



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

28-29 August 2021

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



What's happening online

Saturday

4:00pm Parish
First Eucharist Class

Sunday

9:30am Mass
6:30pm Youth Group

Wednesday

7:00pm RCIA

Whilst the parish office is closed, we are all still working from home so please contact us via email if you need us.



Be Doers of the Word

We invest so much in appearances, it's hard to imagine they don't matter. We're taught to believe that having the right face, clothes, and hair is what counts. We want to drive the cool car, have the proper schools on our resume, be seen with the beautiful people.

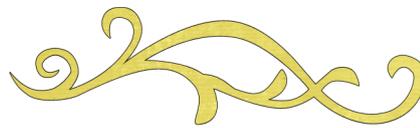
When it comes to religion, we're tempted to go for the right look, too. We want to keep the proscribed days holy, observe the designated observances. We impress ourselves so well with this, sometimes, it's hard to imagine that God is not equally impressed.

We look on the outside of the cup; God looks within. No matter how we pretty up the outside, what's in our hearts is obvious at a glance. If we have no love, our obedience to the forms of religion is meaningless. In religion, appearances count for nothing. Bending the knee when our hearts do not bow gets us nowhere. Clasp our hands in prayer when we don't open our hands in charity betrays us. Speaking of God's love when not practicing God's justice is a kind of blasphemy. Rituals are only as good as what they stand for. If there's nothing to confirm them in our living, they collapse like a house of cards.

What are the rituals of your religious practice? How do you support them in the way you live?

Choose a verse of Scripture and do the word you hear. Find ways to put that word into action throughout the day. Continue to listen to the word more deeply each hour. Consider how the word has changed you by the end of the day.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8, James 1:18, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long, O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

- Liturgy Help



Mass Time this weekend:

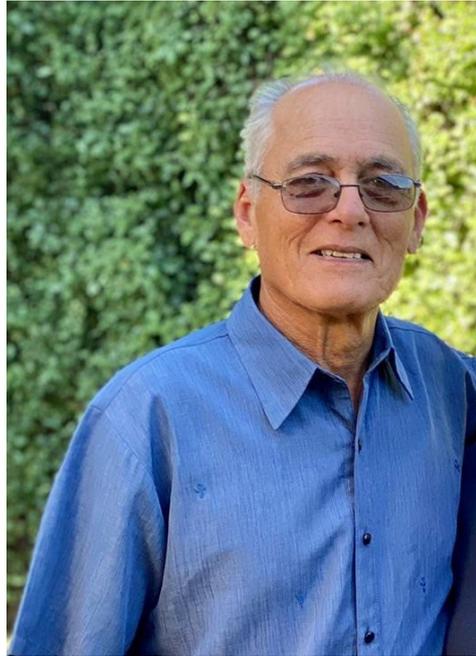
Sunday 9:30am via Zoom.
Please see parish app for meeting details.

Ministry Marvels

Name: Norman Lawler

Time in the parish:

Been in the parish 5 and half years. We emigrated from South Africa November 2014, lived in Perth WA with our eldest daughter and family for a while before coming to live in Canberra with our youngest daughter and family. While in Perth, I was active in the church ministry as a reader and also Minister of Eucharist at the church in Port Kennedy. WA.



Ministry:

Minister of the Word and Minister of Eucharist.

What do you enjoy about your ministry?

Participating actively in the mass celebrations and being able to offer my services whenever needed.

What do you like about our parish?

The multicultural mix of the parishioners. The reverence and devotion in which the parishioners participate in the mass. Also the spirit of community and the family atmosphere which gives one the "sense of belonging."

Fun fact about yourself:

I like to reach out to people, with a friendly smile, tell funny stories and make people laugh.

Favourite quote or prayer:

Prayer of Saint Francis: " Make me a channel of your peace....."

Comments:

Compliments to the parish team for dedication and hard work.

Parish News

All parish events and liturgies have been postponed including Parish Games Night, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist Masses and Bilingual Masses.

We will provide updates about new dates when we know more.

The **RCIA** program and **youth group** will run via zoom whilst we are in lockdown.

Please join Fr Thonn for Eucharistic Adoration at 5:00pm weekdays via the Parish Facebook page.

Please keep the following individuals in prayer.....



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Katie Charlton
Doug Honess
Jane Honess
Sue and Ebel Bierman
Margaret Woods
Karen Lewin
Ronald Robles
Patricia Lebon
Glenn Mowbray
Gabrielle Eagles

Recently Deceased

Emmanuel Esteves
Pam Faulkner
Robert Annis-Brown

Anniversaries

Mary Scholtens

For Those Serving Overseas

Rui Freire

We include those who are members of our Parish or relatives. Please email contact the parish office or click here to request prayers.

[Prayer Requests](#)

*Almighty God,
giver of life and
health:*

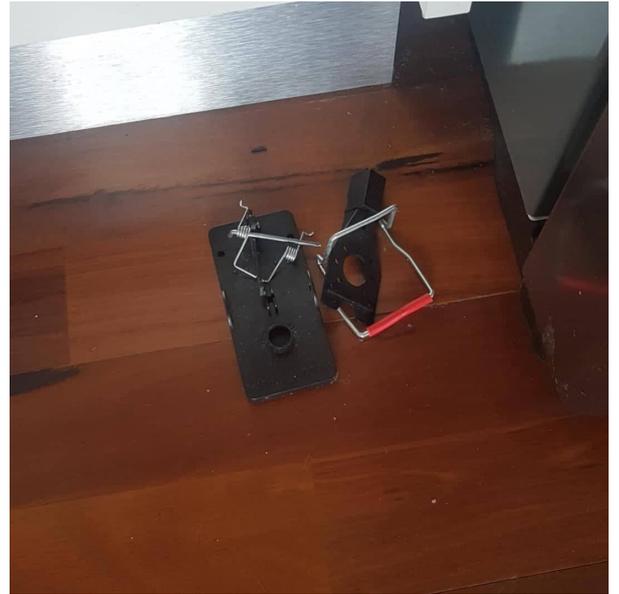
*Send your blessing on
all who are sick,
and upon those who
minister to them,
that all weakness may
be vanquished by the
triumph of the risen
Christ;
who lives and reigns
for ever and ever.*

Amen.

What we are up to during lockdown.....

Trapped—almost!!

Like you I'm still locked in the same house. The action continues. With the pantry now rearranged, at least one little creature has moved his lodging. Racing at break-neck speed a single mouse sped across the floor seeking refuge under a kitchen desk. Fathers Thonn and Mark quickly went into military mode seeking the correct weapons for the ambush. The attack had to hold an element of surprise if the correct result was to go our way. On the count of three, Fr Thonn would lift the table and Fr Mark who was heavily armed with a straw broom would attempt a surprise attack on an unsuspecting intruder. 'One! Two! Three!' With the table lifted the mouse skuttled backwards over his earlier track! Not even the best swoosh or swipe could curtail this obvious out of place leftover from a distant plague. He lived to see another day.

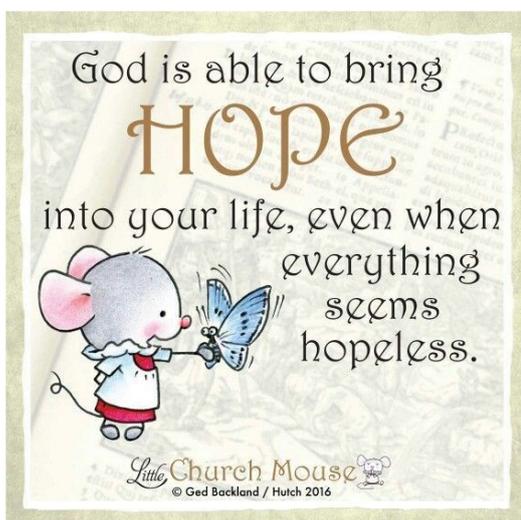


Now was the time for a booby trap from long ago. The mousetrap. Once made in wood and 100% reliable it's now built out of plastic. Fr Thonn set this with a scientific touch. Leg ham on the tongue of the trap. Irresistible temptation! Sure enough the mouse won round two. The ham was neatly removed while the trap remained still set. Next evening the meal was tied with cotton to further test the cunning of this major pest.

As we sat in our chairs for our evening meal, suddenly there was what seemed to be a mighty crash. Moe's been killed! He pulled a cupboard down on himself in the garage. When I turned the light on to my great relief all was intact! On closer inspection in the kitchen it was discovered that not only did the mousetrap lose it's food offering, the trap had gone off and broken into four pieces. The echo of its components shattering into pieces gave a noise of what seemed to be a bigger disaster! Plastic! Little wonder we have a mouse plague!

My dad once remarked that my mechanical ability was so small that I couldn't fix a mousetrap. Now was the moment to prove him wrong. At this stage the trap remains in pieces while the mouse remains intact. If this trap is beyond my ability to resurrect there are other strategies in mind we may call upon to regain the highest standard of health our house requires as our shut-in continues.

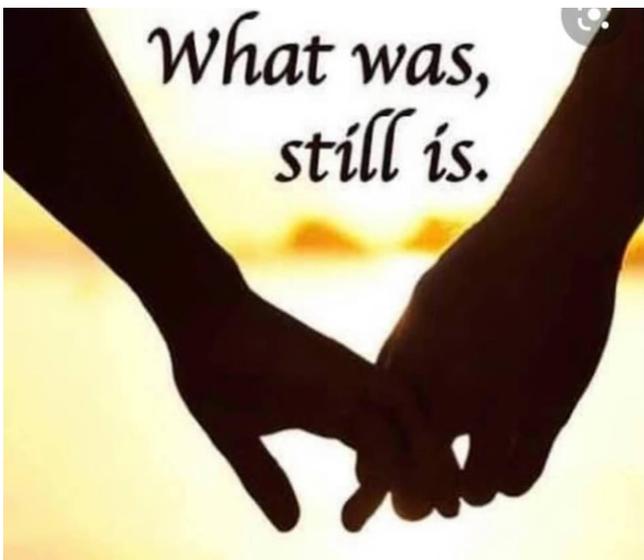
Hope your experiences are providing you too with some great shut-in moments!



- Fr Mark



Until the weather changed, the highlight of our day had been walking the poodles. With some creative time management they have been going out twice a day to pick up the pee-mail from all their neighbours. However, Peter and I may have a little over enthusiastic about these walks because after a week, instead of running to the door when we mentioned "going for a walk", the poodles all race to hide under the bed. Santi, Gus and Ollie do not have to log in to on-line schooling but they too are so bewildered by lockdown that they have started their own doggy choir: one starts up with a bark or a tune(less) howl and they all follow suit for a good two minutes a time. Doggy opera at blistering volume. A day in the Weeks' household is never silent! If I said that I loved lockdown because of all the meetings that have been cancelled – would you believe me??
- Alison Weeks



Steve's Lockdown Adventure:

"It's back to lockdown in the Seesink household! As I work for Catholic Education in Risk Management, the big focus has been to support families and staff in schools in our Archdiocese during this difficult time for all of us! Tuning in to Sunday mass with Fr Mark and Fr Thonn has been a weekly highlight as we gather around the television to see our community get together. Keeping our son Leo entertained as an only child has its challenges, but thanks to the great team at Holy Spirit Nicholls, there's enough to keep him occupied. Our hope like most families is that we can get back to school and the office as soon as possible, but while we are at home, it's a wonderful opportunity to spend time as a family and grow closer. - Steve Seesink



We are all working from home and trying to tread softly when someone's on a call. The home internet is straining as we compete with PS4 activity as well. The highlight this week was we celebrated our Wedding Anniversary with the family in lockdown enjoying a home cooked meal. The weather didn't permit us for too many outdoor activities. Joachim did some gardening and lots of cleaning around the house. This is a snapshot of our week.
—Dilu and Joachim Motha



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-22

CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR



A Call to All for Social Justice

This weekend is Social Justice Sunday, and the Bishops Social Justice Statement has been released. The statement can be found at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

The Lockdown has given us more time to reflect on this great reading. In the Statement, the Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to join them in taking up Pope Francis' invitation to a seven-year journey towards ecological sustainability.

I hope everyone can really discern their contribution to the issues and actions raised for our future generations. There are many resources available on the bishop's website for [Justice, Ecology and Peace](#).

If you would like to find out more about the work we are doing here at Holy Spirit Parish, please contact Peter Peterson peterimantpeterson@gmail.com

By listening with an open heart to those who are most affected, we can begin, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discern the signs of the times.



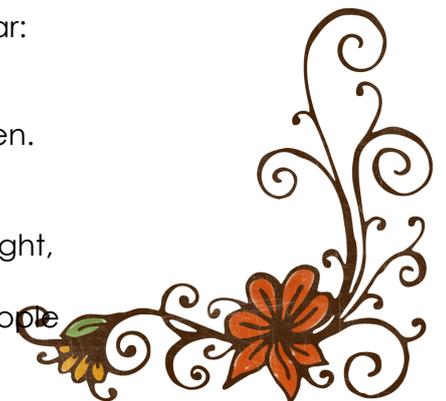
Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
the bush grown more silent,
the birdsong less vibrant,
the stream's sluggish ripple.

Have mercy and open our ears.
Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
the soil depleted,
the sky smudged,
the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
the workers who struggle to get by,
the women subjected to violence,
the people who are excluded.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
the sound of hungry children,
the distress of the mentally ill,
the silent pain of homeless women and men.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight,
to restore our hearing,
and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people
and peace for creation.
Amen.



Meet our 2021 RCIA Team

Our RCIA team met with the 2021-22 candidates on Wednesday 11 August and had a great meet and greet session. Since then, the team have been running RCIA sessions via zoom on Wednesday evenings. It is very challenging to run these sessions online, however our team have done an incredible job and we thank them for their commitment. Please pray for our team and the candidates.



Maria Allen - Coordinator



Ghylianne Chelmiah



Leanne Johns



Tony Cassar



Steve Bannerman



James Zhai



Thank You!!

Our Floriade garden is looking very colourful. Thank you to Fiona Wilkinson, Peter Elford, Steve Bannerman and Anne Cantlie and the rest of the Floriade team of volunteers for keeping the garden watered, weeded and the plants fed!



Join us for

VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP

This Sunday (29-8)
6:30-7:30

Come along for a session of fun and faith and a
great opportunity to connect with others

If you are under 16 please have a parent present in the
room while on zoom

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Mission: one heart many voices conference

"Come, let us talk
this over. Let us
dare to Dream."

(Pope Francis, Let us Dream Prologue 7)



Welcome to the fifth biennial
Mission: one heart many voices
conference. The conference will be
online and you can **register now**
at **2021.mohmv.com.au**

Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 September, 2021



Mission: one heart, many voices conference 2021

Catholic Religious Australia and Catholic Mission offer a unique opportunity for parishes and schools to attend the MOHMOV virtual conference. This virtual conferences gives the opportunity of participants to experience a diverse range of international and local speakers with broad-lived and practical experience in their respective field. This MOHMOV conference will encourage participants to explore 'Leadership for Mission Now' through the frame of an open mind, open heart and open will, embracing curiosity, compassion and courage. Participants can register for 1, 2 or all 3 days of the event.

Date: Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 September

Registration

3 day: \$150 (\$185 after 1 August, 2021)

Daily: \$60 (\$70 after 1 August, 2021)

Saturday September 4, 2021: \$60 (This is a special day with young people exploring issues that are especially relevant to them and for us all. It is open to all)

For further information relating to individual registration visit www.mohmv.com.au.

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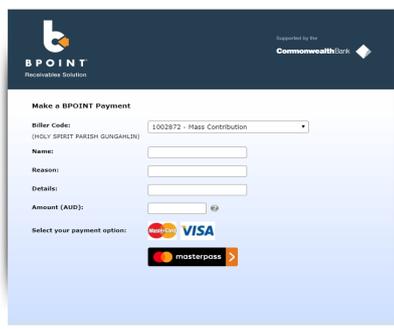
Rosary

Every Wednesday and Friday at 4pm **via Zoom**
(During lockdown)

Archbishop Christopher Prowse would like to invite all to pray the Rosary via Zoom.
 TIME: Every Wednesday and Friday at 4:00pm sharp! (during lockdown)
 ZOOM DETAILS: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332...>
 Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332
 Passcode: 543675

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1. Click on <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/donations-payments/secure-online-payments/>
2. Select Biller Code 1002872 – Mass Contribution
3. Enter your payment details.

Parish Bank Account Details

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