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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
Secretary – Patrick Collins
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Chair – John Thomas
Secretary – Sabrina Menezes

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE
Chair – Dawn Penna,
Secretary - Marian Brooks

8th November 2026 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



As we draw closer to the end of the Church's Liturgical Year, the mother Church focuses her attention to the Second Coming of Christ. Everyone is being invited to be prepared for this Second Coming. We must not allow ourselves to be taken unaware!

The Gospel presented us with the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. One of the important parts of a wedding ceremony during Jesus' time was when the bridegroom went to the house of the bride to bring her to his house where the wedding reception with guests would take place. Marriages in those days were pre-arranged by the parents of the bride and groom. We do not know if this part of the wedding ceremony always took place at night or whether the late arrival of the bridegroom in this parable made it take place at night. None-the less, central to the story was that ten bridesmaids were chosen to lead the procession to the groom's house with torches. The torches were oil-soaked rags at the end of a stick. Small lamps would not produce the required light needed for the procession.

As per the parable, the ten bridesmaids fell asleep as they waited for the arrival of the groom. However, at midnight, there was a cry, "the bridegroom is here, go out and meet him." The bridesmaids woke up to lead the procession to the groom's home. Five of them came with flasks of oil to top up their torches while five did not. Hence, the five bridesmaids whose torches were burning led the procession from the bride's father's house to the groom's house while the five bridesmaids who did not come with flasks of oil had to go in search of oil to buy. By the time they returned, their services were no longer needed since the bride and the groom had arrived at the groom's home and the wedding party had started!

The bridegroom in this story represents Christ during his "Parousia" (that is, Second Coming). The bridesmaids represent the members of the Church. The five sensible ones are Christians who espouse good deeds of justice, mercy and faith as amplified in the judgement day scene in Matthew 25:31-46; I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink and so forth. The five foolish virgins represent the Church members who acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord but have no good work to show. These are those who would say to Jesus on the last day, "we ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets!" But he will reply: 'I do not know where you come from. Get away from me all you workers of evil.' (Lk 13:26)

However, the virtuous though they sleep in death (second Reading), will arise to glory during the Second Coming of Christ! And together with Christ they will be happy for ever!

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
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SUNDAY READINGS

(Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-8 (JB)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (JB)

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1-13 (NAB)*

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins
who took their lamps and went out to meet the
bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were
wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,
brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks
of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long
delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up
and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the
wise, 'Give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out.'
But the wise ones replied,
'No, for there may not be enough for us and you.
Go instead to the merchants and buy some for
yourselves.' While they went off to buy it,
the bridegroom came and those who were ready went
into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was
locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said,
'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore,
stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the
hour."The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 7th	8.00am	All deceased members of the Legion of Mary
	6:00pm	Mary & Lawrence D'Ekenaike (RIP)
Sun 8th	7.00am	Frank Lindley (RIP)
	9.00am	Loyola Hicks (RIP Anniversary)
		Dennis Gibbon (RIP Anniversary)

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

Sat 14th 8.00am -

Upcoming Events

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	First Sunday of Advemt
Nov 30th	St Andrew
Dec 1st	Year 6 Graduation 6.00pm (Please note that Parish Mass will be at 7am on this day as it is Tuesday)
Dec 6th	Second Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas Party after he 9am Mass
Dec 8th	Immaculate Conception. Masses 7am and 7.30pm. Hour of Grace 11:45am
Dec 11th	Healing Mass 7.00am
Dec 13th	Third Sunday of Advent
Dec 18th	Christmas Reconciliation 7.30pm

COMMUNITY CONNECT – THIS TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Our Community Connect will be held this coming Tuesday 10th November at 10.00am in the Parish meeting room.

HEALING MASS – THIS FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 7.00AM

Our monthly Healing Mass is held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7.00am. All are welcome.

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 this 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.

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 this Sunday, 8th November.

ANNUAL SPIRITAN MISSION APPEAL – THIS SUNDAY

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 this Sunday 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.

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

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.



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (BENEDICTION AFTER MASS)

On Sunday, 22nd November, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. As part of the commemoration, we shall be having Benediction after 6pm and 7am Masses; and Eucharistic Procession around the Church after the 9am Mass.

PASTORAL VISITS TO PRISONS

No one is beyond the reach of God's mercy (Pope Francis)

Volunteering opportunities are available with Centacare for women and men in several of the correctional centres in the archdiocese – Southern Qld and Brisbane Women's, Arthur Gorrie and Maryborough. Pastoral visits can be life changing for inmates. You will be well trained and well supported within an existing Catholic team and the commitment required is just one morning a week. Find out more by contacting Judy Norris: 0428 669 572 or email: judy.norris@ben.centacare.net.au

BE AN ETERNAL GUARDIAN OF YOUR FAITH

Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well into the future? We need your support to sustain our faith and continue to provide parish facilities, programs and services for generations to come. Your gift, of any amount, will help carry forward the Gospel message to future generations. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit the website at https://catholicfoundation.org.au

***We pray for all of our sick parishioners and those who we have been asked to pray for, especially*:**
Darren Searle, David Lowe, Colette Cherval, 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

Pansy Pereira, Dorothy Wright, Toos De Pater, Mary Cluff, Dennis Gibbon, Myra Neil, Theresa Kendall, Betty Little, Gerarda Amies, Kevin Callaghan, Edmond Mvungi, John O'Brien



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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 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th/8th November (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	Charlotte Lindstrom Josie Lindstrom Juliette Lindstrom	Lokani Fosita Julius Fosita	Angelique Moody Xavier Priaulx
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music		Emmanuel Choir	Samoan Community Choir
Hospitality		Knights of the Southern Cross	Patricia, Kim and friends