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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 (8am on school holidays)
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; before mass on last
Friday of the month, and on Saturdays.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair – Matthew Dahms
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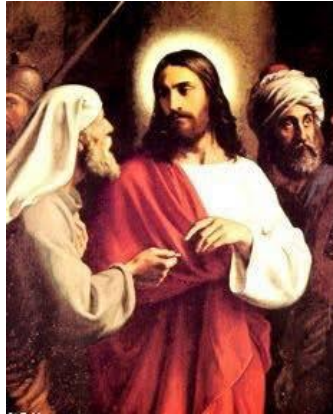
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LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chair – Dawn Penna,
Secretary - Marian Brooks

18th October 2026 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

THEME: GIVE TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD



Today's Gospel presents Jesus with a question intended to trap Him: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not? The question is not asked with sincere hearts seeking wisdom. It is designed to force Jesus into a position where His answer can be used against Him. Jesus asks for a coin and then asks whose image and inscription it carries. They answer, "Caesar's."

Jesus responds: *****Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.***** At first, this may sound

like a simple lesson about taxes and civic responsibilities. But Jesus is taking us much deeper. The coin bears Caesar's image. But what bears the image of God? In the creation account, human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. This means that our lives, our dignity and our deepest allegiance belong to the One who created us. The question, therefore, is not only what we owe to society. It is also what we owe to God. We may give God an hour on Sunday but give the rest of our lives to pride, dishonesty, resentment and selfish ambition. We may offer money in church but refuse to offer forgiveness at home. We may sing beautifully during worship but speak cruelly to someone who cannot benefit us. We may publicly profess our faith while privately making decisions that contradict the Gospel. Jesus invites us to examine the whole of our lives.

*****What belongs to God in me that I am still withholding from Him?***** Perhaps it is your time. Perhaps it is your gifts. Perhaps it is your plans for the future. Perhaps it is a relationship you are afraid to surrender to His wisdom. Perhaps it is the forgiveness you know you need to offer. Giving to God what belongs to Him means allowing Him to be Lord not only of our prayers but also of our choices, relationships, ambitions and character.

The first reading reminds us that God is sovereign even over people who do not fully know Him. He can work through unexpected people and circumstances to accomplish His purposes. This should make us humble. We must never assume that we understand every way God is working. Nor should we imagine that God belongs exclusively to our group, our background or our preferred way of doing things. The second reading praises the faith, love and hope of the Thessalonians. Their faith was not merely an idea they accepted. It became visible in their lives. That is the challenge of World Mission Sunday. Mission is not only for priests, religious sisters, missionaries who travel abroad or people who stand behind a pulpit. Every baptised Christian is called to witness to Christ according to their vocation and circumstances. Your mission may begin in your home, your workplace, your parish, your neighbourhood or the way you treat someone who is struggling. You may not preach to a crowd, but your kindness may help someone believe that God has not abandoned them.

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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.

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You may not travel to another country, but your integrity may become a witness to Christ in your community. You may not have many resources, but you can offer your time, your prayers, your gifts and your willingness to serve.

Mission is not simply about telling people that God exists. It is about helping them encounter the love, truth and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Today, let us ask ourselves three questions:

****Am I giving God my whole heart, or only the parts that are convenient?****

****Does my life reflect the image of God in the way I treat others?****

****Who might encounter Christ through my words, actions and service this week?****

We belong to God. Our talents belong to God. Our opportunities belong to God. Even the ordinary moments of our lives can become offerings when they are lived in love. Let us fulfil our responsibilities in society with honesty and respect. But let us never give the world what belongs to God: the worship, trust and deepest allegiance of our hearts. And let us never forget that the mission of the Church is not to make our names famous. It is to make Christ known.

May our faith become visible, our love become practical, and our hope become contagious.

Fr Vincent Elimah CSSp

SUNDAY READINGS

(Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10 (JB)

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21 (NAB)

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.

They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status.

Tell us, then, what is your opinion:

Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their malice, Jesus said,

"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?

Show me the coin that pays the census tax."

Then they handed him the Roman coin.

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 17 th	8.00am	Alex David (Birthday) Marg Wallace (RIP Birthday Anniversary)
	6:00pm	Deceased members of the Atkins family.
Sun 18 th	7.00am	Denise (Sister of Jo Murray – healing)
	9.00am	Eugene Limeta (RIP) Natasha Marie Finlay (RIP) Ruben Dagpin (RIP)
Mon 19 th	7.00am	
Tue 20 th	7.30pm	
Wed 21 st	7.00am	Eileen Kendall (RIP Anniversary)
Thu 22 nd	9.00am	Celine Jeremiah (RIP Birthday Anniversary)
Fri 23 rd	7.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat 24 th	8.00am	Romi Ventura (1 st Anniversary RIP)

Upcoming Events

Oct 23 rd	Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers @ 7.00pm
Oct 26 th	Fr Rozo Healing Mass @ 5:30pm
Nov 1 st	All Saints Day
Nov 2 nd	All Souls Day Masses: 7am and 12 noon in the Church; Mass & Blessing of the Graves at Lawnton Cemetery at 5:00pm Blessing of the Columbarium after the 7am and 12 noon masses
Nov 8 th	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 monthly meeting this Sunday 18th October, straight after the 9am Mass, in the Parish Office.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



All Saints Day, Sunday, 1st November

All Saints Day is a feast day observing the lives of the many saints for whom there is no specific feast day during the year.

Mass at Sunday Vigil 6.00pm, 7:00am and 9.00am

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All Souls Day, Monday, 2nd November



To commemorate our deceased relatives and friends, the Columbarium and the graves at Lawnton Cemetery will be blessed on

All Souls Day.

Masses: 7:00am and 12 noon at the church;
5:00pm at Lawnton Cemetery

BLESSING OF COLUMBARIUM

After the 7am & 12 noon mass on November 2nd

LAWNTON CEMETERY – MASS & BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

5:00pm. Please bring a folding chair, as seating is limited

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE: Week 10 & Final Draw -

1st Prize \$200.00 - Allan Trounce Ticket No. 30

2nd Prize \$100.00 - Paul Gray Ticket No. 59

3rd Prize \$50.00 - Richard Edmonds Ticket No. 29

Thank you all for your Support

SINGERS FOR MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS MASS

If you're interested in being part of the choir for the Christmas mass at midnight, please contact Gen Edmonds on 0402 986 160 within the next week or so.

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

GOD'S WORD 2027 – DAILY REFLECTIONS DIARY

Keep God's Word close every day of the year. This liturgical diary contains the daily Mass readings with reflections, feast days and space for your own notes. Available from the parish office for just \$13.50.

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.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

Religious education classes for high school students are held on the second Sunday of each month, following the 9am Mass. The next class is on Sunday 8th November.

SATURDAY ROSARY – CHANGE OF TIME

The Rosary is now prayed before the 8am Mass each Saturday, to allow for church cleaning afterwards

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. All are warmly invited to an evening of healing and prayer, beginning with Healing Mass, followed by a talk on faith, forgiveness and peace in God's love, Eucharistic Blessing and Benediction, and personal prayer with laying on of hands and individual blessing. Water, salt and oil will be blessed — please label your items clearly and collect them after the service.

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

Father Chinua and Father Vincent invite all parish volunteers to a Thanksgiving Mass on Friday this week at 7.00pm. Every volunteer, including our Eucharistic ministers, readers, musicians, altar servers, sacristans, parish pastoral councillors, parish finance councillors, florists, cleaners, computer operators and all who help around the church are warmly invited, together with their families.

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

MULCH WORKING BEE – THIS COMING SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER AFTER MORNING MASS

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

Monica Crawford, Antonio Buoro, Leslie Mc Donnell, Marie Forbes, Janette Mary Smyth, Eileen Kendall, Judith Gray, Sheila Scarrot, Jim Hall, Jill Young

Recently Deceased: Ruben Dagpin

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Tae Kwon Do classes held at Holy Spirit School every Wednesday afternoon. All ages welcome. Established since 1988. Please call Damian or Daisy on 0438 860 967 for more information.

Roster for this Sunday – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th/18th October (3rd Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Doreen Mones Bernie Piovesan	Paul Ferris Mary Samson	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, 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			Filipino Group