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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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19th July 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

THEME: GOD IS PATIENT WHILE WE GROW



Like last week, Jesus continues to teach in Parables. He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." (Matthew 13:33)

Here we see, Jesus continues to unveil the mystery of the Kingdom through parables.

This time, He uses an image from the kitchen: yeast. Yeast is small, unassuming, hidden. You cannot see its work as it kneads through the dough. But given time, it transforms the entire batch. A small amount of yeast leavens three measures of flour, enough to feed a hundred people. The Kingdom of heaven is like that. It begins small, hidden, and almost invisible. But its power is unstoppable. It will transform everything. This reminds us that God is Patient, Merciful and Understanding.

The woman in the parable does not just sprinkle yeast on top. She mixes it in. She works it into the dough until it is fully incorporated.

The Kingdom does not remain on the surface. It penetrates. It works from within. It changes the whole.

This parable challenges our expectations. We often look for the Kingdom in dramatic events: Often we want quick judgment. We want God to answer our prayers immediately. We want evil to disappear instantly. We become frustrated with people who hurt us, disappoint us, or live wrongly. Yet God sees the whole person and the whole journey.

The first reading from Wisdom says that God judges with mercy and gives sinners the opportunity to repent.

We should ask ourselves: Do we give others the same patience that God gives us? The Kingdom which we are looking for, often works quietly. It leavens the dough of history slowly, patiently, imperceptibly. The woman is patient. She does not force the dough to rise. She waits. She trusts the yeast to do its work. From this we learn that true strength is revealed through Patient, Mercy and giving people time to repent.

The yeast also reminds us that the Kingdom is not something we produce. We do not make the dough rise by our own efforts. The yeast symbolizes the presence of Christ, the Power of the Holy Spirit and trust that God will do the rest. Our role is to mix the yeast in, to be present, to be faithful, and to trust the hidden work.

This parable encourages those who feel small and insignificant. When we feel discouraged, we should remember that God has not abandoned us. He is still cultivating the wheat in our lives. The Kingdom does not require large numbers, impressive programs, or visible success. It requires faithful witnesses who mix the yeast into the dough of everyday life. A kind word, a patient response, a silent prayer, a generous act—these are the yeast. They may seem small, but they are powerful. They leaven the whole.

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The woman mixed the yeast until the whole batch was leavened. The transformation is complete. The Kingdom will not fail. It will not be stopped. It will not remain hidden forever. One day, the whole batch will be leavened. The Kingdom will come in its fullness. Until then, we mix the yeast. We trust the process. We wait for the harvest.

Let us not despise the small beginnings. Let us not underestimate the power of hidden grace. The Kingdom of heaven is like yeast. It is working. It is spreading. It will transform everything. This means that God patiently waits for His children to grow before the final harvest. Never mistake God's patience for His absence. While you are waiting, God is working. While you are growing, God is nurturing. While you are struggling, the Holy Spirit is praying within you.

Dear friends, the Lord's field contains both wheat and weeds, but God never stops caring for His crop. He is patient because He desires our salvation.

Let us therefore trust in His mercy, cooperate with His grace, and allow the Holy Spirit to transform us day by day, so that when the time of harvest comes, we may be found among the good wheat gathered into the Lord's barn. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Vincent Makokhah Elimah, C.S.Sp.

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 Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (JB)

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30 (JB)

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed dandel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the dandel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the dandel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the dandel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the dandel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 18 th	8:00am	Isabel Quinn (RIP Anniversary)
	6:00pm	Betsy Van Meygaarden (Recently deceased – sister in law of Rob Van Meygaarden)
Sun 19 th	7.00am	Marg Wallace (Special Intention)
	9.00am	Holy Soul of Anthony Caruana Michel Monty (RIP)
Mon 20 th	7.00am	Graham Quinn (RIP Anniversary)
Tue 21 st	7.30pm	Barry Quinn (RIP Anniversary)
Wed 22 nd	7.00am	K.P Mary (RIP Anniversary)
Thu 23 rd	9.00am	Ray William (Special Intention)
Fri 24 th	7.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat 25 th	8.00am	Herbert Quinn (RIP Anniversary)

Upcoming Events

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	Our Lady of the Rosary
Oct 23 rd	Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers
Oct 29 th	Fr Roza Healing Mass

TUHRUDAY MASS – 7AM THIS WEEK

Due to the Clergy Conference, our Thursday Mass this week will be at 7am instead of the usual 9am.

SATURDAY MORNING ROSARY

Please note that starting this week, we will pray the rosary on Saturday mornings at 7:30am, before the 8am Mass, rather than afterward as we have been. All are welcome to join.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE: Tickets available for sale at all Masses on weekends of 25/26th July and 2/3rd August. Only 100 tickets sold - good odds - 12 cash prizes drawn over 10 weeks. Knights Charities.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is coming up on 26 July. This year's theme, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), invites us to show love and gratitude for the older people in our lives. Take a moment this week to reach out — through a visit, a phone call, or a simple act of kindness — to a grandparent, elderly neighbour, or someone who may be feeling alone. Small gestures can make a big difference. For more information::

<https://tinyurl.com/GrndPnts26>

QUO VADIS FOR MEN 2026

Vocation Brisbane invites young men to explore their vocational calling through this guided weekend retreat experience.

When: Friday 31 July – Sunday 2 August | 4:30pm – 2:00pm

Where: Holy Spirit Seminary

Find out more here:

<https://tinyurl.com/QuoVadisMen2026>

QUO VADIS FOR WOMEN 2026

Vocation Brisbane invites young women to explore their vocational calling through this guided weekend retreat experience

When: Saturday 8 August – Sunday 9 August | 8:30am – 3:00pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Find out more here:

<https://tinyurl.com/QuoVadisWomen2026>

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!

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS (MMP)

Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole (FDP) is visiting cities in Australia and the Oceania region. He is a member of the religious order called the Sons Of Divine Providence (Don Orione). He was a close associate of Fr Don Stefano Gobbi.

The MMP has 3 core commitments: Entrusting oneself entirely to Mary; Unity with the Pope; and Leading Others to Mary in the form of a Cenacle.

A Cenacle is modelled on the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room with Mary. These localized gatherings include invoking the Holy Spirit, praying the Rosary, and meditating on the spiritual messages recorded in the MMP's "Blue" book "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons".

If you are new to the MMP then please come to Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Tuesday 28th 7.30pm – Mass - Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Rd., Bray Park

Wednesday 29th 10am – Mass and Cenacle at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, followed by MMP Holy Hour, meditation, Rosary & Adoration.

12pm Lunch. Bring a plate (optional). Tea and coffee provided.

THE DESIRE FOR GOD

The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator. (CCC 27)

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

Vince Lester, 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

Rex Law, George Cassimaty, Paula Smith, Lawrie O'Sullivan, Nena Thomsen, Leslie North, Tony Hurst, Pat Sedl, Nancy Brace, Ethel Sharpe, Marjorie Watson, Christina May Gilfuis, Marilyn Boxer, Katherine Mulheran, Carmel Scafe

Recently Deceased: Bob Smyth

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 CONFIRMATION

Confirmation (Year 3)

Ceremony: Saturday 22 August @
6.00pm

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Roster for this Sunday – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th/19th July (3rd Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Doreen Mones Bernie Piovesan	Paul Ferris Sherine Tobias	Joyce Cubillan Crisalyn Tenio
Special Ministers	Sacristan Doreen Mones Carleen Augustus, Bernie Piovesan	Sacristan Lito De La Vega Marie Hird, Agimary Joseph, Mia Young	Sacristan Bryan Irvine Veronica Topindik, Ester Malgapo, Joyce Cubillan, Alvin Cubillan, David Waken
Altar Servers			Francis Fernando, Peter Fernando Theresa
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music		Emmanuel Choir	Couples for Christ Australia
Hospitality			Couples for Christ Australia