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Alexandra Lindstrom (Finance)
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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

6th September 2026 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

**THEME: RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER IN THE
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**



My dear brothers and sisters,

In the first reading, Ezekiel is told that he will be a “watchman for the house of Israel.” He is answerable to God for the spiritual well being of others. As spokesperson of God, he must convey God’s word to the people, but it will be their responsibility to accept that word and to follow its direction

In the Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." Matthew 18:15 When someone hurts or disappoints us, it can be tempting to talk about what happened with someone else first. We may want others to understand our side, agree with us, or simply hear our frustration. Yet Jesus gives us a different way.

He tells us to go directly to the person.

There is wisdom in the words “between you and him alone.” Jesus is not asking us to embarrass someone, gather people against them, or prove that we are right. The purpose is to repair what has been damaged.

That takes courage. Speaking directly to someone can feel uncomfortable, especially when emotions are involved. But avoiding the person while discussing the problem with everyone else rarely brings healing. Resentment grows, assumptions take over, and a disagreement that could have been resolved between two people becomes something much bigger.

Jesus also says, “If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” That tells us what the goal should be. It is not about winning an argument. It is about winning back a relationship.

We will not always receive the response we hope for. But we can choose to approach others with honesty, respect, and a genuine desire to make things right. Sometimes one sincere conversation can prevent months or even years of bitterness.

When someone hurts us, do we speak directly to that person with the hope of reconciliation, or do we find ourselves talking about the person instead?

Lord Jesus, give us the courage to address hurt with honesty and love. Help us resist gossip, resentment, and the desire to prove ourselves right. Teach us to seek reconciliation and to value the person more than winning an argument.

Fr Vincent Elimah 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 *Ezekiel 33:7-9 (JB)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (JB)*

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING *Romans 13:8-10 (JB)*

GOSPEL *Matthew 18:15-20 (JB)*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 5 th	6:00pm	Mary & Lawrence D'Ekenaike (RIP)
Sun 6 th	7.00am	Dorcas Leema (RIP) & Terry McGlone (RIP anniversary)
	9.00am	Matesie Erasito (Recently Deceased)
Mon 7 th	7.00am	
Tue 8 th	7.30pm	Holy Souls
Wed 9 th	7.00am	Rudolf Muller (Anniversary of Birthday)
Thu 10 th	9.00am	Milley Zeller (Recently Deceased)
Fri 11 th	7.00am	Joan Hird (RIP-1 st Anniversary)
Sat 12 th	8.00am	

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

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, We thank you for the gift of our fathers, We thank you for blessing them and showering them with the graces they need to be good dads, We thank you dads for being there for us especially in our moments of need, We thank you fathers for being a prop and protector for us, We apologise for the times we have made your work as a dad more difficult by our behaviours, We pray that God may continue to bless you and strengthen you, And may you always find fulfilment in your sacred role as a dad. Amen.



PARISH ASSEMBLY-Next 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!



2026 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Last month, our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important local ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Shane's call for support. Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic ministries in our local community.



MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY - THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

A very heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energy to help make this year's Multicultural Mass and Celebration such a success.

Whether you helped with setting up, decorating, preparing and serving food, welcoming guests, entertainment, cleaning up, or any of the many jobs that needed to be done throughout the day, your contribution was greatly appreciated.

We would especially like to thank Sherin & the Indian Community who co-ordinated the event, Bryan, Catherine & Tony, Patrick, Matt, Maria, Michael, our musicians & choirs, our readers, our Altar Servers, those who participated in the processions, those who helped in the working bees, our traffic wardens, all our communities who prepared and brought food, the entertainers, Knights of the Southern Cross and our volunteers who set up and packed up after the event.

An event such as this simply could not happen without the generosity and willingness of so many people to lend a hand. It was wonderful to see our parish community working together and sharing in such a joyful celebration of the many cultures that make up our parish family.

Thank you for your hard work, your generosity and, most importantly, the wonderful spirit in which you gave your time.

May God bless you all for your service to our parish community.



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.

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE -The winner of the 4th draw was Brendan Heffernan of Strathpine with ticket no. 45. Congratulations, Brendan!!!

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS- ArcheLearn Training

If you volunteer in the following ministries, please log onto ArcheLearn and complete your training.

NB: A Blue Card and/or a Police Check are of no value without training being completed. Thank you.

https://archelearnvolunteer.brisbanecatholic.org.au/accounnts/sign_in

- * Sacramental Program/RCIA/High School Students Educator
- * Home/Aged Care Visitor including Special Ministers
- * Finance Council Member/ Counter
- * Parish Pastoral Council Member
- * Adults working with the Children's Choir/Liturgy

If you have difficulty completing online/would prefer to do it in person, please contact the office as we are planning a group session. Date and time TBC.

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

Val Griffin, Pat Woulfe, Audrey Sweeney, Irma Tardiani, Daniel Mc Doneil, Dellmay Phillips, Betty Szabo, Mervyn Conlon, Robert Hudson, Madeleine Debalmah, Michael (Mick) Harvey, Ron Sharpe, Carmel Hislop, Ailsa Mc Mahon, Rosemary Reed, Lilian Beitz, Maxine Edmonds, Clifford Groth, Michael Devereaux, Elaine Goodman, Mary Tieroli, Bernadette Cheong.

Recently Deceased: Lessa Potter

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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: **6.00am Holy Spirit Church, Bray Park**, 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

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Roster for this Sunday – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th/6th September (1st Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Alan Brooks Marian Brooks	Mary Samson 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	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	"Spirit Alive" Choir
Hospitality	Wine & Cheese (Father's Day)	Knights of Sthn Cross	Knights of Sthn Cross