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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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5th July 2026 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Theme: "True Greatness Is Found in Humility and Resting in Christ."

The world tells us that greatness comes through power, wealth, recognition, and being ahead of everyone else. But today's readings reveal a completely different path. God's way is the way of Humility, Peace, Love, Surrender, and Trust.

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah announces the coming of the Messiah: "See, your king comes to you... humble and riding on a donkey."

People expected a mighty king riding a powerful horse, surrounded by soldiers. Instead, God sends a King who comes in peace. Jesus conquers hearts, not by force, but by love.

Sometimes we pray for God to change our situation, yet God first wants to change our hearts. Pride makes us depend on ourselves; humility teaches us to depend on Him.

Many of our burdens come because we try to carry tomorrow's worries with today's strength. We want to control everything instead of trusting God. The Psalm reminds us that: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion." This means that even when we feel weak or have failed, God does not push us away. His mercy is always greater than our weakness.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that if the Spirit of God lives in us, we should not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. When we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us, we experience the new life that Christ gives.

This is a daily choice. Every morning we decide:

Will I be led by fear or by faith?

By pride or by humility?

By the world or by the Holy Spirit?

Then comes the beautiful Gospel. Jesus says:

"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Notice that Jesus does not say, "Come to me only when your problems are over."

He says, "Come with your burdens."

Many people carry invisible burdens: disappointments, family struggles, financial worries, hidden grief, unanswered prayers and etc.

Sometimes people smile on the outside while carrying heavy hearts within. Jesus is inviting us not merely to receive relief, but to enter into a relationship with Him.

Then He says: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart."

A yoke joins two together. When we accept Christ's yoke, we are no longer carrying life's weight alone. Jesus walks with us. The burden becomes lighter because He shares it with us.

A small child walking with a heavy bag may struggle alone. But when the father takes hold of the bag, the child still walks, yet the weight is no longer crushing. That is what Jesus does for us. He may not remove every cross immediately, but He helps us carry it.

Today's readings invite us to

- Welcome Christ the humble King into our hearts.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to guide our daily lives.
- Stop relying only on our own strength.
- Bring every burden to Jesus, trusting that true rest is found in Him.

The deepest peace is not found when life becomes easy.

The deepest peace is found when Christ carries life with us.

"The strongest person is not the one who carries every burden alone, but the one who knows when to place every burden into the hands of Christ."

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

Safeguarding Commitment

Holy Spirit Parish has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, ministries and services.

SUNDAY READINGS

(Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-10 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 (JB)

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING Romans 8:9, 11-13 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30 (JB)

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 4 th	8:00am	Julieta & Vincente Trillana (RIP – Birthday Anniversary)
	6:00pm	Mary & Lawrence D'Ekenaike (RIP)
Sun 5 th	7.00am	Gerry Doyle (RIP Birthday Anniversary) Trevor Furness (RIP)
	9.00am	Deceased members of the Daniels and Impenal families
Mon 6 th	7.00am	Theo Stigner (RIP Anniversary)
Tue 7 th	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 8 th	7.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu 9 th	9.00am	Jill Barrett (RIP 5 th Anniversary)
Fri 10 th	7.00am	Cenia Booth (Birthday)
Sat 11 th	8.00am	

Upcoming Events

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 23 rd	Working Bee
Aug 29 th	Setting up for Multicultural Sunday
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 (Archangels)
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, Reconciliation is now also offered each Wednesday, following the 7am Mass and Benediction.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Young Adults group will be holding a sausage sizzle this Sunday 5th July, straight after the 9am Mass. All proceeds will go towards supporting their attendance at the Ignite Conference. *Sausages just \$2!!!*

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.

OUR NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

If you make donations by depositing directly into the parish account (2nd Collection), please take note of our **new account details** below.

Account Name: Holy Spirit Parish

BSB: 064-786

Account Number: 1000 29183

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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support of our Winter Appeal over the last month, and receipts are now available at the Piety Store.

Thank you too to Holy Spirit School students, parents, teachers and staff who have donated food, blankets, beanies and gloves to be distributed to local families during winter.

We really appreciate the wonderful support we always have from our Parish + School.

Thank you from all at SVDP Holy Spirit.

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.

PROCESSION WITH THE LECTIONARY

We kindly request that readers should be ready to process with the lectionary immediately following the Opening Prayer at Sunday Mass.

ENCOUNTER CATHOLIC KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

This one-day program is filled with fun, games, activities and engaging messages and prayers 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 over the June/July school holidays.

Find all the information here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ECKJuly>

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK — "50 YEARS OF DEADLY"

This week, from 5 to 12 July, our nation celebrates NAIDOC Week, honouring the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly," marks a special milestone — five decades of NAIDOC Week — and pays tribute to the Elders, artists, leaders and communities who have carried the movement forward.

As a parish community, we give thanks for the oldest continuous living cultures on earth, and for the deep spirituality, connection to country, and wisdom of First Nations peoples. We acknowledge that the Strathpine and Bray Park areas sit on the traditional country of the Yugarabul people, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

During this week, let us take time to listen, to learn, and to walk beside our First Nations brothers and sisters — not ahead or behind, but alongside them — in a spirit of humility, hope and peace.

"We acknowledge all First Peoples of the beautiful lands on which we live and celebrate their enduring knowledge and connections to Country."

EXCOMMUNICATION DECLARED FOLLOWING LEFEBVRITE ORDINATIONS

On July 2, the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, in a decree signed by Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, declared that the bishops and priests involved in the recent episcopal ordinations of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX) have incurred automatic excommunication. The ordinations, held in Écône, Switzerland, on July 1, were carried out without papal mandate and against the expressed will of Pope Leo XIV, and were judged to be an act of a schismatic nature.

The decree confirms that these ministers are considered schismatics, and that lay faithful who formally adhere to the Fraternity are likewise regarded as excommunicated. The Dicastery also reminds the faithful that sacraments celebrated by SSPX ministers are administered illicitly, and that confessions and marriages assisted by them are invalid. At the same time, the Church, "as a caring mother," warmly welcomes any who wish to return to full communion, and all are encouraged to remain united with the Holy Father and the whole Church.

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

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

John Schreiber, Beth Gamurot, Bernard Darwin, Bill O'Brien, Alan Gordon, Theodore Stigner, Joseph Toth, Camillus Garskey, Evelyn Covey, Freda Gallagher, Leslie Ratcliff, Mary Boyle, Trudy Askew, Joyce Crellin

Recently Deceased: Trevor Furness

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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 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th/5th July (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,	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Nelia De La Vega, Vicki Norris, Marie Hird	Sacristan Bryan Irvine David Waken, Joyce Cubillan, Alvin Cubillan, Pele Pese, Juliet Kumar
Altar Servers	—	Maria Kunau	Klara Pacl Janelle Bose
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	—
Music	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	"Spirit Alive" Choir
Hospitality			Religious Education