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**PARISH SECRETARIES**

Alexandra Lindstrom (Finance)  
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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 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)  
Sat 8:00 am

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK (HEALING MASS)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 7.00am

**BAPTISMS**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the Month.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 8.30am and 5.15pm.  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 & 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Chair – Matthew Dahms  
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**24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 — Pentecost Year A**



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Happy Pentecost! Happy Birthday to the Church and Happy Birthday to the members of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans), and to all Spiritan associates!

It is with great joy that I write this Pentecost message to you. At Jesus' Ascension, he instructed his disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit, who would bestow upon them the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. These gifts of the Holy Spirit will

cultivate the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control within them. Thus, filled with and empowered by this Spirit, the disciples would serve as witnesses for Jesus, beginning in Judea and extending to the entire world (Acts 1:8).

On Pentecost Day, Jesus' disciples experienced the Holy Spirit in a unique manner, enabling them to proclaim the Good News of Christ in various languages. This event coincided with a pilgrimage for the Jewish feast of First Fruits and the giving of the Torah (Law) at Mount Sinai, where attendees were amazed to hear the disciples speaking in their native tongues. Pentecost contrasts with the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11), where humanity was divided and unable to understand each other. Currently, approximately seven thousand one hundred and seventeen languages 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 to 2021 census, while 72% of Australian residents speak English at home, 22% of residents speak non-English languages at home.

Pentecost was an event where people from various backgrounds and nationalities communicated and understood each other, highlighting unity in diversity. Each gift is important and should be appreciated and utilized for the dissemination of the Gospel of Christ. Pentecost teaches that every language is a gift from God and valued by Him.

The Holy Spirit, who is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, is considered both an agent and catalyst of mission. According to the Nicene Creed, "He is the Lord, the giver of life who proceeded from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified." Before the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus, they were hesitant and lacked the confidence to spread the Gospel of Jesus, which is the Gospel of life. However, after receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, their fear dissipated. They then began to share the Gospel, and many who heard the message about Jesus were influenced and a notable number asked to be baptized (Acts 2:40). Fr Claude Poullart des Places who founded the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans), was led by the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Sunday, May 27th, 1703, he gathered some impoverished seminarians whom he was helping to feed

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in France and dedicated them to the Holy Spirit. The members were committed to working among the poor in society and in areas where the Church has difficulty finding workers. Consequently, the Spiritans serve as missionaries in first evangelizations (areas where people have not heard or scarcely heard of Christ), parishes, hospitals, prisons, and among refugees. Presently, the Spiritan Fathers and Brothers are working in about sixty countries which include Australia, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Vietnam, Philippines, Ethiopia, Nigeria, France, United Kingdom, United States, French Guyane, Brazil, Mauritius, Madagascar, Gabon, Trinidad and Tobago, Haiti, Sierra-Leone, Paraguay, Brazil, Tanzania, Kenya, Peru, Ireland, Ghana, Uganda, Congo and so forth.

As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, may the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with the oomph to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ as his witnesses in the world. Amen.

Happy Pentecost!

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 2:1-11 (JB)

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 (JB)

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

##### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (Year A) (JB)

##### GOSPEL

John 20:19-23 (Year A) (JB)

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Mass Intentions

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00am	Limeta family (Thanksgiving)
	6:00pm	Marianne & Donald Halangoda (RIP)
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.00am	Mary Josephine Fernandopulle (RIP)
	9.00am	Ivan Osbourne (RIP Anniversary)
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.00am	Fe Felias (Recently Deceased)
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.00am	Enriqueta Soliven (RIP Anniversary)
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00am	Angelita & Ryan Gunston (RIP)
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Thanksgiving for Blessing Received

#### Upcoming Events

May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Public Rosary 8:45am
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	RCIA Confirmation/Holy Communion
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Trinity Sunday
June 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Corpus Christi
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup>	Confirmation Enrolment
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity of John the Baptism
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Solemnity of St Peter and Paul
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Thomas Apostle
July 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Commitment
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Visit by Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole, FDP
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	St James Apostle
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>	Assumption of Our Lady
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	Multicultural Mass
Sep 8 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday of Mother Mary
Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Assembly

#### MASS ON THURSDAY AT 7.00AM

Our upcoming Mass on Thursday this week, 28<sup>th</sup> May will be celebrated at 7.00am, instead of the usual 9.00am.

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 CONFIRMATION

##### CONFIRMATION Information Meeting.

- 11 June 6:30pm
- 14 June 10:00am

##### **Confirmation Enrolment (Year 3)**

Enrolment for Confirmation:

- Saturday 20 June @ 5pm
- Sunday 21 June @ 10am
- Monday 22 June @ Prish Office (by appointment only)

Ceremony: Sunday 23 August

## SPIRITAN PENTECOST APPEAL

This Sunday is Pentecost. As we celebrate the moment the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension into Heaven, we are also celebrating the birthday of the church and the call to go out through all the world to proclaim the Good News. The Spiritans have taken up that call. Our missionary priests have left their families, friends and country to evangelise, to help the poor, oppressed and disadvantaged and to provide priests where the church has difficulty with supply.

In our region of Oceania, the Spiritans are working in Papua New Guinea and Australia.

Spiritans would not be able to fulfil their mission all over the world but particularly in remote and dangerous parts of Papua New Guinea without the financial support of the many parishioners who donate to the Annual Appeal. Missions in Papua New Guinea are in urgent need of financial support to provide the basic things we, in Australia, take for granted and to support the priests who work tirelessly to bring the Gospel to the people in very difficult conditions.

So please help the Spiritan Fathers fulfil their mission by giving generously to the Annual Pentecost Appeal this Sunday.

Or should you prefer to make a direct deposit, our account details are:

**Account name: Holy Ghost Fathers**

**BSB: 064-786**

**Account Number: 1000 29092**

You may also wish to consider becoming a regular donor to our mission work. Any support you are able to provide is very much appreciated and makes a big difference to the lives of the poor and disadvantaged people in our region.

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## CATECHISM CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Catechism classes for high school children commences after the Sunday 9am Mass on June 14<sup>th</sup>. All high school-aged young people are warmly welcome to come along.

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## PUBLIC ROSARY

Parishioners are warmly invited to join us for a public Rosary this Saturday 30 May at 8:45am in the parish carpark. Come along and pray with us — all are welcome.



## HAPPY PENTECOST FEAST DAY!



Wishing all our parishioners and Spiritans a very happy Pentecost — our parish feast day! Thanks for being part of our Holy Spirit community. May the Spirit bring you and your loved ones joy, peace and plenty of good things in the week ahead.

This Sunday after 9am mass, we shall have celebrations in the canteen area with food and music. Please bring a plate to share

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## CHILDREN'S CHOIR – ALL WELCOME! 🎵

All children are warmly invited to join our Children's Choir for the 9am First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday, 7th June.

Come along to our practice sessions in the Church on:

- Saturday 30th May at 11:00am
- Saturday 6th June at 11:00am

No experience is needed – just bring your enthusiasm and love of singing! It's a lovely way for children to take part in the Mass and be part of our parish community. We would love to see you there!

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## INVITATION TO JOIN THE CATHOLICS IN SOUTH-EAST QLD FACEBOOK GROUP

We invite your parish community and Facebook page to join the Catholics in South-East Queensland Facebook group, a space to connect, share and grow in faith. Share local events, stories, and information about Masses, devotions, retreats and outreach with members across the Archdiocese.

Together, let's build a more connected and faith-filled community in South-East Queensland at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/catholicsinseql>

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

Marg & Max Neehouse, 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**

Noel Caynes, Daphne Vidler, Frank Bellett, Frances St Ledger, Arthur Young, Doug Davison, Mary Ryan, Doris Hartland, Yvonne Whetton, John Cogle, Paul La Caze, Max Welch, Grahame Harris, Jan Murray, Marjorie Leach.

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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](mailto:vinceandcathywwme@gmail.com)

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Tae Kwon Do classes held at Holy Spirit School every Wednesday afternoon. All ages welcome. Established since 1988. Please call Damian or Daisy on 0438 860 967 for more information.

**Roster for this Sunday – Pentecost Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month)**

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
<b>Readers</b>	Wendy Greasley Dylan Marsh	Sania Taukeve Remigia Muller	Beverley Halangoda Zoraida Requina
<b>Special Ministers</b>	<b>Sacristan</b> Yanery Ventura Marian Brooks Peter Greasley Tony Martin	<b>Sacristan</b> Lito De La Vega Vicki Norris Laurie Conlon Regina Fong	<b>Sacristan</b> Bryan Irvine Veronica Topindik, Ester Malgapo, Joyce Cubillan Alvin Cubillan, David Waken
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Shaun Perera Faith D’Souza		Janelle Bose Christian Dahms
<b>Data Projection</b>	Michael Heyne		
<b>Music</b>	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	Young Adults
<b>Hospitality</b>		Knights of Sth Cross	Knights of Sth Cross