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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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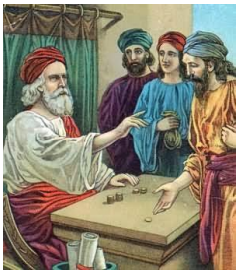
15th November 2026 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Today's Gospel presents the parable of the talents. A master entrusts his property to three servants before travelling. To one he gives five talents, to another two, and to the third one, each according to their ability. The first two servants put what they received to work and multiply it. The third servant, however, becomes afraid and buries his talent in the ground. When the master returns, he rewards the servants who were faithful with what they had received. But the servant who buried his talent is rebuked.

This Gospel invites us to examine how we are using the gifts God has placed in our hands. Notice that the master did not give everyone the same amount. Yet he expected each person to be faithful with what had been entrusted to them. This is an important lesson because comparison can become one of the greatest obstacles to growth. Sometimes we spend so much time looking at what another person has that we fail to recognise what is already in our hands.

We compare our opportunities, education, finances, achievements, relationships and progress. We begin to feel that we cannot move forward because someone else seems to have received more. But God is not asking you to reproduce another person's journey. He is asking you to be faithful with yours. Perhaps your talent is teaching. Perhaps it is listening, encouraging, organising, creating, counselling, leading, caring for children, managing resources or identifying opportunities where others see nothing. Some gifts are visible, while others quietly transform lives.

The servant who buried his talent did so out of fear. This is where the Gospel becomes deeply personal. How many opportunities have we buried because we were afraid of failing? How many gifts have remained unused because we thought we were not good enough? How many good ideas have we abandoned because we feared criticism?

Fear can make us protect what we have until we eventually lose the opportunity to use it. Of course, using our gifts does not mean acting without preparation or taking reckless risks. It means learning, seeking guidance, developing our abilities and taking responsible steps.

The first reading celebrates a woman whose value is seen through her wisdom, hard work, generosity and reverence for God. She works with her hands and extends them to the poor and needy. Her example shows us that faithfulness is practical. It is seen in the way we work, care for others, manage responsibilities and use our abilities.

St Paul, in the second reading, reminds us to remain awake and alert. We are children of the light, called to live with awareness and responsibility. This is not the time to sleep through our purpose. You may not have everything you desire today. You may be waiting for resources, opportunities or support. But do not allow the absence of everything you want to make you neglect the little you already have.

Start where you are. Learn what you need to learn. Improve what needs improvement. Use your gifts to serve. Be faithful in small responsibilities. And remember: your worth is not determined by the size of your talent or how much you produce. You are valuable because you are created and loved by God.

The parable challenges us to be responsible, not to measure human worth by achievement. One day, may we be able to look back and say that we did not allow fear to bury the gifts God entrusted to us. : "Do not bury your gift because someone else has more; be faithful with what God has placed in your hands."

Fr Vincent Elimah 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 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5 (JB)

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (JB)

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21 (NAB)*

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

Mass Intentions

Sat 14th	8.00am	Taron (Special Intention)
	6:00pm	Theresa Kendall (RIP Anniversary)
Sun 15th	7.00am	John McIsaac (RIP Anniversary)
	9.00am	Renato Cabungcal (RIP)

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

Sat 21st	8.00am	First anniversary mass for Theresa Menezes

Upcoming Events

Nov 22nd	Solemnity of Christ the King. Eucharistic procession inside the church after 9am Mass. Benediction after every mass.
Nov 29th	First Sunday of Advent
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 the 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

YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY MEETING

The Young Adults group will hold its next monthly meeting this 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.

FATHER CHINUA HOLIDAYS

Fr Chinua will be on holidays from Tuesday 24 November for a well-earned six-week break. Following his leave, he will attend the Spiritan meeting in Perth and will return to the parish in mid-January. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe and restful time away, and we look forward to welcoming him back in the new year. If anyone would like to meet with Fr Chinua, they are welcome meet during the week.

FATHER VINCENT ON RETREAT NEXT WEEK

Father Vincent will be away this week participating in the Brisbane Archdiocesan clergy retreat, from Monday 16 Nomvember to Friday 20 November. Please keep him, and all our priests making the retreat, in your prayers during this time.



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 inside the Church after the 9am Mass.

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.



COLUMBAN CALENDAR FOR 2027 NOW AVAILABLE The Columban Calendars for 2027 are now available from the Piety Store for $11.00.



SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards are available at the Piety Store: A packet of 5 cards for $2.50.

CHRISTMAS MASS VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for any Readers, Special Ministers, Altar Servers, and Data Projector Operators who are available for the Christmas Masses. Please write your name and contact details against your preferred time on the sheets in the Sacristy.

Baptism



This week we warmly welcome:

Luke Lawrence Badman
George Norman Badman
Laniah Anne Badman
Ava Joan Valentina Burello
Estella Phyllis Fugler

into God's family and the Holy Spirit community. Congratulations to the Badman, Burello and Fulger families.

SEASON OF ADVENT SUNDAY 5PM MASS



During the season of Advent, in addition to our Sunday 7am and 9am Masses, there will be a 5pm Sunday evening Mass. This will begin on the First Sunday of Advent, 29 November, and continue until the Fourth Sunday of Advent, 20 December. All are welcome.

KEEPING OUR PARISH SAFE

At Holy Spirit Parish, every person who walks through our doors, young or old, deserves to feel safe, welcome and respected. Safeguarding is not just a policy: it is how we live the Gospel together.
How you can help:

- Speak up. If something doesn't feel right, tell someone. No concern is too small.
- Volunteers: please keep your Blue Card and Arch e-Learn training up to date. If you're unsure whether yours is current, the Parish Office can check for you.
- Look out for each other, especially children and anyone who may be vulnerable.

Who to contact:

- Parish Safeguarding Representatives (confidential): lsr.braypark@bne.catholic.net.au
- Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752 · safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au
- STOPline (independent and confidential, can be anonymous): 1300 304 550 · bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com
- In an emergency, always dial 000.

Thank you to our many volunteers who already make our parish a safe and caring place.

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

Lorna Blake, Cecilia Power, Jim Tallon, Jean Boldery, Lee Riley, Margaret Schmidt, John Baker, Denise Stewart, Joan Ivy 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th/15th November (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			Couples for Christ