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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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LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chair – Dawn Penna,
Secretary - Marian Brooks

26th July 2026 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

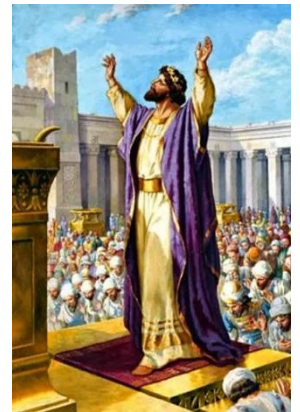
Solomon ascended to the throne as king of Israel as a young man. He tried to follow the footsteps of his father King David, but he was a neophyte and lacked administrative acumen. While he was at Gibeon to offer prayers and sacrifices (the Temple had not been built), he had an encounter with the Lord in his dream who invited him to ask for whatever he wanted. As a young man full of youthful exuberance, one would have expected him to ask for wealth or to become an invincible king, but rather, he asked for the gift of discernment which would enable him to lead the people entrusted to his care. The Lord was pleased with his request because he prioritised the needs of the people over his own. The Lord granted him the gift of wisdom in these words, "I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you." This gift of wisdom enabled young Solomon to lead his people to 'greener pastures'.

The wisdom of King Solomon is exemplified in the story of the two mothers in which one of them who lost her baby exchanged her dead baby with the baby of the other mother. (1Kgs 3:16-28). A fight broke out between the two mothers over whose baby was still alive. The matter was brought to King Solomon to adjudicate. He ordered that the baby who was alive should be split in half and each portion given to one of the mothers. The mother who had lost her baby, but who was falsely claiming the baby who was alive, was happy with the order of the king, but the true mother objected vehemently to the killing of the baby. King Solomon having observed the behaviour of the two women to his initial order, rescinded that order and decreed that the baby should be given to the woman who opposed the killing of the baby because she was the baby's real mother.

The theme of wisdom and discernment links the first Reading to the Gospel passage (Mt 13:44-52), which narrates three parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. Firstly, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a hidden treasure which someone discovered and was willing to sacrifice everything he owned to acquire it. Secondly, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl of great value for which a merchant was willing to trade in everything he owned to purchase it. Thirdly, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea which brings in a haul of different kinds of sea creatures which would be sorted, selecting the good and edible seafood while the inferior and baby fish would be either thrown away or returned to the sea.

For Jesus, the Kingdom of Heaven is something of great value which people are willing to make sacrifices for, even to the point of shedding their blood to obtain. We recall that St Paul, for instance, was a persecutor of the followers of Jesus Christ, however, once he experienced Jesus on his way to Damascus to arrest the Christians, he stated that nothing could outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ his Lord, for his sake, he had counted all previous advantages as disadvantages so that he could know

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Christ and be counted among his faithful followers. (Ph 3:7-11). Here, St Paul made a fundamental choice for Christ and his Kingdom. What motivated him henceforth was the desire to do what pleased Christ. We are invited to imitate St Paul in discerning that nothing outweighs the supreme advantage of experiencing Christ our Lord.

Since seeking the Kingdom of Heaven should be the activity that pervades our being as we have been grafted into it by our baptism, we are invited to place our time, energy, and resources at the service of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as the Lord reminded the people of Israel in the Old Testament that the Lord their God was one Lord and they must love him with all their heart, soul, and strength, so must our thoughts and actions be driven by the urgency to tailor our lives to the demands of God's Kingdom.

As we celebrate grandparents Day, with the theme – I will never forget you, chosen by pope Leo XIV, we acknowledge the invaluable roles they play in our lives. We pray that the Good Lord would protect and reward them abundantly! Amen.

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 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 (JB)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30 (JB)

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-46 (JB)

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat 25 th	8:00am	Herbert Quinn (RIP Anniversary)
	6:00pm	Juan Edulan (RIP Anniversary)
Sun 26 th	7.00am	Isabel & Bonifacio Cubillan (RIP Anniversary)
	9.00am	Norman Spillman (RIP)
		Maurice Francois (RIP)
Mon 27 th	7.00am	David & Priaulx (Special Intention)

Tue 28 th	7.30pm	David & Priaulx (Special Intention)
Wed 29 th	7.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		D'Souza Family – Thanksgiving for a joyful & safe holiday
Thu 30 th	9.00am	Brendan Drury (RIP)
Fri 31 st	7.00am	Glen Andrew Brown (RIP)
Sat 1 st	8.00am	Mabel Spillman (RIP)

Upcoming Events

July 26 th	Grandparent's Mass
July 27 th /28 th	Visit by Bishop D'Ercole, FDP, Cenacle
July 29 th	St James Apostle
Aug 14 th	Assumption of Our Lady 7.30pm
Aug 15 th	Assumption of Our Lady 8am (Cuppa)
Aug 15 th	Multicultural Sunday Combined Choir practice – 11am
Aug 22 nd	Working Bee
Aug 29 th	Setting up for Multicultural Sunday
Aug 30 th	Multicultural Mass
Sep 8 th	Birthday of Mother Mary
Sep 13 th	Parish Assembly
Sep 14 th	Exaltation of the Cross
Sep 29 th	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Archangels)
Oct 7 th	Our Lady of the Rosary
Oct 10 th	Rosary Procession after Mass
Oct 23 rd	Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers
Oct 29 th	Fr Roza Healing Mass

ADORATION THIS WEDNESDAY

Adoration will be held after Benediction in the morning until 9:30am, and will resume at 12pm. Please note the break is due to the Marian Movement of Priests Mass and Cenacle taking place during this time.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS (MMP)

Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole (FDP) is visiting cities in Australia and the Oceania region. He is a member of the religious order called the Sons Of Divine Providence (Don Orione). He was a close associate of Fr Don Stefano Gobbi.

The MMP has 3 core commitments: Entrusting oneself entirely to Mary; Unity with the Pope; and Leading Others to Mary in the form of a Cenacle.

A Cenacle is modelled on the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room with Mary. These localized gatherings include invoking the Holy Spirit, praying the Rosary, and meditating on the spiritual messages recorded in the MMP's "Blue" book "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons".

If you are new to the MMP then please come to Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Tuesday 28th 7.30pm – Mass - Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Rd., Bray Park

Wednesday 29th 10am – Mass and Cenacle at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, followed by MMP Holy Hour, meditation, Rosary & Adoration.

12pm Lunch. Bring a plate (optional). Tea and coffee provided.



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

This Sunday the Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year's theme, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), is God's promise of enduring love: no matter our age, frailty, or circumstances, we are never forgotten by Him.

Grandparents and the elderly are living witnesses to God's faithfulness across generations. They keep us connected to the roots of our faith, hand on wisdom and belief to the young, and hold our families and world in prayer. Their presence among us is not incidental — it is a gift and a grace.

This day also gently challenges us: do we always remember? In a world that moves quickly and can leave older people feeling invisible, we are called to be a community that remembers. This week, reach out to a grandparent, an elderly neighbour, or someone who may be feeling alone — a visit, a phone call, or a simple act of kindness can make a big difference.

We give thanks for the grandparents and elderly of our parish: for their witness, their faith, and their quiet, faithful presence.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

God of love,

We thank you for our wonderful grandparents.

They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.

Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.

Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now.

May they know your goodness and love always.

Amen

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Becoming Catholic is a journey of faith supported by the parish community, known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Through RCIA, you meet with others to share, reflect, pray, and learn more about the faith. **We will be starting new classes this Thursday 30th July at 7.00pm.** To find out more, contact the parish office on **3205 1493** or braypark@bne.catholic.net.au.

KNIGHTS SILVER CIRCLE: Silver Circle Tickets selling before and after all masses this weekend. \$20 a ticket puts you in the draw each week for next 10 weeks. Proceeds to charities.

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY – *One Heart & One Soul in Christ* - Sunday 30th August

Holy Spirit Parish warmly invites everyone to our annual Multicultural Celebration - a joyous occasion when the many nations of our parish come together to praise the one God who unites us all.

The day begins at 9am with our Multicultural Mass in the church. After Mass, the celebrations continue in the Holy Spirit School Hall with entertainment and a tasting of international foods from around the world.

If you'd like to share a dish from your culture, perform, or help on the day, please fill out a form, available at the back of the church.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2026 — Brisbane, 24–27 September

Ignite Conference is coming to Brisbane! For over 25 years, this national Catholic conference has been inspiring young people and building up parishes and schools through powerful rallies, keynotes, workshops, and Mass. Held at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane, from Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 September, it's a wonderful opportunity for young people especially — as well as families, leaders, and teachers — to encounter Christ and be renewed in faith. We warmly encourage the young people of our parish to take part! If you'd like to take part, you are most welcome to talk to Father Chinua or Father Vincent.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP NIGHT

 **Worship Night – Sat 1st August, 7:00–8:30pm**
All youth and young adults (16+) are invited to an evening of worship and encountering the living God. Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Rd, Bray Park. *Come expecting. Leave encountered.*



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

On Saturday 15 August, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — the day Our Lady was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. This beautiful feast reminds us of God's promise to us all, and of Mary's place as our Mother and intercessor. This day is a Holy day of Obligation. Mass times will be Friday 14th August at 7:30pm and 8:00am on Saturday morning.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – ALL WELCOME!

All children are warmly invited to join our Children's Choir for the **9am Children's Mass on Sunday, 2nd August.**

Come along to our practice session in the Church on Saturday 1st August at 2:30pm

No experience is needed — just bring your voice and a smile! Come along, join in, and have fun singing together.

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

Vince Lester, Pat Casey, Suzanne Connor, Eddie & Silvia Perazzoli, Rosemay Cherval, Bryan Doyle, Carolyn Tanner, Vincent Stufano and family, Sr Lina Vaschina, Anna Maria Vaschina, Christina Grace Hambling, Josie Longo, Marco Polo Tanzi, Gerry Demenzes & Maria Stufano,, Joe Barrett, Genevieve Marie, Lameka Eketi, Sa Tamalii, Brendan Drury, Stephen Thompson, Marg Wallace, Ellie Zemann, Clive Smith, Editha Hall, Betsy Van Meygaarden, Peter Brown, David Lowe, Clifford Naughton, Darren Searle, Henry Mencia, Victoria

Murrell, Maarten Vollebregt, Henny Van Meygaarden, People in Nursing Homes.

We Remember

Phillip Pennington, Bill Husak, Shannon Marshall, Asuncion Robles-Wijangco, William Campbell, Violet Netto, Thomas Davidson, Dorothy Young, Margaret Bliss, Errol Flynn, Joe Brown, Audrey Sweeney

Recently Deceased: Brendan Drury, Glen Andrew Brown, Maurice Francois

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 CONFIRMATION

Confirmation (Year 3)

Ceremony: Saturday 22 August @ 6.00pm

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Roster for this Sunday – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th/26th July (4th Sunday of the Month)

	6pm Saturday	7am Sunday	9am Sunday
Readers	Wendy Greasley 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, Ester Malgapo, Pele Pese, Susan Lu
Altar Servers	Shaun Perera, Faith D'Souza		Sophia Moody, Christian Dahms
Data Projection	Michael Heyne	Paul Ferris	
Music		Emmanuel Choir	"Couples for Christ Australia"
Hospitality			Parish Council