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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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Chair – Matthew Dahms
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Chair – Dawn Penna,
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1st November 2026 - The Solemnity of All Saints Year A

Theme: The saints Were Not Called to Be Famous, but Faithful.



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, honouring the countless men and women who have entered into the joy of God's presence. Some are known throughout the world; others lived lives of holiness without ever becoming famous. The feast invites us to ask a deeply personal question: What does it truly mean to become holy? In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. He calls blessed the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers and those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake. Notice that Jesus does not say that the blessed are only those who are wealthy, popular, powerful or admired. He speaks of hearts that remain open to God, even amid hardship.

The world often teaches us to measure success by what we possess, how many people know our names, how influential we are or how comfortable our lives appear. Jesus offers a different measure. He teaches us that holiness is revealed in mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, justice and faithfulness.

This does not mean suffering is good in itself, or that we should accept abuse and injustice without seeking protection. It means that suffering and hardship do not have to destroy our capacity to love, trust God and do what is right. The saints were not all people who lived easy lives. Many faced rejection, uncertainty, persecution, illness or profound sacrifice. Their holiness was not that they never struggled; it was that they allowed God's grace to shape how they lived.

The second reading reminds us that we are called children of God. This is a profound truth: our deepest identity is not determined by our past mistakes, our financial situation, the opinions of others or the seasons in which life seems difficult. We belong to God, and He invites us to grow into the people He created us to be.

The first reading presents a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before God's throne. This vision reminds us that God's family is larger than our human divisions. Heaven is not a celebration of earthly competition; it is the communion of those redeemed by God.

So today, do not think holiness is reserved for priests, religious sisters, famous preachers or people whose stories are widely known. Holiness begins in the ordinary places where you live. It can be found in a parent who raises children with love and integrity. In a person who refuses to repay cruelty with cruelty. In someone who listens patiently to a person who feels forgotten. In a worker who chooses honesty when dishonesty would be easier. In a person who asks forgiveness, makes amends and begins again.

Holiness is not simply about appearing good in public. It is allowing Christ to transform the heart that nobody else sees. As we honour the saints today, let us not only admire them from a distance. Let us learn from their example. Ask yourself: Where is God inviting me to become more merciful? Where do I need to make peace? What injustice can I challenge with wisdom and courage? Whom have I overlooked? What part of my character still needs to be surrendered to Christ?

You do not need to become somebody else to begin the journey toward holiness. You need to offer God the life you have, the gifts you carry and the heart you are willing to let Him transform.

Fr. Vincent Makokhah Elimah, C.S.Sp.

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 Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6 (JB)

R. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12 (NAB)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.
"The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 31st	8.00am	Marian David (Birthday)
		Jaime Guevarra (RIP)
	6:00pm	Salvatore Santangelo (40th Day RIP Anniversary)
		Helen Bearsdale (RIP Anniversary)
Sun 1st	7.00am	Maria Ghosh (Special Intention)
		Catherine Castelli (RIP)
		Kochu Thrvessia (RIP)
	9.00am	Diega Cabungcal (RIP)
		Hugh Labrooy (RIP Anniversary)

All weekday Masses during November will be offered for the deceased members and friends of our Parish Family.

Sat 7th	8.00am	All deceased members of the Legion of Mary

Upcoming Events

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 Knights of the Southern Cross Mass 7.00pm
Nov 11th	Remembrance Day
Nov 13th	Healing Mass – 7.00am 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 1st	Year 6 Graduation
Dec 8th	Immaculate Conception. Masses 7am and 7.30pm. Hour of Grace 11:45am

COMMUNITY CONNECT – DATE CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER Please note that Community Connect will be held on Tuesday 10th November this month, rather than the usual first Tuesday (3rd November), as that date falls on Melbourne Cup Day.

OZANAM CLUB – THIS WEDNESDAY

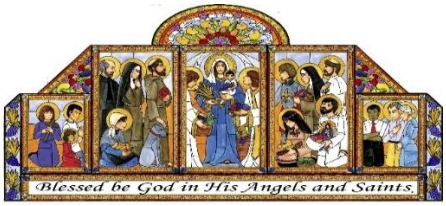
The Ozanam club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Bowls Club Coffee Shop at 10:30am. The next meeting will be this Wednesday, the 4th of November.



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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



All Saints Day, this Sunday, 1st November

Today is the solemnity of All Saints. A day in which we celebrate the lives of the many saints for whom there is no specific feast day during the year.

Wishing you a happy All Saints Day!

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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

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2027 – PARENTS/GUARDIANS INFORMATION MEETINGS

Parents of children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2027 are invited to attend one of the following information meetings:

- Thursday 11 February 2027 at 6.30pm, or
- Sunday 14 February 2027 at 10.00am

The meeting will outline the preparation program, key dates and how to enrol your child.

Key dates for 2027

Year 3 – Confirmation

Sunday 23 May 2027

Year 4 – Reconciliation and Holy Communion

First Reconciliation: Tuesday 23 March 2027 6.30pm

First Holy Communion: Sunday 22 August 2027

For further information, please contact the Parish Office on3205 1493 orbraypark@bne.catholic.net.au

ANNUAL SPIRITAN MISSION APPEAL

Dear Members of the parish community of **Holy Spirit Parish. We would like to invite** you to support the **2026 Spiritan Mission Appeal. T**his year's appeal is dedicated to the **renovation of the Spiritan Formation House in Aitape, Papua New Guinea**. This formation house is home to young men preparing for missionary priesthood and religious life, and its renovation is essential to provide a safe and suitable environment for their formation. We wish to express our sincere gratitude for your ongoing generosity and support of the Spiritan missions. Through your kindness, we have already been able to purchase a **mission vehicle**, acquire a **boat** to reach remote communities, and construct a **security fence** to safeguard our Spiritan community and mission property in Aitape. These achievements have made a real difference in the lives of many people and have strengthened the Church's mission in the region. We thank you for partnering with us in bringing hope and the Gospel to those most in need. **The Spiritan Mission Appeal will take place on the 8th of November 2026.** We ask you to keep our missionaries, our seminarians, and the people of Papua New Guinea in your prayers and to support this appeal as generously as you are able.

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. Next practice is November 13th

YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY MEETING

The Young Adults group will hold its next monthly meeting on Sunday 15 November in the parish office, following the 9am Mass. Guest speaker will be Michael Heyne from the Parish Council. All young adults are warmly welcome.

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.

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 next Sunday 8th November.

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

Wyatt Joseph George, Ree, 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

Clifford Bourke, Francis Hettrich, Clare Mennis, Cecil Kerwin, Doug Marsden, Frances Smith, Tom Standish, Michael Fitzgerald, William (Bill) Nicholson, Kerry Dewar, Ted Cook, Loyola Hicks, Estelle Christensen, Jim Grealy, Kathleen Shufflebotham, Zahra Beth King, Deidre Bryant, Marie Felicitas Yuseco-Urbina

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 – All Saints 31st October/1st November (1st Sunday of the Month)			
	6pm Saturday	**7am Sunday**	**9am Sunday**
Readers	Alan Brooks Marian Brooks	Rob Van Meygaarden Terry O'Donnell	Children's Mass
Special Ministers	**Sacristan Marian Brooks** **Alan Brooks, Carleen Augustus, Pat Casey**	**Sacristan Lito De La Vega** **Nelia De La Vega, Vicki Norris, Marie Hird**	**Sacristan Bryan Irvine** **David Waken, Joyce Cubillan, Alvin Cubillan, Pele Pese, Susan Lu**
Altar Servers		Maria and Raymond Kunau	Klara Pacl Janelle Bose
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music	Glen Edmonds	Emmanuel Choir	"Spirit Alive" Choir
Hospitality			Parish Council