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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 – John Thomas
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LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chair – Dawn Penna,
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16th August 2026 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Theme: God's Mercy Is for Everyone Who Believes.

One of the greatest temptations in life is to think that some people are beyond God's love or beyond His mercy. Today's readings completely destroy that idea. They proclaim a powerful truth: God's salvation is for everyone who comes to Him with faith.



In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when foreigners - people who were once considered outsiders will be welcomed into God's family. The Lord declares: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. This was a revolutionary message. God's love was never meant for one nation alone. His heart has always embraced the whole world.

The Responsorial Psalm continues this beautiful theme:

Let all the peoples praise You, O God. Notice that the Psalm does not say some peoples. It says all peoples. God desires every person to know Him, worship Him, and experience His saving love.

In the second reading, St. Paul reflects on God's plan of salvation. Although many of his fellow Israelites had rejected Christ, Paul never lost hope. He reminds us that: The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. God never withdraws His love. He patiently continues calling His children back to Himself. This is wonderful news for anyone who feels they have wandered far from God.

Then, in the Gospel, we meet the Canaanite woman. She is not an Israelite. She is considered an outsider. Yet she comes to Jesus crying: Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is tormented by a demon. At first, Jesus appears silent. Then He speaks in a way that seems difficult to understand. But the woman refuses to give up. She humbly replies: Even the little dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table. Jesus is deeply moved by her faith and says: O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.

Her daughter is healed immediately. Notice that this woman possessed three qualities that opened the door to God's miracle: She had faith. She was humble. She persevered in prayer. She did not allow silence to destroy her hope. She did not allow obstacles to stop her. She trusted that Jesus was merciful. Many of us stop praying when answers seem delayed. We become discouraged when God does not act according to our timetable. But today's Gospel teaches us that God's delays are not God's denials. Sometimes He is strengthening our faith so that we learn to trust Him more deeply. Let the faith of the Canaanite woman inspire you to keep praying, keep trusting, and never lose hope.

As we celebrate today's Eucharist, let us remember that; Great faith is not giving up when God seems silent; it is continuing to trust until His mercy is revealed.

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.

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 Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 (JB)

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28 (JB)

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Mass Intentions

Sat 15 th	6:00pm	Jose Gugierrez (Recently Deceased)
Sun 16 th	7.00am	Pacita Gatabonton (Recently Deceased)
	9.00am	Nilda De la Guerra (Recently Deceased)
Mon 17 th	7.00am	Michael, Patsy & Liam Anderson (Death Anniversaries)
	11.00am	Margaret Wallace (Funeral)
Tue 18 th	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 19 th	7.00am	Daniele Bourguignon (RIP Anniversary)
Thu 20 th	9.00am	
Fri 21 st	7.00am	Carmela Cester (Recently Deceased)
Sat 22 nd	8.00am	

Upcoming Events

Aug 22 nd	Working Bee
Aug 22 nd	Sacrament of Confirmation- 6.00pm
Aug 23 rd	Catholic Campaign
Aug 29 th	Setting up for Multicultural Sunday
Aug 30 th	Multicultural Mass – 9am
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

PARISH ASSEMBLY- Sunday, 13th September, after the 9:00am Mass

As Fr Chinua marks his first anniversary as Parish Priest, all parishioners are warmly invited to join him for a parish meeting to discuss **planning, ideas, suggestions and ways we can improve and strengthen our parish community. Your ideas and participation are most welcome.**

In preparation for the parish assembly, please complete a Parish Survey linked via the QR code below:



Surveys should be completed by Sunday 6th September for the data to be collated in time for the assembly.

We look forward to seeing you there!

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Margaret Wallace's funeral will be held at **11 am on Monday 17th August** at Holy Spirit Church, Bray Park. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers and Rosary from 9.45am. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION

We joyfully invite our parish community to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young people next Sunday Vigil (22nd Aug). Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together as a parish community.

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE

The winner of the 1st draw held on 8/8/26 was Claire MacKinnon of Bray Park with ticket no. 62. Congratulations, Claire!!!

WORKING BEE

We're calling on all willing hands to join our parish Working Bee this 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!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2026



22-23 August 2026

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We are actively looking for new members for our conference: Someone who can use a computer to input data into the CARE program and People who can meet with companions seeking help.

Support and training provided.

Be rewarded. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

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.

To ensure everything goes smoothly on the day, there are some important issues that we would like to bring to your attention:

PARKING: We are expecting a large crowd again this year and our car parking areas will be in high demand. **If car parks are full, please be mindful not to block our neighbours' driveways.**

PARKING MARSHALLS: To ensure people park their cars in a safe and responsible manner, we are looking for four or five volunteers to control the carparks. They would need to be on hand from 8am, (as the 7am crowd is leaving).

We need one person at the School Hall to ensure people who are dropping off food exit the area. No parking is allowed in the vicinity of the School Hall.

Car park outside Church - quite a few spaces in the carpark outside the Church need to be reserved for guests and parishioners who have requested a reserved space due to mobility issues.

Back carpark - once the back carpark is full, the driveway past the toilets has to be barricaded off. Once the front and Parish Hall carparks are full, driver's need to be directed to find street parking.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

For those of you with mobility issues, please contact the Parish Office and we will try to allocate a parking space for you. Also, as it is quite a walk from the Church to the School Hall, (for the celebrations after Mass), we can organize transport for you. Please leave your details with the Parish Office.

AUSSIE FOOD: Along with cups of tea and coffee we will have lots of Aussie treats for morning tea in the School Hall. Any donations of lamington fingers, Tim Tams, Anzac biscuits etc. would be very much appreciated. These can be left at the Parish Office prior to the event or dropped off at our stall on the day.

TESTING OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT: Many people generously prepare hot food to share, as part of the food celebration in the School Hall. **If you are planning to use an electrical appliance to keep food hot, please drop it in to the Parish Office by Tuesday 25th August. Testing will be done on Wednesday 26th.** Equipment will be available for collection from Thursday 27th August. **If your appliance has not been tested it cannot be used in the School Hall.**

SETTING UP IN THE SCHOOL HALL – SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST FROM 9AM: Setting up tables, chairs and decorating the Hall is a big task and we need as many volunteers as possible to ensure we get everything organized quickly and efficiently. We ask that each of our groups organize volunteers to help set up tables and decorate their displays.

LIMITED VEHICULAR ACCESS TO SCHOOL HALL ON SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST:

For those dropping off food to the School Hall, access will be available from 8am to 8.45am only. Once you have dropped off your food please exit the area. No parking will be allowed in the vicinity of the School Hall. The chain on the access road will be put up at 8.45am, boom gate shut shortly after. Please ensure that no cars are blocking the chained driveway. This is our emergency access road and must be kept clear at all times.

Thank you very much for your co-operation. We are looking forward to sharing another wonderful Multicultural Sunday with our Parish community.

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

Karen Bryant, 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

Ruth Edwards, Linda Kennedy, Muriel Furness, Roberto Wijangco, Baby Elizabeth Clifton, Patrick Brady, Ruby Brooks, Terrence Orreal, Margaret Denzin, Jessie Baildon, Beverley Conway, Michael Markham, Shelaen Kine, Fr Simon Emeanuo C.S.Sp., Kevin Dowd

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Baptism



This Sunday we warmly welcome:

*Violet Daphne Jackson &
Cassia Erin Musson*

into God's family and the Holy Spirit community. Congratulations to Violet and Cassia and their families on this very special day.

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Roster for this Sunday – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th/16th August (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, Carleen Augustus, Peter Greasley	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Marie Hird, Agimary Joseph, Mia Young	Sacristan Bryan Irvine Veronica Topindik, Alvin Cubillan, Joyce Cubillan, David Waken
Altar Servers			Francis Fernando, Peter Fernando, Theresa
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music	Jennifer, Hiroshi & Rey	Emmanuel Choir	"Chorus Dei" Choir
Hospitality			Filipino Group