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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
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LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chair – Dawn Penna,
Secretary - Marian Brooks

27th September 2026 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

WALKING THE WALK OF FAITH TO THE END



Father & his two sons

In today's Gospel (Matt 21:28-32), Jesus narrated the story of a father who had asked his two sons to go and work in his vineyard. While the first son, who verbally declined his request, later had a change of heart and went to work at the vineyard, however, the younger son who promised his father that he would carry out his request did not match his promise with action.

We ought to remember that action speaks louder

than words, thus, we should not only 'talk the talk', but we must 'walk the walk!'

The context of today's Gospel was that Jesus had entered triumphantly into Jerusalem as a king and the promised Messiah. When he went into the Temple, he drove out all those who were profaning the Temple by turning it into a marketplace. The next time he went into the Temple to teach, the Chief priests, the teachers of the Law, and the Jewish authorities wanted to know by whose authority he was acting. Jesus promised to respond to their demand if they answered him the question whether John's baptism was a divine or a human act. After a rigmarole, they decided to respond to him that they did not know. Jesus saw in their answer a deception and a calculated attempt to obstruct the plan of God because they knew the truth. They knew that John's baptism was a divine act and yet refused to accept it. Hence, they had become obstructionists attempting at thwarting and derailing God's plan for humanity.

The Jewish leaders are like the younger son in the Gospel of today, they 'talk the talk but do not walk the walk.' Some of their actions such as being self-righteous are at variance with the Commandments of God. They claimed to believe in the scriptures, but the scriptures point to Jesus as the Messiah. They needed to reverse their course and believe in Jesus as their Messiah, while simultaneously reducing the burden they laid on people which they were unwilling to lift themselves.

At times, both, the members of the Church's hierarchy and the laity, have behaved like the younger son. Each time we have committed a serious sin, we have betrayed our Christian identity, and hence, behaved like the younger son. Our hearts are saddened by the abuse of children which was perpetrated by some members of the Church hierarchy for decades, and the various kinds of abuses which have taken place in homes, including some Christian homes. These abuses include child abuse and domestic violence. Some Christians have become wolves in sheep clothing because of their culpable behaviours. Jesus, while not condoning the actions of the tax collectors who defrauded people, or the way of life of prostitutes who demean their bodies which are the Temples of the Holy Spirit, applauded them for accepting the Good News and amending their ways. They are like the first son who initially declined his father's request but later changed his mind and fulfilled his father's desire by going to work at his vineyard.

Jesus said that he had not come to call the virtuous, but to call sinners to repentance. His arms spread on the Cross is for everyone to come to him. Come to Jesus then, and you will experience the fullness of grace, for he came that you may have life and have it to the fullness. Let us stand up for integrity of life for a good name is better than silver and gold!

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.

SUNDAY READINGS

(Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:25-28 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9 (JB)

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-11 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32 (JB)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.' The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 26th	6:00pm	Mark Garozzo (Recently Deceased) Darryl Jeremiah (Recovery)
Sun 27th	7.00am	Pat Johnston (RIP Anniversary)
	9.00am	Morato Family (Special Intention)
Mon 28 th	7.00am	Rosa Montegrando (80 th Birthday) Mariano Sy Alvarado (RIP)
Tue 29 th	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 30 th	7.00am	Pinku & Gopal Gosh (Special Int.)
Thu 1 st	9.00am	Mathai (RIP Anniversary)
Fri 2 nd	7.00am	Domingo Vargas & Myra Pagaliluan (RIP Anniversary) Dorcas Leema (RIP)
Sat 3 rd	8.00am	Raymond & Caroline Okeke (RIP Anniversary)

Upcoming Events

Sep 29 th	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Archangels)
Oct 7 th	Our Lady of the Rosary
Oct 10 th	Rosary Procession after Mass
Oct 17 th	Parish Dinner – 7pm
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 8 th	Blessing of the Columbarium
Nov 9 th	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
Nov 11 th	Remembrance Day
Nov 13 th	Bereavement Mass
Nov 22 nd	Solemnity of Christ the King

YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY MEETING

All young adults aged 17 to 35 (or thereabouts) are warmly invited to our next monthly meeting on Sunday 18th October, straight after the 9am Mass, in the Parish Office. Come along to meet new friends, share the faith and help plan our upcoming activities. We'd love to see you there!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – ALL WELCOME!

All children are warmly invited to join our Children's Choir for the 9am Children's Mass on Sunday, 4th October. Come along to our practice sessions on:

- Sunday 27th September at 10:30am in the Parish meeting room
- Saturday 3rd October at 2:30pm in the Church.

No experience is needed – come along, make new friends and enjoy singing together!

PARISH DINNER (17th OCTOBER): TICKETS ON SALE NOW

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 you will be able to join us. We will have entertainment, raffles, 'Slide the Coin' game, 100's Board. Please bring gold coins to join in the fun. Tickets are on sale after each Mass this Sunday and up to Sunday 11th October. Tickets will also be available from the Parish Office. Ticket prices are as follows:

Adult - \$40.00, Student (High School Age) - \$15.00,
Child (4yrs to 10 yrs) - \$10.00,
Children under 4 yrs – Free.
Payment via eftpos or cash.
Thank you, (Organising Committee)

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY — THANK YOU AND REVIEW MEETING - THIS SUNDAY AFTER 9AM MASS

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Multicultural Sunday such a joyful celebration. We now invite you to a review meeting after this Sunday's 9am Mass, to reflect on the day and start planning for next year. Your ideas and feedback will help make 2027 even better

CHANGE IN BIBLE PROCESSION'S NAME, TIMING AND BOOK



Book of the Gospels

From the first Sunday in October (04.10.26) Bible Procession shall be done with the Book of the Gospels, rather than the Lectionary, hence, its name shall change from Bible Procession to the Gospel Procession. The Gospels have a prime place in Christian's life and Liturgy;

thus, it is more appropriate that Bible Procession be done with the Book of the Gospels to highlight the significance of the Gospels.

The Gospel Procession shall take place after the first and the second readings have been read. As the alleluia/glory and praise is sung following the second reading, the first reader shall process with the Book of the Gospels which shall be handed to the priest at the foot of the sanctuary. On receiving the Book of the Gospels, the priest shall process with it to the ambo where he reads the Gospel passage from it.

At the end of mass, no reader joins the recess procession since the Book of the Gospels shall not be carried during this procession. (Note: normally when a deacon processes with the Book of the Gospel at the beginning of mass, he does not process with it at the end of mass because the Book of the Gospel has performed its role in the mass).

NOTICE FOR WEEKDAY MASS READERS

On solemnities and feast days, the readings are taken from the "proper" of the solemnity or feast day. On memorials and optional memorials, the readings are taken from the weekday (ferial), unless the presider instructs otherwise.

LIVESTREAMING THE SUNDAY 9AM MASS

As a way of keeping connected with our aged and sick parishioners, the parish is looking to begin livestreaming our Sunday 9am Mass. Not everyone in our community is able to be with us in person. The livestream would allow us to continue to connect with them in prayer and for them to still feel part of the parish family. We shall keep you updated.

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE The winner of the 7th Draw of 19/9/26 was Peg Tallon of Kallangur with Ticket No.25. Congratulations, Peg!

Please note! Weet and I will be away for the remainder of the 8/9/10th Draws and Doug Macaulay 3205-1955 will be notifying you of the winners during this time - we will be back in Aussie on 4/11/26.



ROSARY PROCESSION

On Saturday October 10th there will be a Rosary Procession after the 8am Mass. All are welcome.

FAMILY VISITS

Fr Chinua and Fr Vincent would love to get to know our parish families better and are offering to visit you in your home. It's a chance to meet informally, share a cuppa, and for the priests to offer a blessing for your home and family. Visits are open to everyone: families, couples, those living on their own, and anyone who is unwell or housebound. If you'd like a visit, please add your name, address and phone number to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. The priests will contact you to arrange a time that suits. If you are unable to get to the sign-up sheet, please call the Parish Office on (07) 3205 1493.



SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: SPRINKLING RITE AND CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On every second Sunday of the month, starting from October, mass begins with the Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water in place of the Penitential Act. This reminds us of our Baptism, when we were washed clean and first received the gift of the Holy Spirit. As our parish is dedicated to the Holy Spirit, we shall also recite together a Consecration to the Holy Spirit Prayer on that Sunday, asking the Spirit to guide, strengthen and renew our parish family.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL.

Next Sunday we mark 100 years of World Mission Sunday. Catholic Mission Ambassador Sue Williams will speak at all Sunday Masses, including the Saturday Vigil, about St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School in Malawi.

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children. *Name changed for privacy

Contact: Catholic Mission

Freecall: 1800 257 296

<https://catholicmission.org.au/united>

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

Ree, Pat Casey, Suzanne Connor, Eddie & Silvia Perazzoli, Rosemay Cherval, Bryan Doyle, Carolyn Tanner, Vincent Stufano and family, Sr Lina Vaschina, Anna Maria Vaschina, Christina Grace Hambling, Josie Longo, Marco Polo Tanzi, Gerry Demenzes & Maria Stufano,, Joe Barrett, Genevieve Marie, Lameka Eketi, Sa Tamalii, Brendan Drury, Stephen Thompson, Marg Wallace, Ellie Zemann, Clive Smith, Editha Hall, Betsy Van Meygaarden, Peter Brown, David Lowe, Clifford

Naughton, Darren Searle, Henry Mencia, Victoria Murrell, Maarten Vollebregt, Henny Van Meygaarden, People in Nursing Homes.

We Remember

Felix Kessy (brother of Fr Tom), Janette Donohoe, Arthur Parket, Nicolas Van De Werff, Muriel Roddy, Betty Cahill, Dorothy Walker, Narelle Devine, Ita Bowman, Catharine Harris, Sydney Goodlet, George Richmond, Mary Clarke, Ted Tory

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CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY



After the joy of last year's Nativity Play, we're getting ready to do it again this Christmas! Children of all ages are invited. Parents are also welcome to help with costumes and props.

To register your interest, please add their name, age and a contact number to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or call the Parish Office on (07) 3205 1493.

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Roster for this Sunday – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th/27th September (4th Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Wendy Greasley Madeleine & Dylan Marsh	Sania Taukeve Remigia Muller	Beverley Halangoda Zoraida Requina
Special Ministers	Sacristan Yanery Ventura Marian Brooks, Peter Greasley, Tony Martin	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Vicki Norris, Laurie Conlon, Regina Fong	Sacristan Bryan Irvine Veronica Topindik, Alvin Cubillan, Joyce Cubillan, Pele Pese, Susan Lu
Altar Servers	Shaun Perera, Faith D'Souza		Sophia Moody, Christian Dahms
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music		Emmanuel Choir	Couples for Christ Australia
Hospitality			Parish Council