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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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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair – John Thomas
Secretary – Sabrina Menezes

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chair – Dawn Penna,
Secretary - Marian Brooks

11th October 2026 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Invitation to the Heavenly Banquet



In today's Gospel passage (Mt 22:1-14), Jesus used a parable about a king who hosted "a feast for his son's wedding" to illustrate the nature of the Kingdom of God. While reading or listening to this story, we must not lose sight that it is a parable that needs to be interpreted. As per the narration, a king invited some guests to his son's wedding banquet. He killed oxen and fattened cattle to prepare a lavish meal. When the feast time came by, he sent out sets of servants to remind the invitees that the banquet was set. All those who had been invited gave various apologies such as I have some work to do in my farm, or I have a business commitment for their inability to honour their invitation. Some of the invitees maltreated and killed some of the king's servants. The king in anger dispatched his troops to retaliate for the maltreatment and killing of his servants.

He then ordered his servants to go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone they could find to the wedding since the initial invitees had proved themselves unworthy to sit at the banquet table. The servants followed assiduously the instruction of the king, and the banquet chamber was filled with guests. However, when the king came to greet the guests, he spotted a man who was not wearing a wedding garment, the king ordered that he should be punished for not wearing a wedding garment.

This banquet envisaged in the Gospel is not an earthly meal, but an eternal banquet in the Kingdom of God to which the people of Israel and the non-Jews (gentiles), were the first and the second invitees respectively. The host of the banquet is Jesus Christ and the servants sent out refers to the prophets in the Old Testament and the apostles and disciples in the New Testament.

One may wonder why the king ordered that the guest without a wedding garment should be excluded from the banquet since he was not given advance notice to prepare for the feast. We must recall, as I have stated above, that this story is a parable which needs to be interpreted.

God calls us despite our state in life. He calls us as we are. Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery, neither do I condemn you but go and sin no more. God expects that his grace in us will transform us and make us better human beings – people who choose good and shun evil. Hence, there will be reckoning for those who refuse to be transformed by the grace of God.

Another way of interpreting the punishment meted out to the guest without the wedding garment is that we must always be ready because we do not know at what day or time death might come knocking. We should ensure that our souls are ready to meet with God any time God communicates to us that our earthly dwelling has come to an end.

Again, in ancient Israel, it was the host who provided the guests with the wedding garment, thus the guest without the wedding garment may have lost or misplaced it which would be interpreted as being negligent. Or he may have chosen not to wear it, which portrays him as being rebellious against the king and his son.

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 25:6-10 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22 (JB)

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-10 (JB)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.' The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 10 th	6:00pm	Celine Jeremiah (RIP)
Sun 11 th	7.00am	Carolina & Josefina Guevarra (RIP)
	9.00am	Dom Limeta (RIP)
		Michel Monty (RIP)
Mon 12 th	7.00am	David Cockram (Birthday)
Tue 13 th	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 14 th	7.00am	Bill Byfield (RIP Anniversary)
Thu 15 th	9.00am	
Fri 16 th	7.00am	Marg Wallace (RIP)
Sat 17 th	8.00am	Alex David (Birthday)

Upcoming Events

Oct 11 th	Religious Instruction for High School students
Oct 17 th	Parish Dinner – 7pm
Oct 23 rd	Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers @ 7.00pm
Oct 26 th	Fr Roza Healing Mass @ 5:30pm
Nov 1 st	All Saints Day

Nov 2 nd	All Souls Day Masses: 7am, 12 noon; 5.30pm Mass & Blessing at Lawnton Cemetery
Nov 8 th	Blessing of the Columbarium after the every Mass Religious Instruction for High School students
Nov 9 th	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
Nov 11 th	Remembrance Day
Nov 13 th	Bereavement Mass – 7.00pm
Nov 22 nd	Solemnity of Christ the King. Eucharistic procession after 9am Mass. Benediction after every mass.
Nov 29 th	Season of Advent begins
Nov 30 th	St Andrew
Dec 8 th	Immaculate Conception. Masses 7am and 7.30pm. Hour of Grace 11:45am

YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY MEETING

All young adults aged 17 to 35 (or thereabouts) are warmly invited to our next monthly meeting on Sunday 18th October, straight after the 9am Mass, in the Parish Office.

COMBINED CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, 17TH OCTOBER

PARISH DINNER & FATHER CHINUA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

VENUE – PARISH HALL

TIME – From 7pm (Immediately following 6pm Mass)

Buffet meal - roast meats, vegetables, salads, dessert, tea and coffee. (B.Y.O. alcohol). Come and join us for an evening of entertainment, raffles, 'Slide the Coin' game, 100's Board – a special evening for our Parish community. Please bring gold coins to join in the fun.

CUT OFF FOR TICKET SALES IS THIS SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER

Ticket prices are as follows:

Adult - \$40.00, Student (High School Age) - \$15.00, Child (4yrs to 10 yrs) - \$10.00, Children under 4 yrs – Free.

Payment via EFTPOS or cash.

Hope you can join us! Thank you, (Organising Committee)

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE: The winner of the 9th Draw was Paul Fyfe With ticket No 71 Congrats Paul

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY



After the joy of last year's Nativity Play, we're getting ready to do it again this Christmas! Children of all ages are invited. Parents are also welcome to help with costumes and props. To register your interest, please add their name, age and a contact number to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or call the Parish Office on (07) 3205 1493.

FAMILY VISITS

Fr Chinua and Fr Vincent would love to get to know our parish families better and are offering to visit you in your home. It's a chance to meet informally, share a cuppa, and for the priests to offer a blessing for your home and family. Visits are open to everyone: families, couples, those living on their own, and anyone who is unwell or housebound. If you'd like a visit, please add your name, address and phone number to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. The priests will contact you to arrange a time that suits. If you are unable to get to the sign-up sheet, please call the Parish Office on (07) 3205 1493.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

Starting this Sunday, 11 October, religious education classes for high school students will be held on the second Sunday of each month, following the 9am Mass.

THANK YOU - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and a hopeful future. If you've become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift, thank you for your ongoing commitment. To learn more about Catholic Mission's work in Malawi and worldwide, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Thank you again, and please keep this work in your prayers

DAILY MASS BOOK AND BREAK OPEN THE WORD FOR YEAR B 2027



If you would like to order a copy of Break Open the Word, the Daily Mass 2027 or the Ordo 2027, please contact the Parish Office on 3205 1493 or by email at braypark@bne.catholic.net.au

CELEBRATING FATHER CHINUA'S BIRTHDAY AS WELL AS WINE, CHEESE & CAKE – THIS SATURDAY EVENING



Join us for Wine & Cheese this Saturday after the 6pm Mass. We will also have a cake to celebrate Fr Chinua's birthday, so come along and help us wish him a very happy birthday. It's completely free of charge and a wonderful way to catch up with old friends, make some new ones, and welcome those who are new to our parish. Bring your smile and your appetite — everyone is most welcome!

HEALING MASS WITH FR ROZO PALIĆ - MONDAY 26 OCTOBER, 5.30PM

"Jesus is the Doctor and the Medicine."

Holy Spirit Church, Bray Park, is blessed to host Fr Rozo Palić during his 2026 Australian tour, and all are warmly invited to an evening of healing, prayer and encouragement.

The evening begins with Healing Mass, asking God for healing of mind, body and spirit. With Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, Fr Rozo will then share an inspiring talk on faith, forgiveness and finding peace in God's love, followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Benediction as he carries the monstrance through the church. The evening concludes with personal prayer, laying on of hands and an individual blessing for all who wish to receive one.

What to bring: water, salt and oil will be blessed during the service. Please label your items clearly with your name and leave them for collection after the service has finished.

Bring family and friends - especially anyone in need of healing or hope. Everyone is welcome.

When: Monday 26 October, 5.30pm

Where: Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Road, Bray Park

Enquiries: 0412 802 122 or godislove.net.au

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS - FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER AT 7.00PM

Join us as we give thanks for the many parishioners who generously share their time and gifts in service of our community, including our Eucharistic ministers, readers, musicians, altar servers, sacristans, parish pastoral councillors, parish finance councillors, florists, cleaners, operators and all who help around the church and support the life of our parish. Every volunteer, together with their families, is warmly invited.

REPORTABLE CONDUCT TRAINING – A REMINDER FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Queensland Reportable Conduct Scheme commenced on 1 July 2026, bringing new obligations for everyone who serves in our parish. The Archdiocese has provided a short online training module through Arch eLearn to explain what reportable conduct is and how to respond. This training applies to all parish employees and volunteers, not just those working directly with children. If you haven't yet completed it, please do so as soon as possible—it takes only a short time and helps keep our parish safe for children and vulnerable adults..

GARDEN MULCH: We have plenty of garden mulch from the back carpark. if anyone would like some.

MULCH WORKING BEE – SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

We have a very large pile of mulch that needs spreading, and many hands will make light work! Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Please bring a shovel, rake, wheelbarrow or any other useful tools, and join us for a morning of fellowship and fresh air.

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

Ree, Harry Greasley, Max Neehouse, Jon Quinn, Karen Bryant, Salvatore Sant-Angelo, Suzanne Connor, Eddie & Silvia Perazzoli, Bryan Doyle, Carolyn Tanner, Vincent Stufano and family, Sr Lina Vaschina, Anna Maria Vaschina, Christina Grace Hambling, People in Nursing Homes.

We Remember

James Cleary, Agnes Stokes, Mary Margaret Tallon, Don Cameron, Francis Moylan, Cecil Eales, Patrick Gahan, Daphne Daly, Julie Falvey, Catherine Dowling, Camille Martin

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Roster for this Sunday – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th/11th October (2nd Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Tony Martin Mary Ann Almasan	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, Susan Lu, Pele Pese, David Waken, Joyce Cubillan
Altar Servers	Josie Lindstrom Juliette Lindstrom Thomas Lindstrom	Lokani Fosita Julius Fosita	Angelique Moody Xavier Priaulx
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music		Emmanuel Choir	Samoan Community Choir
Hospitality			Samoan Group