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SUNDAY MASS TIMES
Sat 6:00pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sun 7:00am, 9:00am
Sun 11am (Syriac)
Sun 5:00pm (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.

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Chair – Matthew Dahms
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25th October 2026 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Theme: Love of God and Neighbour



The first reading from the Book of Exodus (Ex 22: 20-26), enunciated the constituent parts of practical love in ancient Israel - not molesting or oppressing a stranger, not maltreating the widow or orphan, lending money to the poor without interest, and returning what was taken as a collateral to the owner in due time. In ancient Israel, the stranger, the widow and the orphan were considered as being poor because they may not have had access to the land to cultivate their crops or rear their own herds from which they could produce milk and meat or trade them as a source of income. The Jews in this first reading were asked to be kind to strangers because they were once strangers in Egypt. This advice, seemed to be in accord with the Mosaic code of "an eye for an eye, tooth for tooth," for it urged the people of Israel not to avenge on strangers the ill-treatment they received in Egypt, for the strangers were not responsible for the Jewish predicament in Egypt. This piece of advice given to the people of Israel, is still relevant today. We should remember Jesus' saying, "do to no one what you will not like done to you" (Mt 7:12).

The context of the Gospel of today was that the Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead, came to Jesus with a narration which they believed disputed the doctrine of the resurrection of the death. It was a story of a woman who was discontinuously married to seven brothers because she lost multiple spouses to death. They wondered at the resurrection of the dead - to which of the brothers will she be wife to since she had been married to each of them. Jesus explained to them that in the next life, people do not marry because they are like the angels. Thus, Jesus' reply silenced the Sadducees.

The above background clarifies the opening statement in today's Gospel (Matt 22:34-40), "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?'" Though the Pharisees were looking for opportunity to unsettle Jesus, however, Jesus saw their question as a moment of grace that he could use to elucidate the essence of the commandments of God. He summarised the commandments of God as love of God and love of neighbour. In the ten commandments of God as enunciated in Exodus 20:1-17, the first three commandments, related to our relationship with God, and the rest, pertained to our relationship with our fellow humans. The book of Deuteronomy reminded us that the Lord our God is one Lord, and that we should love Him with all our heart, soul and strength, (Deut 6:4-7).

Jesus brought it to our consciousness that, "you did not choose me, no I chose you and I commissioned you to bear fruits that will last," (Jn 15:16). Hence, God was the one who took the first initiative to relate with us. We are invited to have a personal relationship with God. Loving God with our heart, mind, and strength, will automatically flow into our relationship with our fellow human beings. The apostle John had asked rhetorically, how can we say that we love God whom we cannot see when we cannot love our neighbour whom we can see? (1Jn 4:20).

Our love of God and neighbour is not merely something cognitive, but it is also practical. St Paul said that "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres (1Cor 13: 4-7). And for Jesus, practical love included feeding the hungry, welcoming a stranger and visiting the sick, and the imprisoned (Mt 25: 31-43).

Today, may our love of God, bring out the best in us as God's creatures. Amen.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

Safeguarding Commitment

Holy Spirit Parish has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, ministries and services. Parish Safeguarding Representatives: lsr.braypark@bne.catholic.net.au · Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752 · STOPline: 1300 304 550 · Emergency: 000

SUNDAY READINGS

(Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

FIRST READING Exodus 22:20-26 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51 (JB)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40 (JB)

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 24th	8.00am	Jim Hall (RIP Anniversary)
	6:00pm	Salvatore Sant-Angelo (RIP)
		Lylette Mathieu (RIP)
Sun 25th	7.00am	All Souls in Purgatory
	9.00am	Limeta Family (Special Intention)
		Woodcok Family (Special Intention)
		Xiaomei Ye (Recently Deceased)
Mon 26th	7.00am	Ray Smith
Tue 27th	7.30pm	Victor Hernandez (RIP)
Wed 28th	7.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu 29th	9.00am	Lily Schmitt (RIP)
Fri 30th	7.00am	Clem & Jean-Noel (RIP)
Sat 31st	8.00am	Marian David (Birthday)

Upcoming Events

Oct 26th	Fr Rozo Healing Mass @ 5:30pm
Nov 1st	All Saints Day
Nov 2nd	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 8th	Religious Instruction for High School students
Nov 9th	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
Nov 11th	Remembrance Day
Nov 13th	Bereavement Mass – 7.00pm
Nov 22nd	Solemnity of Christ the King. Eucharistic procession after 9am Mass. Benediction after every mass.
Nov 29th	Season of Advent begins
Nov 30th	St Andrew
Dec 8th	Immaculate Conception. Masses 7am and 7.30pm. Hour of Grace 11:45am

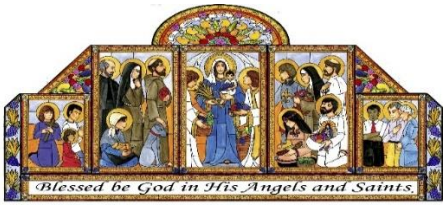


DAILY MASS BOOK AND BREAK OPEN THE WORD FOR YEAR B 2027

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

BEREAVEMENT MASS This Mass is for anyone who has lost a family member or friend in the past 12 months or for anyone who is grieving a loved one. The Mass will be on Friday, 13th November at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the Mass and light a candle in memory of their loved one. Come with a picture of your deceased loved ones.

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

PARISH DINNER & FATHER CHINUA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - THANK YOU

A big thanks to all of you who attended the celebration dinner last Saturday evening. It was a very enjoyable night, and it was great to be back in our Parish Hall. Our caterers provided us with a delicious roast meal, cooked on site. We followed that with birthday cake and fruit platters.

Our singer/musician, Trevor Anthony, really made the evening special. We had quite a few people up dancing to his music. A big thank you to Trevor and to his wife, who helped him with the setting up.

Hazel Vital was our lucky '100's Board' winner with number 3. Congratulations Hazel!

We hope to have more evenings like this in the future and want to thank all of you who worked to make the evening a success.

Thank you (Organising Committee)





CHILDREN'S CHOIR – ALL WELCOME! 🎶

All children are warmly invited to join our Children's Choir for the **9am Children's Mass on Sunday, 1st November**.

Come along to our practice session on **Saturday 31st October at 2:30pm** in the Church.

No experience is needed – come along, make new friends and enjoy singing together!

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

SINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSS

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. For the 6pm 7am and9am Masses, please register your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

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

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

***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, 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

Ursula Bazeley, Gaudencia Irwin, Errol James Nugent, Noel Tallon, Corrie Valk Van Meygaarden, Talaga James Isaia, Nicole Leaver, Robyn Campbell, Thelma Flynn, Richard Hall, Jack Craven, Helen Pearson, Anna Mc Donald

Recently deceased: Salvatore Sant-Angelo, Lylette Mathieu, Xiaomei Ye and Catherine Castelli



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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 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th/25th October (4th Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Wendy Greasley Madeleine & Dylan Marsh	Sania Taukeve Remigia Muller	Beverley Halangoda Zoraida Requina
Special Ministers	**Sacristan Yanery Ventura** **Marian Brooks, Peter Greasley, Tony Martin**	**Sacristan Lito De La Vega** **Vicki Norris, Laurie Conlon, Regina Fong**	**Sacristan Bryan Irvine** **Veronica Topindik, Alvin Cubillan, Joyce Cubillan, Pele Pese, Susan Lu**
Altar Servers	Shaun Perera Faith D'Souza	Maria & Raymond Kunau	Sophia Moody Christian Dahms
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music		Emmanuel Choir	
Hospitality			Religious Education