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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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Secretary – Sabrina Menezes

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE
Chair – Dawn Penna,
Secretary - Marian Brooks

22nd November 2026 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Year A



Today, the Universal Church commemorates the end of the Church's Liturgical year with the Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in his encyclical Quas Primas issued on 11th December 1925, to be celebrated on the last Sunday in October, before the solemnity of All Saints (1st November). However, in 1970, the Church moved this Feast to the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is fitting to end the Church's Liturgical year with the proclamation that Christ is our King. Pope Pius XI decreed this Feast as a way of combating secularism and totalitarianism which were eroding the authority of Christ and the Church in the society. The feast focuses on the second coming of Christ and Christ's universal Kingship. Though governments all over the world come and go, the reign of Christ remains permanent.

The solemnity of Christ the King is partially an extension of the Palm Sunday celebrations. On Palm Sunday we commemorated the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as a king. Jesus sat on a donkey and the people spread their clothes and tree branches on the road for him as they sang 'hosanna to the son of David.' We recall that Archangel Gabriel during the annunciation of his birth informed Mary that the child to be born will be "great and will rightly be called Son of the Most High. The Lord will give him the kingdom of David, his ancestor; he will rule over the people of Jacob forever" (Lk 1:32). Hence, Jesus was born a king.

In a scene during his trial by Pontius Pilate, Pilate asked Jesus, "so you are a king?" to which Jesus replied, "… I am a king. For this I was born and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is on the side of truth hears my voice" (Jon 18:37). The "truth" as proclaimed by Jesus is for one to come to faith that, "God so loved the world that he gave us his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life" (Jon 3:16).

After the resurrection of Jesus Christ, at his commissioning of his disciples, he told them that, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth" (Mt 28:18), thus, Jesus is our universal king. However, his kingship is not one that is full of pomp and pageantry. During his temptations in the desert, he vehemently rejected all forms of kingship that are based on arrogance, intimidation, extortion, vain glory, and deceit. (Mt 4:1-11). Jesus' kingship is based on service, compassion and humility, for he said, I have come that you may have life and have it to the fullest (Jon 10:10); and the son of man came to serve and to offer his life and a ransom for many (Matt 20:28). He exemplified his kingship of service by washing the feet of his disciples and dying on the cross for our salvation.

The kingship of Jesus is typified in the first reading and the Gospel of today. In the first reading, the Lord said he was going to pasture his sheep himself; "I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them" (Ez 34:11-12. 15-17). The above quotation underscored that God's care which is synonymous with the kingship of Christ is all encompassing. It extends to everyone – the weak and the strong, the poor and the rich.

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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.
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The Gospel presented us with acts of kindness or generosity that will identify us as members of the kingdom of Christ. If we live out these acts of kindness and generosity, then when our earthly dwelling comes to an end, we shall hear from our messiah and king Jesus Christ, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:31-46). These acts of kindness and generosity include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, giving shelter and clothing to the needy, visiting the sick and the imprisoned. Food, clothing, and shelter are necessities of life. Apart from food, clothing, and shelter, we also hunger and thirst for acceptance, forgiveness, love, happiness, a good job and friendship.

Loneliness is part and parcel of life. At times one may feel lonely either because one is new to a place, or sick or ageing, or introverted, or one has lost a spouse, or one is experiencing segregation. Spending quality time with the lonely is an act of generosity. Jesus included visitation to those in prison as an act of kindness to remind us that we ought to be praying for sinners rather than being judgemental of them.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

SUNDAY READINGS

(Sunday readings are also on our Parish Website)

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (JB)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3, 5-6 (JB)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 (JB)

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31-46 (NAB)*

Jesus said to his disciples:
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Mass Intentions

Sat 21st	8.00am	First anniversary mass for Theresa Menezes
	6:00pm	Celine Jeremiah (RIP) Anthony Bastiancig (RIP)
Sun 22nd	7.00am	Deceased family members of John & Dawn Thomas
	9.00am	Jessica Middlebrough (Birthday) Laurence David & Melville David (RIP)

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

Sat 28th	8.00am	Jaime Guerarra (Recently Deceased)

Upcoming Events

Nov 22nd	Solemnity of Christ the King. Eucharistic procession inside the church after each 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 14th	Parish Advent Retreat 14th–16th, 7.00 – 8.30pm, Holy Spirit Church
Dec 18th	Christmas Reconciliation 7.30pm
Dec 20th	Fourth Sunday of Advent (last Sunday 5.00pm Mass)

Dec 24th	Christmas Eve Carols 5.30pm, Family Mass 6.00pm Aramaic Mass 8.30pm Carols 11.30pm, Midnight Mass 12.00am
Dec 25th	Christmas Day Masses 7.00am & 9.00am, Aramaic Mass 11.00am Parish Office closes for the Christmas break
Dec 26th	St Stephen – Mass 8.00am
Dec 27th	Holy Family – normal Sunday Mass times
Dec 31st	Mass for World Peace and End of the Year 7.30pm, followed by all-night Adoration until 8.30am
Jan 1st	Mary, Mother of God – Mass 7.00am

CHANGE OF THURSDAY MASS TIMES

During school holidays, Mass on Thursdays will be held at 8am, instead of the usual 9am. This change will occur from December 10th until January 28th 2027.



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (BENEDICTION AFTER MASS)

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. As part of the commemoration, we shall be having Eucharistic Procession and Benediction inside the Church after each Mass.

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.

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.

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.

THREE-DAY PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Mon 14 – Wed 16 December, 7:00 – 8:30pm, Holy Spirit Church

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, all are warmly invited to our parish Advent Retreat, led by our Associate Pastor, **Fr Vincent Elimah C.S.Sp**.

Day 1 (Mon): *Jesus Christ the Fulfiller of Old Testament Prophecies* – Talk and Eucharistic Celebration.

Day 2 (Tue): *Christmas as a Time of Peace, Joy, Hope and Love* – Talk, Exposition, Rosary (Joyful Mysteries) and Benediction.

Day 3 (Wed): *Saying Yes to Divine Will* – Talk, Rosary and Faith Sharing.

Please note: there will be no 7:30pm Mass on Tuesday 15th December. The retreat evening replaces it.

Come for one evening or all three. Bring a friend, and give yourself the gift of time with the Lord this Advent.

PIETY STORE – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The parish is seeking expressions of interest from any parish group or individual parishioners willing to run the Piety Store on behalf of the parish. If you would like to help with this ministry or would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the Parish Office on (07) 3205 1493 or braypark@bne.catholic.net.au.



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.

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

Evelyn Langeuth, June Bury, Tania Foley, Eugene Nugent, Priska Assey, Helen Moses, Neil O'Donoghue, Patrick O'Donoghue, Paulo Dusman, John Frainey

Recently Deceased: Carol Jacques, Jaime Guerarra



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Roster for this Sunday – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 21st/22nd November (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, Juliet Kumar, 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	Couples for Christ Australia
Hospitality			Assistance Required Please