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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

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

HEALING MASS (ANOINTING OF THE SICK)

2nd Friday of the month at 7.00am

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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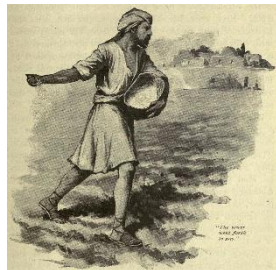
Chair – John Thomas
Secretary – Sabrina Menezes

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chair – Dawn Penna,
Secretary - Marian Brooks

12th July 2026 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

THEME: SPREADING THE WORD OF GOD



Isaiah draws our attention to how the rain and snow can soften the soil and thus make it malleable for crops to grow and draw nutrients from it. He then draws a similarity with the word of God that makes the human heart malleable to accept the precepts of God.

St Paul reminds us in the second reading that creation is awaiting redemption. Creation became in need of redemption due to the fall of humanity in Adam and Eve. Creation has been redeemed in Christ, but the fullness of redemption will only take place at the end of time, during the second coming of Christ. Though as Christian we have been grafted into Christ through our baptism, we are still awaiting our final glorification in Christ.

The Gospel presents us with the parable of the sower. This parable is taken from an agricultural background. A farmer after preparing a field for planting crop, scatters the grain all over the field. Though the field has been ploughed, there may still be some weeds, roots or stems that survived the tilling, or some stones or rocks that are mixed with the soil. As the grains are being scattered, some may fall beyond the cultivated area. It is within this context that the parable envisaged some seeds becoming food for the birds. Some may fall on rocks and hence scorched by the sun since their roots will have no depth, others may germinate but may be choked by weeds or thorns, and respectable number will germinate on good soil and bear fruits.

Jesus compared the above scenarios to different kinds of people who heard the Word of God but received it differently. The proclaimer of this Word of God is Jesus himself. There may be times that we are full of fervour or enthusiasm about our faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and times that we are very lukewarm and uninterested about our faith. There are times that we are faith-filled and times that we are doubtful. There are times we live in accordance with the demands of faith, and there are times we betray the faith by what we do or say or did not do or did not say. The fact that the seeds that fell on good soil yielded differing percentage of fruits (100%, 60% and 30%) is a reminder to us that though all the baptised are Christians, however, we still need to nurture our faith. It is not enough to baptise a child, but we should bring the child up in the faith.

Similarly, as adults, we need to grow our faith by meditating on the books of the bible which are like letters from home. It is also essential that we read some church documents like the catechism of the catholic church and other spiritual books. Let us also make time to participate in other meditations and spiritual activities. Just participating in mass on Sunday and doing nothing else throughout the week may not be enough. Conversion of heart and manners is also essential for us to yield a bumper harvest.

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 Isaiah 55:10-11 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14 (JB)

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23 (JB)

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,

for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted

and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what

was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 11 th	8:00am	
	6:00pm	Elena Garolacan (RIP Anniversary) Celine Jeremiah (RIP)
Sun 12 th	7:00am	Trevor Furness (RIP)
	9:00am	Ray William (Special Intention) Dorcas Leema (RIP)
Mon 13 th	7:00am	P.A Ignatious (RIP Anniversary)
Tue 14 th	7:30pm	Ray William (Special Intention)
Wed 15 th	7:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu 16 th	9:00am	For the soul of Crisostomo
Fri 17 th	7:00am	Jack Mackinnon (RIP Anniversary) Noel William Sander & Guillarmo Andaya Sr (RIP Anniversary)

Sat 18th 8:00am

Upcoming Events

July 11 th /12 th	Confirmation Commitment
July 26 th	Grandparent's Mass
July 27 th /28 th	Visit by Bishop D'Ercole, FDP, Cenacle (More details to follow next week)
July 29 th	St James Apostle
Aug 14 th	Assumption of Our Lady 7.30pm
Aug 15 th	Assumption of Our Lady 8am
Aug 15 th	Multicultural Sunday Combined Choir practice – 11am
Aug 22 nd	Working Bee
Aug 29 th	Setting up for Multicultural Sunday
Aug 30 th	Multicultural Mass
Sep 8 th	Birthday of Mother Mary
Sep 13 th	Parish Assembly
Sep 14 th	Exaltation of the Cross
Sep 29 th	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Archangels)
Oct 7 th	Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers
Oct 29 th	Fr Rozo Healing Mass

RECONCILIATION

In addition to our regular Saturday times of 8:45am and 5:15pm, Reconciliation is now also offered each Wednesday, following the 7am Mass and Benediction.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We sadly announce the passing of two dear members of our parish family.

Trevor Anthony Furness passed away on 3rd July, with his Funeral Mass on **Wednesday 15th July at 10:30am**.

Dorcas Leema passed away on 6th July, with her Funeral Mass on **Friday 17th July at 11:00am**. Both Masses at Holy Spirit Church, Bray Park. All are welcome.

Please keep Trevor, Dorcas, and their families in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Becoming Catholic is a journey of faith supported by the parish community, known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Through RCIA, you meet with others to share, reflect, pray, and learn more about the faith.

We will be starting new classes on Thursday 30th July at 7.00pm — so if you, or someone you know, has ever felt drawn to explore the Catholic faith, now is a wonderful time to begin the journey. To find out more, contact the parish office on **3205 1493** or braypark@bne.catholic.net.au.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The July-December Planned giving envelopes are now available and are available at the front of the church. Thank you for your very generous support.

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY – *One Heart & One Soul in Christ* - Sunday 30th August

Holy Spirit Parish warmly invites everyone to our annual Multicultural Celebration - a joyous occasion when the many nations of our parish come together to praise the one God who unites us all.

The day begins at 9am with our Multicultural Mass in the church. After Mass, the celebrations continue in the Holy Spirit School Hall with entertainment and a tasting of international foods from around the world. If you'd like to share a dish from your culture, perform, or help on the day, please fill out a form, available at the back of the church.

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY MEETING

Our next meeting will be this Sunday after the 9am Mass.

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE: Tickets On Sale - 25/.26th and 1/2nd August outside of all Masses at Bray Park, Petrie & Dayboro. Good value @ \$20 with 12 chances for 12 cash prizes over a 10 week period. All funds to Knights Charities.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP NIGHT

 **Worship Night – Sat 1st August, 7:00–8:30pm**
All youth and young adults (16+) are invited to an evening of worship and encountering the living God. Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Rd, Bray Park. *Come expecting. Leave encountered.*

YOUNG ADULTS MOVIE NIGHT

 **Movie Night – Sat 18th July, 7:15pm**
All young adults are welcome to join us for a movie, fellowship, and fun! Holy Spirit Church Hall (next to Parish Office), 102 Sparkes Rd, Bray Park. Come relax, connect, and bring a friend!

THE CARMELITE SISTERS
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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

SUNDAY 19 JULY
10.00 am Mass

Celebrant: Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

Stay for a picnic lunch - tea, coffee, sandwiches on sale.
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2.00 pm Evening Prayer - Benediction - Scapular enrolments

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GRANDPARENTS DAY

Holy Spirit Parish shall be celebrating Grandparent's Day on Sunday 26th July at all Sunday Masses.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CATHOLICS IN AUSTRALIA

First Nations Catholics are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church

- **135,681** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics
- **4.6%** of the Catholic population is aged under 5
- **10** dioceses which have over one-fifth of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population who identify as Catholic
- **8.2%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics under the age of 5

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

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, Glen Brown, Henry Mencia,

Victoria Murrell, Maarten Vollebregt, Henny Van Meygaarden, People in Nursing Homes.

We Remember

Doug Linsdell, John Markey, Michael Dewitte, Jessie Urwin, Christina Miller, Isobel Cripps, Joseph Caruana, Hazel Young, Pilar Garcia-Urbina, Eddie Bell, John Gilfoyle, Frank Rinaldis, Miriam Smyers, Mata Lendel, Jack Mackinnon, Barry Moy, William Harlec, Kenneth Swanson

Recently Deceased: Dorcas Leema

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UPDATE

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 CONFIRMATION

Confirmation (Year 3)

Commitment Masses: This Saturday & Sunday at 6pm and 9am respectively
Ceremony: Saturday 22 August @ 6.00pm

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Roster for this Sunday — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th/12th July (2nd 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 Tony Martin, Alan Brooks, Yanery Ventura	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Ashley Smith, Agimary Joseph, Joseph Ignatius, Laurie Conlon	Sacristan Bryan Irvine Alvin Cubillan, Juliet Kumar, Japar Kumar, David Waken, Joyce Cubillan
Altar Servers	Charlotte Lindstrom Josie Lindstrom Juliette Lindstrom	Lokani Fosita Julius Fosita	Angelique Moody Xavier Priaulx
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music		Emmanuel Choir	'Le Ala' Samoan Choir
Hospitality		Knights of Sth Cross	Patricia, Kim and friends