, has ever felt drawn to explore the Catholic faith, now is a wonderful time to begin the journey. To find out more, contact the parish office on **3205 1493** or braypark@bne.catholic.net.au.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY SPIRIT WINTER APPEAL

Thank you to our loyal Parishioners who have donated to our Winter Appeal over the last 3 weeks. Thanks also to those who donate throughout the year as well.

ALL money donated is used to assist needy families in our local area during Winter, and our Appeal is continuing until 30th June. Tax deductible receipts are available at the Piety Store.

THANK YOU from all at SVDP Holy Spirit Pine Rivers.

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.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH WELCOMES FATHER VINCENT ELIMAH CSSp



Dear beloved Christians,

My name is Rev. Fr. Vincent Makokhah Elimah, C.S.Sp, a member of Holy Ghost Fathers from Africa — particularly Kenya. I am deeply honored and grateful to be appointed as your New Associate Pastor here at Holy Spirit Parish Bray Park.

I thank God for the opportunity given by the Archbishop Shane the Archbishop of Brisbane and our Congregational Leader Fr. Edward to serve this Parish and to join this faith filled community.

As I begin this Journey with you, I come with an open heart, eager to know you, pray with you and walk alongside you in faith. I know that every Parish has its own history, traditions and strengths. I look forward to learning from you and working to continue God's mission in this community of Bray Park.

My hope is that we will grow as one family in Christ, Supporting one another through joys and challenges and showing God's love with all those around us.

I ask for your Prayers as I begin this ministry among you just as I assure you of my prayers for each other. I thank the Parish priest Rev. Fr. Chinua C.S.Sp and the Parishioners for the warm welcome.

May God Bless our Parish, Strengthen our Faith and guide us as we move forward together.

Fr. Vincent Makokhah Elimah, C.S.Sp.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The July-December Planned giving envelopes are now available and are available at the front of the church. Thank you for your very generous support.

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.

OUR NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

If you make donations by depositing directly into the parish account, please take note of our **new account details** below. These details also apply to any donations made for **Pentecost** or **PNG**.

Account Name: Holy Ghost Fathers

BSB: 064-786

Account Number: 1000 29092

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY – *One Heart & One Soul in Christ* - Sunday 30th August

Holy Spirit Parish warmly invites everyone to our annual Multicultural Celebration - a joyous occasion when the many nations of our parish come together to praise the one God who unites us all.

The day begins at 9am with our Multicultural Mass in the church. After Mass, the celebrations continue in the Holy Spirit School Hall with entertainment and a tasting of international foods from around the world.

If you'd like to share a dish from your culture, perform, or help on the day, please fill out a form, available at the back of the church.

VATICAN REAFFIRMS HOMILY RESERVED TO CLERGY

The Vatican's Dicastery for Divine Worship has confirmed that lay people may not preach the homily at Mass. In a letter dated 17 June 2026, it declined a request from the German Bishops' Conference to allow commissioned lay faithful to preach in place of the homily in exceptional circumstances.

The Dicastery explained that this is not merely a disciplinary rule that can be set aside, but flows from the nature of the liturgy itself: the homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word and an exercise of the teaching office entrusted to priests and deacons through Holy Orders.

It noted that the Church already provides many other ways for lay people to proclaim the Word and preach outside the homily and outside the Mass.

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

Trevor Furness, Pat Casey, Suzanne Connor, 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

Cecil Taylor, Rea Cherval, Patricia Willis, Jessica Holmes, Jack O'Sullivan, Josephine Taylor, Brian Bath, Michel Monthy, Tom Standish, Maree Clarke, Alma Mackinnon, Audrey Gisinger, Muriel Mohr, Beth Ward, Mary Cartmill, Dorothy Young, Darren Scott

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 CONFIRMATION

Confirmation (Year 3)
Commitment Masses:

- Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 July

Ceremony: Saturday 22 August @ 6.00pm

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Roster for this Sunday — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th/28th June (4th Sunday of the Month)			
	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Wendy Greasley Dylan Marsh	Sania Taukeve Remigia Muller	Beverley Halangoda Zoraida Requina
Special Ministers	Sacristan Yanery Ventura Marian Brooks, Peter Greasley, Tony Martin	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Vicki Norris, Laurie Conlon, Regina Fong	Sacristan Bryan Irvine Veronica Topindik, Alvin Cubillan, Juliet Kumar, Ester Malgapo, Pele Pese, Susan Lu
Altar Servers	Shaun Perera Faith D'Souza		Sophia Moody Christian Dahms
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	—
Music		Emmanuel Choir	Young Adults
Hospitality			Parish Council