



**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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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

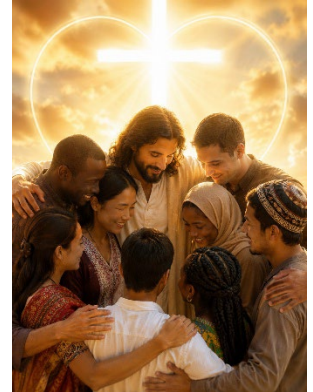
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chair – Dawn Penna,
Secretary - Marian Brooks

30th August 2026 – Multicultural Sunday

My dear friends in Christ,

I welcome you to this year's Holy Spirit Parish, Multicultural celebration with the theme: United in one heart and soul in Christ. St Paul had instructed that among the baptised, "there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, between circumcised and uncircumcised. There are no strangers, barbarians, slaves or free born, but Christ is all and in all." (Col 3:11). True Christian unity is a deep bond of one heart and soul that comes from sharing the life of Jesus Christ.



In the first reading taken from the book of Deuteronomy, (Deut 6:4-9) the Lord reminded the people of Israel that He their Creator, Sustainer, Provider and Father is one and they should love him with their heart, soul and strength, that is, they should become saturated with God. True unity with each other starts when we all look to the same God. When God is first in our homes and hearts, we share a common bond. The Book of Genesis reminds us that humanity was created in God's image as male and female. (Gen 1:26-27). It is the Lord who has given us our heritage, hence as we rejoice and celebrate our heritage, let us give our God the glory, the power and the honour.

Currently, your mother tongue is part of the approximately seven thousand one hundred and seventeen languages that are spoken globally, with thousands becoming extinct. Australian residents speak over three hundred languages. Some of the languages belong to the aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. According 2021 census, while 72% of Australian residents speak English at home, 22% of residents speak non-English languages at home.

In the second reading (Acts 4:32-37) the nascent Christian community in Jerusalem lived out the dictum of being one heart and soul in Christ. Their unity was not just a nice feeling as they shared their money and property, to ensure that no one was left in need. The apostles shared the good news of the resurrection with great power because God's grace was at work in all of them.

In the Gospel (Jon 17:20-23), taken from the priestly prayer of Jesus Christ during his last Supper with his disciple, portrayed Jesus praying for unity and oneness among his disciples and among all those who through their ministry would become believers. Jesus extended to us the glory the Father gave Him so that we could be completely one. Our unity proves to the world that God sent Jesus and that He loves every person deeply. When Christians argue, divide, or ignore the poor, we hide the face of Jesus from the world.

Today you are invited to bring the word of God into your home by speaking about God's goodness with your children and grandchildren. Look around the pews today and challenge yourself to greet someone you do not know or someone who seems lonely. Find one practical way this week to share your resources with someone facing financial hardship. *(Continued over page)*

True Christian unity is not just a nice slogan or a political agreement; it is a miracle that happens when we allow Jesus Christ to shape our hearts and minds.

May Christ help us to be united in one heart and soul as we celebrate our faith in him and our cultural heritages. 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 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 Deuteronomy 6:4–9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 133 (132)

R. How good and how delightful it is to live as one together.

SECOND READING Acts 4:32–37

GOSPEL

John 17:20–23

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'I pray not only for these, but also for those who through their teaching will come to believe in me. May they all be one, just as, Father, you are in me and I am in you, so that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.

I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so perfected in unity that the world will recognise that it was you who sent me and that you have loved them as you have loved me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 29 th	6.00pm	Pinku & Gopal (Special Intention)
Sun 30 th	7.00am	Ramon Suarez Senior (Anniversary of Birthday)
	9.00am	Michel & Colette Monty (RIP)
Mon 31 st	7.00am	Leesa Potter (Recently Deceased)
Tue 1 st	7.30pm	All souls in Purgatory
Wed 2 nd	7.00am	
Thu 3 rd	9.00am	
Fri 4 th	7.00am	
	7.30pm	Jorge Rodriguez (RIP Anniversary)
Sat 5 th	8.00am	Rodriguez Family (Special Intention)

Upcoming Events

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 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
Nov 9 th	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
Nov 11 th	Remembrance Day
Nov 22 nd	Solemnity of Christ the King

WELCOME TO OUR MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY

We welcome all Parishioners, Special guests and visitors to our Multicultural Mass and Celebration



PARISH ASSEMBLY- Sunday, 13th September, after the 9:00am Mass (in the hall)

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!

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.

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 2nd of September.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – All Welcome! 🎵

All children are warmly invited to join our Children's Choir for the 9am Children's Mass on Sunday, 6th September.

Come along to our practice session in the Church on Saturday 5th September at 2:30pm.

No experience is needed – just bring your voice and a smile! Come along, join in, and have fun singing together.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATES

The following items were discussed at the August meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council:

- Reports from the music ministry regarding rehearsals for Multicultural Sunday
- Parishioners are encouraged to participate in adoration overnight
- The young adult's group had a successful movie night, there is interest in World Youth Day and the Ignite Conference
- Multicultural Sunday preparations including hall access, risk assessment, rehearsal and building access
- A parish dinner has been scheduled for 17 Oct 2026, we will self cater and an organising committee has been formed
- We will formally recognise those who go above and beyond in service of the parish
- The safeguarding audit is continuing and needs to accelerate to meet timelines

BOARD GAMES- Every Monday 10am, Office Meeting Room

Join us for a fun morning of games!

COMMUNITY CONNECT- Tuesday 1st September, 10am, Office Meeting Room

Join us for a friendly get together and morning tea. All are welcome!

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE

The Knights of the Southern Cross Pine Rivers would like to thank all Parishioners for supporting our Silver Circle Raffles.

We would also like to thank Mike and Weet Armit who have organised the Silver Circle Raffles twice each year since March 2013.

Donations this year have been made to the following Charities: St Vincent De Paul Petrie and Pine Rivers, Orange Sky, Holy Spirit Seminary, Emmanuel City Mission, Pregnancy Crisis, Stationary Aid, Ignite Youth Strathpine and Petrie, Holy Ghost Fathers PNG, and Rosies .

Further information on the Knights Mission and Goals can be found on the Holy Website. Men interested in joining can phone Allan on MOB 0424989585.

Groundhog Day ! The winner of the 3rd Draw of 22/8/26 was Irene Wells of Kallangur with Ticket No.53. 2nd in a row. Congratulations, Irene! Its only been done once before in the 14yrs of Silver Circle.

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.

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WOMEN OF THE WAY RETREAT- Registration closes 25th September

Women of The Way Retreat
9th – 11th October 2026

Redemption Calling - Rejoice!

*"I have called you by name.
You are mine."*

Isaiah 43 : 1

Watson Park Convention Centre
337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin QLD

Contact: Rosa Montegrando 0400 755 516
Women of The Way: wowqld@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN VALLEY-Saturday, 26th September

Celebrating the Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz and St. Pedro Calungsod. Bus transport is available for \$30pp return (payment upon booking).

Pick-up time/venues: 6:30am Bus Stop in front of the Redcliffe Police Station, Redcliffe; 7:00am Sacred Heart church, Sandgate; 7:15am Bus Stop along Handford Rd opposite St. Flannan's church, Zillmere; 7:30am Bus Stop along Appleby Rd. opposite Queen of Apostles church, Stafford. For booking and further info: Jima 0432374239

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

Ron Versace, Fr Tom Crean, Giuseppe (Pino) Pregliasco, Yusta Silayo, Eunice Greasley, Lionel Veale, Sr Teresa de Guara rgs, Albert Clair, Gloria Doyle, Kevin Buckett, Victor Hood, David La Caze, Rita Zgrajewski, Noel Cottrell, Jean Pickerd, Stasys Alekna (Steve), Maurice Kennedy, Janet Watson, Denise Young, Helen Teys, Maureen Hudson, Patricia McConachy, Neville Rickert. **Recently Deceased:** **Erlinda Mangilit -Manakil & Matiaus Mangilit**

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Roster for this Sunday – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th/30th August (5th Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Paul Naylor Bob Bannan	Regina Fong Mary Samson	Multicultural Mass Schedule
Special Ministers	Sacristan Carleen Augustus, Yanery Ventura, Peter Greasley	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Laurie Conlon, Vicki Norris, Regina Fong	Sacristan Bryan Irvine Joyce Cubillan, Veronica Topindik, David Waken, Pele Pese, Susan Lu
Altar Servers			Ryan David
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music	Jennifer, Hiroshi & Rey	Emmanuel Choir	Multicultural Mass
Hospitality			Multicultural Mass