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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
Secretary – Patrick Collins
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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair – John Thomas
Secretary – Sabrina Menezes

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chair – Dawn Penna,
Secretary - Marian Brooks

9th August 2026 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Our situation in life often influences the medium through which we interact with God or experience God in our lives. I recall some years back when a woman came to me for advice because her relationship with her husband had deteriorated so badly that she believed her marriage was no longer salvageable. According to her, the splitting in half of the Eucharist on her palm as she picked it up to consume in a recent Eucharistic celebration sealed it for her that her marriage had suffered an irreparable damage.

Her interpretation of this incident was influenced by what was happening in her marriage. Supposing she was a happy expectant mother, she may have interpreted the splitting of the host as an indication that she may be having twins or merely a natural occurrence. The host had split because it cracked. Though not a frequent occurrence, host has split in my hand as I distributed Holy Communion.

In today's Gospel (Mt 14:22-33), Jesus having fed the multitude, sent his disciples ahead of him to the other side of the secluded area while he dismissed the crowd. Having sent the people away, he went to the mountain to pray until night fall. Meanwhile, his disciples were in fear and shock because they were being battered by a strong headwind. While Jesus was walking towards them on the sea, he noticed their anxiety and perplexity. Their fear was compounded when they thought that Jesus was a ghost because he was walking on the sea. He tried to soothe their fears by saying to them, "Courage, it is I, do not be afraid." However, it was only when Jesus stilled the sea and calmness returned to their sailing that they acknowledged the presence of God in their midst by bowing down and worshipping Jesus, for they could only discover God in the stillness of the waves just as Elijah in the first reading was only able to discover God in the gentle breeze.

At times, we may be experiencing turbulence, such as a chronic illness, a sudden death or betrayal in our lives or in our families, that we need a gentle breeze or the stillness of the waves to calm our fears. The psalmist said, "be still and know that I am God." (Ps 46:10). In this context we need a God of hope, healing, forgiveness, and break-through.

At other times, we may need our spirit lifted and we would discover God in rowdy events. During the Jewish sojourn in the desert, as they travelled to the promised land from Egypt, they experienced God as God of Thunder, Earthquake, and Lightning at Mount Sinai. (Ex 19:14-22). The Jews needed to experience the might of God to believe that God could bring them to the promised land. Similarly, on the day of Pentecost, the frightened disciples of Jesus experienced the Holy Spirit as a hurricane and fire. (Acts 2:1-4).

God has been invoked as God of Power, God Almighty, Immutable God, God of Justice, God of Mercy and Compassion, God of Love, God of Peace, Avenging God, God of Majesty, Eternal Father, Everlasting God, God of Consolation, God of War, Omnipotent God, Omniscience God, King of Kings, I Am, Lion of Judah, Eternal Presence, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, God of Creation, Invincible God and Incarnate God (Emmanuel). A particular invocation of God may be more akin to our state in life at a time than another invocation.

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For instance, those facing structural injustice or oppression will cry to God as a God of Justice, and those who are experiencing harmony and peace in their lives will thank a God of Love and Peace.

Lord, may all who cry out to you, not cry out in vain, but may they always experience you as a caring and loving God. Amen

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

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.

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

(Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84:9-14 (JB)

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33 (JB)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Mass Intentions

Sat 8 th	8:00am	Herbert Quinn (RIP Anniversary)
	6:00pm	Celine Jeremiah (RIP)
Sun 9 th	7.00am	Minerva Go (RIP Anniversary)
	9.00am	Melville, Laurence, Olive & Keith David (RIP Anniversaries)
Mon 10 th	7.00am	
Tue 11 th	7.30pm	Gabriel D'Souza & Pascal Rodrigues (RIP)
Wed 12 th	7.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu 13 th	9.00am	Baptiste D'Souza (10yr RIP Anniversary)
Fri 14 th	7.00am	Bernarda Suaraz (112 th Birthday Anniversary)
	7.30pm	Dorcas Leema (RIP)
Sat 15 th	8.00am	Rufino Malgapo (Birthday)

Upcoming Events

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 Roza 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

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We sadly announce the passing of a dear member of our parish family, Margaret Wallace, on Wednesday, 5th August. Margaret's funeral will be held at **11 am on Monday 17th August** at Holy Spirit Church, Bray Park. All are welcome.

Please keep Margaret, Greg and their family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto Margaret, O Lord. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

WINE & CHEESE – THIS SATURDAY EVENING



We will have Wine & Cheese this Saturday after the 6pm Mass. It's completely free of charge and it's a great way to catch up with friends in the parish, socialise, and meet new parishioners. Everyone is most welcome to attend.



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.

The Cult of the Blessed Virgin in the Church

Placed by the grace of God, as God's Mother, next to her Son, and exalted above all angels and men, Mary intervened in the mysteries of Christ and is justly honoured by a special cult in the Church. Clearly from earliest times the Blessed Virgin is honoured under the title of Mother of God, under whose protection the faithful took refuge in all their dangers and necessities. Hence after the Synod of Ephesus the cult of the people of God toward Mary wonderfully increased in veneration and love, in invocation and imitation, according to her own prophetic words: "All generations shall call me blessed, because He that is mighty hath done great things to me". This cult, as it always existed, although it is altogether singular, differs essentially from the cult of adoration which is offered to the Incarnate Word, as well to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and it is most favourable to it. The various forms of piety toward the Mother of God, which the Church within the limits of sound and orthodox doctrine, according to the conditions of time and place, and the nature and ingenuity of the faithful has approved, bring it about that while the Mother is honoured, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and that all His commands are observed.

https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat_ii_const_19641121_lumen-gentium_en.html

WORKING BEE

We're calling on all willing hands to join our parish Working Bee on Saturday 22nd August 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. Please bring Garden Tools and Hedge Trimmers!

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Catechism classes for high school students continue after the Sunday 9am Mass today. All high school-aged young people are warmly welcome to come along.

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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)

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

~Meeting after 9am Mass this Sunday~

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.

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

Salvatore Sant-Angelo, Vince Lester, Suzanne Connor, Eddie & Silvia Perazzoli, Bryan Doyle, Carolyn Tanner, Vincent Stufano and family, Sr Lina Vaschina, Anna Maria Vaschina, Christina Grace Hambling, People in Nursing Homes.

We Remember

Roy Cawdell, Jose Cameron, Joseph Toth, Eros Ballario, Michael Markham, Yusta Silayo (Fr Msami's Aunt), Charle La Caze, Milius Esparon, Desmond Doyle, Kevin O'Connor, Kevin Hammond, Arthur Mumford, Fr Peter Newman, Rita Spirason, Agia Renolders

Recently Deceased: Margaret Wallace, Pacita Gathbonton

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Roster for this Sunday – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th/9th August (2nd Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Tony Martin Paul Naylor	Ashley Smith Marie Hird	Ester Malgapo Rebecca Davis
Special Ministers	Sacristan Carleen Augustus Tony Martin, Alan Brooks, Yanery Ventura	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Ashley Smith, Agimary Joseph, Joseph Ignatius, Laurie Conlon	Sacristan Bryan Irvine Alvin Cubillan, Susan Lu, Pele Pese, David Waken, Joyce Cubillan
Altar Servers	Josie Lindstrom, Juliette Lindstrom, Tomas Lindstrom	Lokani Fosita, Julius Fosita	Angelique Moody, Xavier Priaux
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music		Emmanuel Choir	Samoan Community Choir
Hospitality	Wine & Cheese		Samoan Group