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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

HEALING MASS (ANOINTING OF THE SICK)

2nd Friday of the month at 7.00am

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Every Wednesday after the 7am Mass until
Thursday 8:30am & 1st Friday of the month –
8:15pm until 7:30am Saturday morning

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

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 – Dawn Penna,
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2nd August 2026 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Theme: Jesus Satisfies the Hunger of Our Hearts.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every human being experiences hunger.

There is physical hunger for food, but there are also deeper hungers: hunger for love, peace, acceptance, healing, and hope.

Today's readings reveal that only God can truly satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart. He sees our needs and provides for us.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah gives a beautiful invitation from God: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters."

God invites His people to receive what cannot be bought with money. That is to seek that which satisfies the heart, instead of chasing things that can never bring lasting happiness. He offers his love and His grace freely.

Many people spend their lives searching for satisfaction in material things, achievements, or human approval, but after gaining them they still feel empty.

Why? Because the human heart was created for God and it is only God who can fill the space that belongs to Him.

The Responsorial Psalm reminds us:

"The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers and cares about all our needs."

God does not distant from our struggles. He sees our needs and provides for His children.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us one of the strongest messages of hope:

"Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ."

Paul had experienced suffering, rejection, and persecution, yet he remained convinced that God's love was greater than every difficulty.

Our circumstances may change, but God's love remains constant.

Then in the Gospel, Jesus sees a large crowd following Him. They are hungry, and the disciples want to send them away.

But Jesus says: "They need not to go away; you need to give them something to eat." They say they have only five loaves and two fish.

The disciples saw only what was lacking but Jesus saw it as an opportunity for God's power to be revealed by performing a miracle.

He blessed the little that was available and it became enough for everyone.

From the Gospel learn a very important lesson:

God does not always ask us to give what we do not have but He asks us to place what we have into His hands. From this we see that God cares about our physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Our gifts may seem small. Our strength may seem limited.

Our resources may seem insufficient; but when surrendered to Christ, God can multiply them.

A small act of kindness can touch a life.

A simple prayer can bring healing and the little faith can become a great testimony.

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Life Example:

A small seed looks insignificant, but when planted and cared for, it becomes a tree that gives shade and fruit. In the same way, what we place in God's hands can become greater than we imagined.

Isaiah tells us that God alone satisfies our deepest thirst.

The Psalm reminds us that God provides for His people. St. Paul assures us that nothing can separate us from Christ's love.

The Gospel shows Jesus feeding the hungry and revealing God's compassionate heart.

As we celebrate today's Eucharist, let us move closer to Jesus who continues to feed us with His word and His body so that; we may trust Him with our needs and believe that whatever we place in His hands can become a blessing for many.

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 Isaiah 55:1-3 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18 (JB)

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING Romans 8:35, 37-39 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21 (JB)

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 1st	8:00am	Mabel Spillman (RIP)
	6:00pm	Mary & Lawrence D'Ekenaike (RIP)
Sun 2nd	7:00am	Frank Castelli (RIP)
	9:00am	Holy Spirit Prayer Family
Mon 3rd	7:00am	Glen & Jules D'Souza (Wedding Anniversary) Glen & Gayle D'Souza (Birthday)
Tue 4th	7:30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 5th	7:00am	
Thu 6th	9:00am	Dorcas Leema (RIP)
Fri 7th	7:00am	
Sat 8th	8:00am	Herbert Quinn (RIP Anniversary)

Upcoming Events

Aug 8 th	St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Aug 14 th	Assumption of Our Lady 7.30pm
Aug 15 th	Assumption of Our Lady 8am (Cuppa)
Aug 15 th	Multicultural Sunday Combined Choir practice – 11am
Aug 22 nd	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 (After 9am Mass)
Sep 14 th	Exaltation of the Cross
Sep 29 th	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Archangels)
Oct 7 th	Our Lady of the Rosary
Oct 10 th	Rosary Procession after Mass
Oct 23 rd	Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers
Oct 29 th	Fr Rozo Healing Mass
Nov 1 st	All Saints Day
Nov 2 nd	All Souls Day Masses: 7am, 12 noon; 5.30pm Mass & Blessing at Lawnton Cemetery

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Giuliano is now on leave until Wednesday, 9th September. Alex will be covering where possible but office hours may be adjusted during this time. We wish Giuliano and Peach a safe and relaxing break!

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. **Classes have now commenced and will continue every Thursday at 7.00pm.** To find out more, contact the parish office on **3205 1493** or braypark@bne.catholic.net.au.

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE: Only 9 Tickets left-available before and after masses this weekend until sold out. Great opportunity for \$20 a ticket with 12 cash prizes available over next 10 weeks commencing 8th August. Good luck! Benefits local charities.

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.

SUNDAY CUPPA / WINE & CHEESE - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

So many of us enjoy a 'cuppa' and a chat after both the 7am and 9am Mass each Sunday and 'wine and cheese' after the 6pm Mass on the second Sunday of the month. It has become part of our routine and we are very grateful to our loyal groups of volunteers who make it happen.

We would love to have some new volunteers. The following groups currently volunteer for the 'cuppa' after 9am Mass:

Knights of the Southern Cross, Indian Group, Samoan Group, Filipino Group, Religious Education Group, Parish Council, Patricia, Kim, Colleen, Damien and friends, Couples for Christ, Young Adults Group.

Each group is rostered on once every two months.

There is always someone on hand to help out, if you, or your group, need assistance.

If you would like to be involved, either by joining an existing group, or by forming a new group, please contact me, or the Parish Office.

Any donations of biscuits/cakes etc. are always very welcome. Most of the food served is provided by our generous volunteers.

Thank you, Catherine (plucka01@bigpond.com)

OZANAM CLUB – THIS WEDNESDAY

The Ozanam club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Bowls Club Coffee Shop at 10:30am. The next meeting will be this Wednesday, the 5th of August.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP NIGHT

 **Worship Night-This Saturday- 1st August, 7-8:30pm-** All youth and young adults (16+) are invited. To be held in Parish Meeting Room

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2026 — Brisbane, 24–27 September

Ignite Conference is coming to Brisbane! For over 25 years, this national Catholic conference has been inspiring young people and building up parishes and schools through powerful rallies, keynotes, workshops, and Mass. Held at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane, from Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 September, it's a wonderful opportunity for young people especially — as well as families, leaders, and teachers — to encounter Christ and be renewed in faith. We warmly encourage the young people of our parish to take part! If you'd like to take part, you are most welcome to talk to Father Chinua or Father Vincent.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

On Saturday 15 August, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — the day Our Lady was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. This beautiful feast reminds us of God's promise to us all, and of Mary's place as our Mother and intercessor. This day is a Holy day of Obligation. Mass times will be Friday 14th August at 7:30pm and 8:00am on Saturday morning. Cuppa shall be served after the 8.00am Mass.

2026 WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN PERSONS

As we mark the 2026 World Day Against Trafficking in Human Persons on the theme "Trapped behind the scam," the International Coordinator of Talitha Kum, the global network of Consecrated Life Against Human Trafficking, brings us an all-too-common story of our time and the appeal to weave networks of hope, peace, freedom and justice so no one is treated as a commodity.

Human trafficking continues to take new forms. As technology advances, traffickers also adapt, using social media, online platforms, and deceptive recruitment strategies to exploit people seeking better opportunities. A job offer that promises hope and a future can become a pathway into fear, abuse, and exploitation.

Ayu's story is one example of this painful reality. Ayu left Indonesia after accepting what she believed was a real job offer from a trusted friend, only to become a victim of human trafficking in the Philippines. She was trafficked into an online scam compound, where she was forced to work under constant fear, with armed guards making escape nearly impossible. She witnessed many others endure threats, violence, and emotional abuse before she was rescued through the collaboration of the Talitha Kum networks in Indonesia and the Philippines, together with the International Justice Mission (IJM), and began her journey of healing. Today, she is a survivor advocate, using her voice to expose the reality of human trafficking and help prevent others from experiencing the same exploitation. For more information, link over page:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2026-07/world-day-against-human-trafficking-sr-abby-avellino-talitha-kum.html>

We pray for all of our sick parishioners and those who we have been asked to pray for, especially: Vince Lester, Pat Casey, Suzanne Connor, Eddie & Silvia Perazzoli, Rosemay Cherval, Bryan Doyle, 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, Henry Mencia, Victoria Murrell, Maarten Vollebregt, Henny Van Meygaarden, People in Nursing Homes.

We Remember

Vera Pickerd, Tony & Damonn Woulfe, Frances Syrkiewicz, Patrick Butler, Margaret Currie, Clara Webster, Caroline Okeke, Aussie McCartney, Pilar Urbina-Trillo, Kathleen Davies, Paul Hankinson, May Haydon, Maureen Dallas, Eileen Bruce, Bob Brown, Faye Farraher, Elizabeth Boxtton, Peter Sala, Arvo Jutila, Georgina Stevens, Asha Henrikson, Granville Gibbon, Arch Portails, Peter Buckley

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Roster for this Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st/2nd August (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, Susan Lu
Altar Servers		Maria Kunau	Klara Pacl, Janelle Bose
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music	Youth & Young Adults	Emmanuel Choir	"Spirit Alive" Choir
Hospitality			Indian Community