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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat 6:00pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sun 7:00am, 9:00am
Sun Aramaic Mass (TBA)
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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK (HEALING MASS)

2nd Friday of the month at 7.00am

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month.

RECONCILIATION

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**

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

ROSARY

After weekday mass.
Second Saturday of the month at 7.30am
Last Friday of the month at 6:30am

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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10th May 2026 — 6th Sunday of Easter Year A

Today Jesus reminds us, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” And what are God’s commandments? “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself’ (Matt 22:37 – 39). On this second week of Domestic and Family Violence and Prevention Month, we reflect on what it means to truly love.

In Australia in 2023 – 2024, a woman died every 8 days at the hands of their partner. The scourge of domestic and family violence all too profoundly reveals the horror when something that began with love, has turned to horror. Against this backdrop, the call to love is deeply necessary, and deeply practical.

The Gospel (Jn 14:15 21), which is taken from the farewell speeches of Jesus during his last supper with his disciples invites us to love him and to keep his commandments. He promised to send us the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth which will be with us and help us on our faith journey. This Holy Spirit ensures that we are not left as orphans in our faith journey and in our daily struggles, because the Spirit always remains with us and inspires us and gives us courage when the going gets tough.

We see in the life of the disciples of Jesus that before the day of Pentecost, they were timid, bereft of courage, but once filled by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day, they realised, as St Paul said, that it was no longer they who lived, but Christ living in them. (Gal 2:20).

It was through the power of the Holy Spirit that Philip reached out to the Samaritans. It is also the Spirit which enables us to deepen our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour and to avoid acts of violence in families. This Spirit fills our hearts with hope when life becomes tough. Let us keep on praying for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost by participating in our Parish Pentecost Novena from 15th of May.

In this Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month, let us pray for safety, peace and healing for all those who have been and continue to be hurt by domestic and family violence, both physically and emotionally. Let us pray that they will know Christ’s presence and that the Church would be active in walking with and supporting victim-survivors. Let us pray for frontline workers and organisations like Centacare who work in this space, that they would be agents of change, drawing people out of the cycle of abuse and into a life a freedom. Against the contrast of failed human love, God’s love is patient; kind; not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Let us love like God loves.

As we celebrate Mother’s Day, we salute our mothers. We congratulate them for their unflinching love and care of their families. Scripture underscored the unconditional love mothers have for their children and families when it rhetorically asked, “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast, and have no compassion on the child she has borne?” (Is 49:15). We know that mothers, as souls of their families, willingly give the last drop of their blood for the good of their families. We wish all mothers more elbow grease!

Happy Mother’s Day!

Archdiocesan Ministries / Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

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 evangelization and service;
2. Becoming a loving and welcoming community;
3. Recognizing and affirming the dignity of all as "Children of God";
4. Deepening our spirituality; that God's Kingdom may reign now and evermore.

SUNDAY READINGS

(Our Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20 (JB)

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18 (JB)

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21 (JB)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave your orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my

Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 9 th	8:00am	Lawrence Casas (RIP)
	6:00pm	Special intention for the Hernandez family
Sun 10 th	7.00am	Len Kelly (RIP Anniversary) Christine McGlone (RIP Anniversary)
	9.00am	Leonard Racombo (RIP)
Mon 4 th	7.00am	Edith Szlachetka (RIP)
Tue 5 th	7.30pm	Jacynth Leema (RIP Anniversary)
Wed 6 th	7.00am	Jacynth Leema (RIP)
Thu 7 th	9.00am	Jesse & Sarah Prialux
Fri 8 th	7.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat 9 th	8.00am	Florence Leema (RIP Anniversary)

Upcoming Events

May 1 st 31 st	Domestic Violence Awareness month
May 10 th	Mothers Day
May 15 th -23 rd	Pentecost Novena
May 18 th -21 st	Pentecost Seminar 7:00pm
May 24 th	Pentecost Sunday
May 25 th	Mary Help of Christians
May 30 th	Public Rosary 8:45am
May 30 th	RCIA Confirmation/Holy Communion
May 31 st	Trinity Sunday
June 6 th /7 th	First Holy Communion
June 7 th	Corpus Christi
June 12 th	Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 27 th	Working Bee
June 29 th	Solemnity of St Peter and Paul
July 11 th /12 th	Confirmation Commitment
July 28 th	Visit by Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole, FDP
Aug 15 th	Assumption of Our Lady
Aug 30 th	Multicultural Mass
Sep 13 th	Parish Assembly

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS

All young adults age 17 to 35 are warmly invited to join our Young Adults Meeting on Sunday, 17th May, straight after the 9am Mass. We'll be gathering in the hall next to the school office. Come along for fellowship, faith sharing, and a great time together 🙌 ✨

PUBLIC ROSARY

On May 30, Parishioners are invited to a public Rosary at 8:45am, held in the Parish carpark.

PARISH WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Our Parish website has been redesigned and is also mobile-friendly Visit <https://holyspiritbraypark.com> for Mass times, bulletins, sacramental information, and parish news. We welcome feedback and suggestions.

We also have a regularly updated Facebook page: facebook.com/holyspiritbrayparkcatholiccommunity

PENTECOST NOVENA

The novena will run from May 15th to 23rd. The novena shall include the daily mass, benediction and prayer to the Holy Spirit. The Pentecost seminar is part of the Novena.

PENTECOST SEMINAR 2026



Join us for four evenings of prayer, worship and reflection as we prepare for Pentecost. Monday 18 – Thursday 21 May 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Road, Bray Park. Each evening features praise &

worship, a talk, Eucharistic Celebration or Benediction, and faith sharing. Programme:

Day 1 – I Believe in the Holy Spirit — Fr January Mkude CSSp

Day 2 – The Holy Spirit in the Understanding of St Francis of Assisi — Br Matthew Beckmann OFM

Day 3 – Mary Overshadowed by the Holy Spirit — Fr Edward Khaemba CSSp

Day 4 – Spiritans Inspired by the Holy Spirit — Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

All are welcome. For enquiries call 3205 1493

CELEBRATION OF THE PARISH FEAST DAY

Pentecost is the feast of the Parish, the Spiritans and the Church. On Pentecost day, May 24 after 9am mass, we shall have celebrations in the canteen area with food and music. Please bring a plate to share



HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL BUSH DANCE

FRIDAY, 22 MAY 2026

FOOD VANS FROM 4:30 PM

BUSH DANCE FROM 5:30 PM

\$10 PER FAMILY

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

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AT ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2026

We are organising a bus for people interested in attending this event as we have done in previous years. The bus will call at:

Holy Spirit Church Sparkes Rd Bray Park at 12 noon,

- St Flannan's Church cnr. Beams and Handford Rds Zillmere by 12.15 pm
- Church of Our Lady and St Dymphna around 12.20 pm,
- then to St Kevin's at Geebung around 12.30 pm.
- Proceeding to Cathedral for Procession commencing at 2.00 pm

As numbers need to be confirmed as soon as possible to enable booking of a suitable sized bus, please book your seat by phoning Louise on Mobile 0407 023 603. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family payable in advance. The bus will return at 4 pm in reverse order. Please pay Parish Secretary at Holy Spirit Bray Park

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER



O God,

We thank you for the gift of our mothers, we entreat you Lord to keep on blessing and protecting all mothers. Give them the grace and strength they need to love and care for

their families. Mothers we thank you for being there always for us. We apologise for the times we have taken your love and care for granted. May the Lord grant us the grace to be ever appreciative of your invaluable sacrifices for our families and society. We pray that the Good Lord will fill your hearts with joy and grant eternal rest to all departed mothers.

Amen

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE: The winner in the 6th Draw was Michael Mackinnon of Brackenridge with Ticket No.66 and to keep it in the "family" his sister Claire Mackinnon of Bray Park won the 7th Draw with Ticket No.69. Congratulations, Michael & Claire! The Mackinnon Family have purchased a book of tickets in each Circle since inception!!

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

Eddie & Silvia Perazzoli, Bernadette Di Marchi, Rosemay Cherval, Bryan Doyle, Dorcas Leema, 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, Glen Brown, Henry Mencia, Victoria Murrell, Maarten Vollebregt, Henny Van Meygaarden, People in Nursing Homes.

We Remember

Len Kelly; David Butt; James Grant; Louise McErlean; Brad Langton; Joan Margaret Thompson; Christine McGlone; Edith Szlachetka; Jacynth Leema; Patricia Worth; Jack Mc Artney; Patricia Griffiths; Jason Connor

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Encounter "The Vow" Mini Retreat - All couples welcome.

Date and Time: Saturday 30th May 2026 from 9am to 12:30pm

Venue: St Oliver Plunkett Church Hall, 21 Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill.

RSVP to: Cathy and Vince Agius - vinceandcathywwme@gmail.com

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Roster for this Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter 9 th /10 th May (2 nd Sunday of the Month)			
	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Tony Martin Paul Naylor	Ashley Smith Marie Hird	Ester Malgapo Rebecca Davis
Special Ministers	Sacristan Carleen Augustus Carleen Augustus, Tony Martin, Alan Brooks Yanery Ventura	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Ashley Smith, Agimary Joseph Joseph Ignatius, Laurie Conlon	Sacristan Bryan Irvine Bryan Irvine, Alvin Cubillan, Juliet Kumar, Japar Kumar, David Waken, Joyce Cubillan
Altar Servers	Charlotte, Josie & Juliette Lindstrom	Lokani Fosita Julius Fosita	Angelique Moody Xavier Prialux
Data Projection			
Music	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	Samoan Choir
Hospitality			Patricia, Kim and friends