

SUNDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 2026
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Parish of The Holy Spirit and St. Francis

St Mary's

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sacred Heart

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our journey together as a faith community, let us remember to pray for each other, for those who are struggling: physically or spiritually, those who have had medical procedures and those who are travelling locally and overseas. Let us also pray for each other's families who we know are facing challenging times.

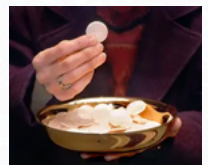


Renewing Our Ministry of Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

One of the great blessings of parish life is the generous service offered by so many parishioners. The ministries of Reader and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion are vital to our liturgical celebrations, helping us hear God's Word proclaimed and receive the Body and Blood of Christ with reverence and dignity.



As our parish continues to grow and change, we are seeking to renew and strengthen these ministries. I warmly invite current Readers and Eucharistic Ministers and new ones to come to the information night session for both ministries. I thank those who are continuing their service to the parish and invite others to seriously consider taking onboard this special ministry. Training and formation dates and times have been provided, but if you have any questions please talk to me or Maria in the office. Serving in these ministries is not simply performing a task; it is a ministry of faith, witness, and service to the Lord and His people.



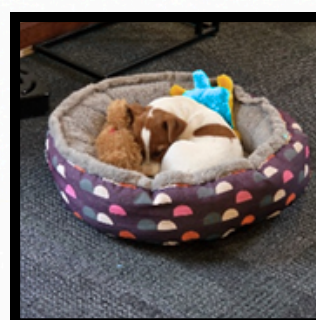
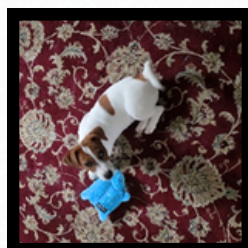
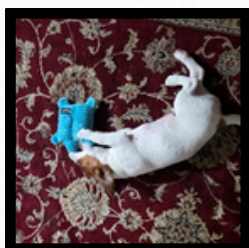
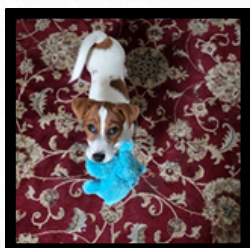
Remembrance Day

On the 11th November, Australians pause to remember the men and women who have served and sacrificed in times of war, conflict, and peacekeeping missions. Remembrance Day invites us not only to honour those who gave their lives but also to pray for lasting peace throughout the world. The familiar words, "Lest We Forget," remind us of the cost of freedom and the importance of working for reconciliation and peace in our communities and nations. In the next couple of weekends we will be providing opportunities for parishioners to purchase an item to wear on the 11th and also to support those who served for our country. Let us come together to help support and show our appreciation for those who have sacrificed their life for our safety.



ADVENT 2026

The season of Advent is only 5 weeks away and we as a parish are getting ready for our annual Advent groups to stop, read and reflect on the readings leading up to Christmas. We have purchased a number of copies of the daily reflection books provided by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. If you would like to purchase one of these books for your personal use during these sessions, please contact Maria in the office and she will be able to help you.



*Have a great week.
Fr Martin and Sir Richard.*

Sir Richard is growing up fast and is able to sit, stay and have lots of fun.
Puppy school starts soon.



WE PRAY FOR...

ILLNESS:

Rosa Nistico, Elizabeth Kiernikowski, Maria Reilly, Nancy Camera, Lucy Finnegan, Ebony McDonald, Teresa Styne, Oliver & James Mendis, Mary Ryan, Sunny & Hunter Drew, Joseph Galekovic, Clive O'Connor, Rita Spinella, Kerstin Thomas, Marie Northey, Shane Cowie, Melita Lambiris, Malcom Keys, Carmel Finley, M.S., Barry Martin, Vera Molloy, Claire Lawrence, Tom Fischer, Joan Tranter, Stella Noal, Peter Teasdale, Paul Kennedy, Antonio Salas, Prue Turner, Colin Lewin, Peter Robertson, Mag, Joe, Vlad, Charles, Emomali, Nikol, Johnny, Seamus, Anna

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Elisabeth West,
Leonie James,
Fr Philip Casey,
Kate Bownas,
Constance Collings,
Helen Moscos,
Murray Grimmer,
Geoff Holdsworth
Rupert Arnold

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Ned Asome
Octavio Ferraz

SACRAMENTS 2026



FIRST RECONCILIATION

TERM 4

Tues 10, 17 & 24 Nov 5:30 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Semester 1: 2027

CONFIRMATION

Thu 3 Sept to 19 Nov 5 pm

Information & bookings at
sandringham@cam.org.au

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 9:15 am Mass at St Mary's on Thursday 29 October. Communion Service will take place instead.

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS – MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

9:15 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hampton East
07:00 pm at Sacred Heart Sandringham.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass offering envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the churches for those wishing to offer mass for their deceased loved ones.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him."

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes (R)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)



You must love your neighbour as yourself

Matthew 22:39

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.



POPE’S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:
FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

PLEASE TAKE
ME HOME
FOR FURTHER
REFLECTION.

WEEKEND MASS
TIMES

Saturday Vigil
6 pm St Mary’s
59 Holyrood St, Hampton
Sunday Morning
9 am Sunday - Sacred Heart
13 Fernhill Rd, Sandringham
10:30 am Immaculate Heart
441 Bluff Rd, Hampton East

WEEKDAY MASS
TIMES

Mon 9:15 am Immaculate Heart
Tue 9:15am Sacred Heart
Wed 9:15am Sacred Heart
Thur 9:15am St Mary’s

CONFESSION
TIMES

Sat. 5:45 pm St Mary’s
Sun. 8:45 am Sacred Heart

PRAYER
&
ADORATION
All are welcome!

Rosary & Prayers
Sun, 10 am Immaculate Heart
Mon, 8:50 & 9:50 am Immaculate Heart
Tue, 8:45 am Sacred Heart New Time!!
Wed, 8:20 am Sacred Heart
Thu, 8:45 am St Mary’s New Time!!
Adoration
Wed, 8:45-9:10am Sacred Heart

EMERGENCIES

For anointing of the sick please
call 7036 9381 and dial 3

BITE SIZE THOUGHTS BY GREG SUNTER

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

PARISH MINISTRY TRAINING

Led by Fr Martin Tanti at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm

- Parish Readers: Wednesday 28 October
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Wed 4 November

Please complete the relevant form to let us know whether or not you will be attending.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New weekly Thanksgiving Envelopes are available for collection at the back of the church.

The new year will commence from 1 November 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at sandringham@cam.org.au
Thank you for your continued generosity and support



Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of the Holy Spirit & St Francis for your generous support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal.

Your contribution of \$1,198.85 has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in Kampira, Malawi, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church.

Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

COLLECTIONS

Please note that at our Masses there are two collections:

- The First collection is for priest and retired priests
- The Second collection helps support the day-to-day expenses of the parish.

If you would prefer to give by card, tap machines are available in the foyers of the churches.

DIRECT DEBIT

Parish of The Holy Spirit & St Francis

BSB: 083 347

Acc. Num: 646745079

Presbytery Account

BSB: 083 347

Acc. Num: 646741705

ON LINE DONATIONS

at our [website](#) or using your phone to read our QR code



Thank you for your generosity to help us continue our ministry.

Donations to Social Justice Group

Sacred Heart Parish SJG East
Timor Project

BSB: 083347

Acc: 250540755

Return-It Vic!

Return your bottles & cans to donate the refund to our Parish Social Justice Group! Use the CDS Vic East refund points and enter our Parish Partner ID: C2000075764.

Unwanted Foreign Currency

Collection boxes will be in each church foyer and will be collected weekly

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
THURSDAY 12 NOV
7.30am – 8.45am
Join us for a special conversation
as Fr Nathan Rawlins interviews
ANNIE CARRETT

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA INC.

Bookings essential: trybooking.com/DPTZE or info@cwlicvww.org.au

SYNODALITY AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people long to be heard and taken seriously. Synodality invites the Church to listen attentively to their questions and hopes.



Community Cuppa

Sundays After 9:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart.
Sundays After 10:30 am Mass, Immaculate Heart.
Wednesdays After 9:15 am Mass, Sacred Heart.

Monthly Dinner

1st Saturday of the month after 6 pm Mass.
Contact Michele: 0427 508 003.

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Parish Secretary: Maria Jesus de Santisteban

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Tue to Fri - 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

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