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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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13th September 2026 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Building on the themes of resentment, vengeance and forgiveness as espoused in today's first Reading, Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" The number seven symbolises completeness in Jewish culture following the seven days of creation (Gen 1:1-2:3), and the number of candle holders contained in the candelabrum for worship as instructed by God to Moses (Ex 25:31-39).

In Peter's worldview, if one has forgiven an offender seven times, then one should be at liberty to retaliate. In some cultures, like the wider Australian culture, one may let go of an offence up to the second time, but one is at liberty to retaliate on the third offence.

In pre-Mosaic times, people avenged for every offence committed against them. The retaliations were often disproportionate to the injuries received, for instance, one might kill for feeling insulted by the other (Gen 4:23). Moses' "eye for eye, tooth for tooth" (Ex 21:24), was to moderate the extent to which one can exact revenge.

To Peter's suggestion that the offended party should seek vengeance after the seventh offence, Jesus replied that the offender should be forgiven seventy-seven times, which implied infinity. This Jesus' reply runs contrary to our human nature. Some offences and the injuries they inflict on us run so deep that they affect the fibre of our being in such a manner that we abhor the perpetrators. Think about the state of mind of Christians undergoing persecution, being massacred just because they profess Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, or a woman who has been gang raped.

Forgiveness does not exclude the probability of the perpetrators facing prosecution if they had committed criminal offenses or making amend for the harm they had caused. We recall that Satisfaction or Restitution is one of the three constituent parts of Reconciliation. Restitution requires us to restore what we have damaged, like the good name of somebody. It may also include undergoing imprisonment for one's reformation.

Let me reiterate, forgiveness does not preclude the offender experiencing some punishment, however, it means that the offended party is ready to let go – to move on, to turn a new page. The underlying principle is that the offended party has come to the point whereby the hurt and the bitterness of one's past experiences are no longer allowed to be eliciting hate and anger in one's life. We should always remember that God is totally the other and he lives in an unapproachable light, yet he forgives us our sins. He so loves us that he sent his only Begotten Son to redeem the world. If we reflect on the infinite love God has lavished on us, then we may have a perspectival approach to the hurt inflicted on us by our neighbour's unruly behaviour. We must not forget that to sin is human, but to forgive is divine.

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 Sirach 27:30 - 28:7 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12 (JB)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35 (JB)

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And

that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 12 th	6:00pm	Celine Jeremiah (RIP)
Sun 13 th	7.00am	Torgny Lindstrom (RIP Anniversary)
	9.00am	Ginette Monthy & Robert, Marie-Therese & August Barbier (RIP)
		Rogelio Calalec (RIP)
Mon 14 th	7.00am	
Tue 15 th	7.30pm	
Wed 16 th	7.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu 17 th	9.00am	
Fri 18 th	7.00am	Mercy Soriano (RIP Anniversary)
Sat 19 th	8.00am	

Upcoming Events

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

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.

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

KNIGHTS CHARITY GOLF DAY - Sunday Oct 11 from 6am at Sandgate Golf Club.

Cost \$55. Under 18 \$25. Includes Breakfast. Ambrose Format. 9 holes. Make a team of 4 or be allocated to one. All proceeds go to Vinnies Bray Park and Petrie Chapters. Email Greg for more information gregwebace@gmail.com. On behalf of the Knights of the Southern Cross, Pine Rivers Branch.

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/accounts/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.

DATE CLAIMER – PARISH DINNER – 17th OCTOBER

The dinner is to be held in the Parish Hall, immediately following Saturday evening Mass. A catered buffet meal is being planned, roast meats, vegetables, salads, dessert, tea and coffee. (B.Y.O. Alcohol). This will be a special evening for our Parish community and we hope it will be well attended. Please mark this date in your calendar. More details will be available in next Sunday's Bulletin.

Thank you, (Organising Committee).

PARISH ASSEMBLY-This 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.**



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

"LOVE PROTECTS"

This Sunday our parish joins Catholic communities across Australia in marking Safeguarding Sunday, held each year at the close of National Child Protection Week.

We pray for all who have been abused, for their families and those who support them. We acknowledge and apologise for the harm done in Church settings, and we recommit ourselves to making our parish and its ministries the safest possible place for children and for people at risk. This year's theme, Love Protects, comes from St Paul: love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things" - and always protects. Protection sits right alongside patience and kindness as one of the things love simply does. It is worth saying plainly: a parish that truly loves its children, its young people and its most vulnerable members protects them - not by good intentions alone, but by vigilance, training, listening, and a refusal to look away.

What does that look like on a Tuesday afternoon rather than a Sunday morning? Adults who work with children safely recruited, trained and supervised. The older parishioner not seen at Mass for a few weeks is noticed. A child taken seriously when they say something doesn't feel right - especially when it's uncomfortable. And clear ways to raise a concern, knowing you will be listened to, not managed.

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

WARMLY INVITES COUPLES
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50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE AND ABOVE
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*Golden Wedding
Anniversary Mass*

The Cathedral of St Stephen
Saturday, 26th September 2026
11:30am

Family and friends are welcome to attend

FATHER CHINUA ON RETREAT

Father Chinua will be away this week participating in the Brisbane Archdiocesan clergy retreat, from Sunday evening, 13 September to Friday 18 September. Please keep him, and all our priests making the retreat, in your prayers during this time

FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS OUR PARISH PRIEST

Monday 14th September marks one year since Fr Chinua came to us as Parish Priest. Please keep him in your prayers, and join us in thanking him for his first year among us.

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

Darren Macgregor-Davies, Marilyn Duncan, 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

Flo Beatie, Kev Latter, Kathleen Dunne, Felix Gracias, Leslie Winston, Carol Heber, Mary Vsale, May Burr, Bert Smith, Vera O'Sullivan, Raymond Dudley, Ron Campbell, Rosalia Joseph

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Roster for this Sunday – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th/13th September (2nd Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Tony Martin, Paul Naylor	Ashley Smith, Marie Hird	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	Lokani Fosita, Julius Fosita	Angelique Moody, Xavier Priaux
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music		Emmanuel Choir	Samoan Community Choir
Hospitality			Patricia, Kim and friends