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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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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair – John Thomas
Secretary – Sabrina Menezes

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chair – Dawn Penna,
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23rd August 2026 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

HOMILY FOR THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2026

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks a question that is as personal now as it was then: *"Who do you say that I am?"*

It is not asked of the crowds, but of the disciples — of those who walk with him, listen to him, and are learning what it means to be a disciple. Peter responds with a simple but profound confession of faith: *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* What follows is important. Jesus doesn't stop with praise for Peter's insight. He entrusts him with responsibility:

"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church."

Faith, in other words, is never just something we hold inwardly. It calls us outward — into relationship, into service, into shared responsibility for the life of the Church.

The first reading from Isaiah echoes this same movement. Authority is not given for self-interest or status, but for stewardship — for holding the key on behalf of others, for strengthening what has been entrusted. Saint Paul, in the reading from his letter to the Romans, reminds us why: everything comes from God, everything belongs to God, and everything finds its purpose in him.

Together, these readings remind us that the Church is not something we simply receive — it is something we build together, by God's grace.

We build the Church whenever faith takes flesh in practical love: when compassion is offered to those who are struggling, when dignity is upheld, when the vulnerable are cared for, and when the future is prepared with attention and hope.

That is what we all strive to do every day as part of the Church across our Archdiocese. And it is what the Annual Catholic Campaign exists to support.

Through this campaign, we are able to sustain ministries that consistently, faithfully live out our Gospel commitment to provide concrete support to people.

Centacare accompanies individuals and families facing illness, imprisonment, violence, or crisis, offering a caring presence as well as practical support.

The Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund helps ensure that children whose families are under pressure have access to Catholic education at a critical moment in their lives.

The Annual Grants Program supports a range of parish and community initiatives — often small, local responses that make a profound difference.

The Priests Foundation ensures that priests who have spent their lives in service are themselves supported with care and dignity in their retirement.

And Holy Spirit Seminary prepares future priests for ministry, fostering faith, humility, collaboration and service, at a time when leadership in the Church matters deeply.

None of this is abstract. It is the Church becoming visible in tangible acts of care, formation, and accompaniment — the Church that Christ continues to build, not only on Peter's profession on faith, but on the faith and generosity of God's people.



So today is an invitation — not only to give, but to recognise ourselves as part of this shared mission. When we support the Church's work, we are participating in something larger than ourselves. Following Peter's example, we are saying, in our own way, "You are the Christ" — and allowing that profession of faith to shape how we live.

I invite you to support the Annual Catholic Campaign prayerfully and generously, and to consider a regular monthly gift of an amount that is meaningful to you.

As we come to the Eucharist, we place our lives once again into God's hands, trusting in his wisdom and grace. May our faith, like Peter's, be both confident and active, and may our generosity help ensure that the Church continues to be a place of hope, compassion, and service for those who need it most. Together, may we allow God to keep building his Church among us — here and now, and into the future.

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

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 evangelisation and service,
2. Becoming a loving and welcoming community,
3. Recognizing and affirming the dignity of all as "*Children of God*" and
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 22:19-23 (JB)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8 (JB)*

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING *Romans 11:33-36 (JB)*

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13-20 (JB)*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you

the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 22 nd	6:00pm	Vince Lester (Recently Deceased)
Sun 23 rd	7.00am	Lourdes & Ollie Go (RIP anniversaries)
	9.00am	Margaret Wallace (RIP)
Mon 24 th	7.00am	Violeta Pregliasco (Birthday)
Tue 25 th	7.30pm	Anthony Almeida & Lilly Christopher (RIP)
Wed 26 th	7.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu 27 th	9.00am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri 28 th	7.00am	Thanksgiving for Gina Roxas Anderson, Daniel & Katelyn
Sat 29 th	8.00am	

Upcoming Events

Aug 25 th	Readers Meeting - 6.45pm
Aug 29 th	Setting up for Multicultural Sunday - 9am
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 17 th	Parish Dinner – 7pm
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!

READERS MEETING- Tuesday, 25th August, 6.45pm in the Church- We kindly ask all Readers to attend this brief meeting to learn about a new process that will be implemented shortly.

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

Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful opportunity to spend quiet time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It allows us to pray, reflect, give thanks and deepen our relationship with Christ. We are looking for volunteers to commit to 1 or 2 hours of Adoration on a regular basis. Please contact Lindy on 0447 977 394.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2026



22-23 August 2026

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When we unite as one Archdiocesan family through our gifts, we support ministries and people within our own neighbourhoods, reaching those in need, nurturing vocations, and participating in God's own work.

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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Funds raised will directly impact our parish and local communities. The Campaign supports the holistic formation of our future priests, cares for our elderly and retired priests, provides children in need with access to a Catholic education and gives hope to those in our community who are suffering physically and emotionally.

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE

The winner of the 2nd draw held on 15/8/26 was Irene Wells of Kallangur with ticket no. 53. Congratulations, Irene!!!

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We are actively looking for new members for our conference. Please contact Parish Office to assist.

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

Jon Quinn, Karen Bryant, Salvatore Sant-Angelo, 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

Lydia Pires, Peter Clarke, Paul Szabo, Ian Smyth, Mabel Simmons, Thea Clarke, James Bourke, Arthur Bazeley, James Tallon Snr, Margaret Flynn, Gabrielle Buckley, Fay Bourke, Roberto Wijangco, Harry Ardill, George Gossner, James Atkinson, John Overell, Clinton Gardiner, Jack McCormack.
Recently Deceased: Vince Lester

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Congratulations to *Poppy, Mhaxi, Nevaeh, Santo, Allan, Alexander, Christopher, Patrick, Nate, Zachary, Oliver, Haydden, Baxter, Gianne, Riona and Ayanna* who will be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit on this Sunday Vigil Mass. May God bless them as they grow in their love and knowledge of God.
Fr Chinua Okeke will preside over the Confirmation ceremony.

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Roster for this Sunday – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd/23rd August (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, Tony Martin, Bernie Piovesan	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Vicki Norris, Laurie Conlon, Marie Hird	Sacristan Bryan Irvine Veronica Topindik, Alvin Cubillan, Ester Malgapo, Pele Pese, Susan Lu
Altar Servers	Shaun Perera		Sophia Moody, Christian Dahms
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music	Jennifer, Hiroshi & Rey	Emmanuel Choir	"Couples for Christ Australia"
Hospitality			Religious Education