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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat 6:00pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sun 7:00am, 9:00am

Sun 11:00am Aramaic Mass

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, BENEDICTION AND ADORATION

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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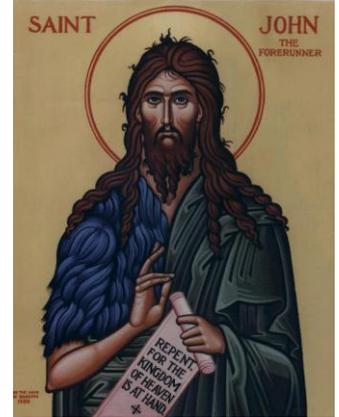
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chair – Dawn Penna

Secretary - Marian Brooks

6th/7th December 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent Year A

On this Second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist emerges as the urgent herald, calling us to recognise the Messiah who is already in our midst. His central message—“Repent and prepare the way of the Lord!”—confronts us with a spiritual reality: we often overlook God’s presence because He does not conform to our expectations of power and glory.



John’s call to “make straight the paths” is an invitation to examine and remove the obstacles that twist our way to God. These obstacles include unrepentant sin, entrenched unforgiveness, self-deceit, and a life devoid of prayer.

He outlines two essential steps for repairing our relationship with God and one another:

1. Honest Acknowledgment: Facing our failings with truth and humility, ideally through the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. Fruitful Change: Producing “good fruits”—tangible works of justice, mercy, and love—as evidence of a heart truly transformed by grace.

John issues a stern warning against spiritual complacency, challenging us, the baptised, not to rely merely on the sacraments received or religious identity, any more than the Jews of his day could rely on being “children of Abraham.” Our relationship with God is not a passive inheritance but a daily commitment.

When we undertake this work of repentance and repair, we open ourselves to the Advent gift of Christ’s Peace—symbolised by the second candle of Advent. This is not merely the absence of conflict, but a profound, God-given serenity that operates within trouble, fear, and storm. It is a deep-seated trust in God’s sovereignty and goodness that enables us to stand firm. We stand firm, not because we are strong, but because of our straight, repaired path that leads us to the foundation, which is Christ.

Amen.

Fr Edward Khaemba CSSp

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We Remember

Recently Deceased: Pedro 'Pete' Vergel de Dios



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially: Tony Kendall, Amy

Gatton, Paul Craig, Mary Thun, Byron Irving, Levila Martin, Amy Quinn, Clive

Ferdinands, Elizabeth Mumford, Terry Walsh, Norm Armstrong. Jacob Olsen. **May their souls rest in peace.**

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

Sa Tamalii, Brendan Drury, Stephen Thompson, Jacob Young, 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, Elda, Albert Jahnke, Mark Hopgood, Angela Gannon, Josephine Abellera, Kevin Pavey, Carolyn Tanner, Dorcas Leema, Eddie (Luisa's brother), Bernadette (Luisa's daughter), Fiona Russell, Maggie, Frank Zoing, Michael Sedl, Trish, Jeffrey Heyne, Larry Eliepa, Arthur Naylor, Bryan Doyle, Marian David, Vincent Stufano and family, Sr Lina Vaschina, Anna Maria Vaschina, Christina Grace Hambling, Josie Longo, Marco Polo Tanzi, Gerry Demenzes & Maria Stufano, Lewis Mika. People in Nursing Homes.

If you would like a priest to visit yourself or if you know of someone, for anointing and/or Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office on 3205 1493.

SYRIAC CATHOLIC MISSION

Thu 5-8pm (Women' Group), Fri 6-8pm (Teenagers), Sat 9.00-11.00am (*Catechism & First Communion*)

Subdeacon - Zaid Sallouha 0499404013

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.

This week in our Parish

Wed 10th 7.00am Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 8.30am

Thursday morning

Thu 11th 9.00am Mass (No School Mass)

Note: Benediction will after the Wednesday 7am Mass

Upcoming Events

Sun 7th December Second Sunday of Advent
Advent Reflections

Sun 7th December Visit from Archbishop Shane for Fr Chinua's Installation Mass

Mon 8th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Sun 14th December Visit of Spiritan General Councillors

Mass Intentions

Sat 6th 6:00pm Mary & Lawrence D'Ekenaike (RIP)

Laurence David (RIP)

Sun 7th 7.00am Tony Kendall (RIP Anniversary)
Teresa Pauline (RIP)

9.00am Holy Soul of Manuel Cabungcal and the departed members of the Cabungcal family
Fred Ventura (RIP)

Mon 8th 7.00am Veronica Margaret Ryan (RIP Anniversary)

Tue 9th 7.30pm Holy Soul of Restituto Cabungcal and the departed members of the Cabungcal family

Wed 10th 7.00am Pedro 'Pete' Vergel de Dios (RIP)

Thu 11th 9.00am Treasa Inasu (Birthday)
Teodoro & Teodoro Jose Trillana (Birthday Anniversary)

Fri 12th 7.00am Personal Intention for Solomon
Sat 13th 8.00am Rev. Fr. Simplicio S

Sunpayco SJ (5th Year RIP Anniversary)

WINE & CHEESE – THIS SATURDAY EVENING

This Saturday, we will have Wine & Cheese this Saturday after the 6pm Mass. It is held in the canteen area just outside of the Church and everyone is most welcome to attend.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our Appeal will start this Sunday and will continue until Christmas Eve. We will leave envelopes and a collection box at the back of the Church, and if you need a receipt please write your name and address on the envelope. There are many families in our local area struggling financially, and your donation will help make Christmas a happier time for them. **ALL** money donated is used in Bray Park, Lawnton, Strathpine, and Joyner. So far this year we have provided food and financial assistance to about 800 people (adults and children) in our local area. Thank you for your continued support, from all at SVDP Holy Spirit Pine Rivers.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to the Holy Spirit School Community who have donated food items to be sorted into Christmas Hamper's for local families. The Year 6 Students also conducted Fundraising Activities and have raised over \$1000 to be donated to St Vincent de Paul Pine Rivers. This will be used to help pay for laptops and back-to-school expenses for local children from needy families. We really appreciate the wonderful support we always receive from Holy Spirit School and Parish. Thank you.



COLUMBAN CALENDAR FOR 2026 NOW AVAILABLE

The Columban Calendars for 2026 are now available from the Piety Store for \$11.00.

SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards are available at the Piety Store: A packet of 5 cards for \$2.50.

INVITATION FOR CHILDREN TO BE IN THE NATIVITY PLAY

We would like to invite any children who would like participate in this year's Christmas Eve Nativity Play. If you have children who would love to participate, please lcall the office on 3205 1493.

CHRISTMAS MASS VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for any Readers, Special Ministers, Altar Servers, and Data Projector Operators who are available for the Christmas Masses. Please write your name and contact details against your preferred time on the sheets in the Sacristy.

INSTALLATION MASS OF FATHER CHINUA OKEKE C.S.SP AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY DD

We congratulate Father Chinua Okeke C.S.Sp on his installation as Parish Priest of Holy Spirit Parish, Bray Park by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay today.



We are especially honoured to welcome Archbishop Shane to our parish community. Following the Mass, a morning tea will be held in the Canteen and grassed area at the front of the Church. Several of our parish groups will be sharing dishes from their cultural traditions, offering a taste of the vibrant, multicultural spirit that defines Holy Spirit Parish.



SEASON OF ADVENT

30th November 2025 to 24th December 2025

Liturgical Year A - Weekday Cycle 2

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ADVENT REFLECTIONS FOLLOWED BY MASS

From the first to the third Sunday of Advent (30th November – 14th December), we will have Advent Reflections at 4:30pm, followed by Mass at 5:30pm. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, 21st December, we shall be celebrating Simbang Gabi (Christmas Novena Mass) at 7.00pm.

The themes to be discussed each week will be:

Week 1: Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah

Week 2: The family tree of Jesus

Week 3: Role of Mary in the history of salvation

Week 4: Simbang Gabi (21st December) - Rosary 6.00pm, Carols 6:30pm and Mass 7.00pm

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND HOUR OF GRACE



In observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, you are invited to join us in prayer on Monday, the 8th of December. We will observe the traditional Hour of Grace from 12 Noon until 1pm in the afternoon. This holy hour will include the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The day's liturgical schedule is as follows:

Holy Mass: 7:00 AM & 7:30 PM

Hour of Grace with Exposition: 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM

SPECIAL WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome the Very Reverend Fr. Philip Massewe, CSSp, Spiritan Councillor from Rome, to our parish. Please join us in extending a heartfelt greeting to Fr. Massewe as he joins our celebration next weekend.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION

Join us for the Second Rite of Reconciliation on Friday, 19 December 2025 at 7:30 pm. Experience God's mercy through individual absolution, and welcome the Christmas season with a renewed spirit. All are warmly invited.

KREUPASANAM 1000 BEADS ROSARY

On the second Saturday of the month, 13 December 2025, the Kreupasanam 1000-Bead Rosary will be held at Marian Valley. The Rosary will begin at 5:30a.m. and continue until 10:00 a.m. Afterward, there will be a blessing from the Father, followed by the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of Marian Valley. The Vatican's Ambassador to Australia, Archbishop Charles Balvo, the Apostolic Nuncio, will be visiting Marian Valley on that day for the celebration, and there will be an opportunity to receive a Plenary Indulgence. Everyone is warmly invited to join us at Marian Valley. Note: From January onwards, the Rosary will be held from 5:45 a.m. to 10:15a.m., Rosary will be conducted in English and take place on the second Saturday of every month. For more details: +61 452 265 390 (Tenson Maliekkal) Subscribe to Kreupasanam (English)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council meet monthly to advise the parish priests on matters of pastoral needs. Need members are needed. Please speak with the priests or contact the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

The Holy Spirit Catholic Community has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Safeguarding Contact Email:
Isr.braypark@bne.catholic.net.au

PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

Whether you're looking for fellowship, faith formation, or a way to serve, you are warmly invited to be a part of our many groups within the parish.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Parish Young Adults

Children's Catechism

Legion of Mary

Coupes for Christ Australia

St Vincent de Paul Society

Men's Prayer Group

Marian Movement of Priests

For more information, please contact the Parish Office by phone on 3205 1493 or email at braypark@bne.catholic.net.au

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

We celebrate Mass monthly with the residents of local nursing homes.

Mass Schedule (Monthly):

Anam Cara: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30pm

Pinewoods: 3rd Tuesday, 1:30pm

Strathpine Aged Care: 4th Tuesday, 10:30am

We welcome volunteers and visitors! Please contact the parish office to learn more.

READINGS FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,

a scion thrusts from his roots:

on him the spirit of the Lord rests,

a spirit of wisdom and insight,

a spirit of counsel and power,

a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances,

he gives no verdict on hearsay,

but judges the wretched with integrity,

and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (JB)

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails:
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**
For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures
was meant to teach us something about hope from the
examples scripture gives of how people who did not
give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us
when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant
with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus,
so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4, 6 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

*Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Roster for this Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Advent 6th/7th November 2025 (1st Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Alan Brooks Marian Brooks	Rob Van Meygaarden Terry O'Donnell	Zoraida Requina Sherin Glaties
Special Ministers	Marian Brooks Carleen Augustus Pat Casey	Laurie Conlon Jun Lacson Lito De La Vega	Susan Lu0, Juliet Kumar, Jumar Kumar, Bryan Irvine
Altar Servers		Maria Kunau	Klara Pacl Sandra Glaties Alana Bijomon
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	"Spirit Alive" Choir
Hospitality			Indian Community

Roster for next Sunday – 3rd Sunday of Advent 13th/14th November 2025 (2nd Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Tony Martin	Ashley Smith Marie Hird	Ester Malgapo Rebecca Davis
Special Ministers	Tony Martin Alan Brooks Yanery Ventura	Vicki Norris Ashley Smith Agimary Joseph	Bryan Irvine, Joyce Cubillan, Alvin Cubillan, Pele Pese
Altar Servers	Charlotte Lindstrom Josie Lindstrom Juliette Lindstrom	Lokani Fosita Julius Fosita	Justice Emmanuel Wisdom
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music	Jennifer Marsh	Emmanuel Choir	"Le Ala" Samoan Choir
Hospitality			Samoan Group