



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

Supporting and supported by Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd, Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

25-26 September 2021

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



What's happening online

Sunday

9:30am Mass

We are all still working from home so please contact us via email if you need us.

Unauthorised Goodness

Like the good citizens around Moses, the disciples around Jesus are jealous for the copyright to goodness. Anyone who teaches the ignorant, heals the sick, or feeds the poor without joining their Master's guild has got to be from the devil. Obviously it escapes the disciples that this is precisely the charge that's been levelled at Jesus by the religious leaders of the Temple. Righteousness is private property. Unauthorised goodness is strictly forbidden.

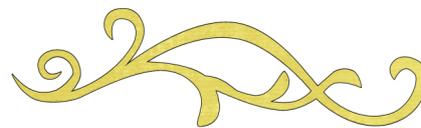
It may be natural to feel a twinge when, say, the Hare Krishnas open a soup kitchen in our parish, beating up the good witness. We feel embarrassed that it's come to this. But right is right, not matter what the source is. The proper response is to praise God, grow in humility, and persevere in our own attempt to support the cause of righteousness.

Where might you become a source of "unauthorised goodness" for others?

Be on the alert for agreement and common values between you and those who seem most alien: the younger/older generation, people of another race, tongue, religion or political persuasion. The stranger may be a friend.

"If you give one of these simple, childlike believers a hard time, bullying or taking advantage of their simple trust, you'll soon wish you hadn't".

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TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: makes us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.
- Liturgy Help



Mass Time this weekend:

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

Ministry Marvels

Name: Jennifer Grierson

Time in the parish:

We were a military family and have had many postings, including ones to the US and Canada. We were introduced to the parish by our friends, the McNeills, when we first came to Canberra in July 2000. Our house, parish and school at the time, were Bruce/St Vincent's, Aranda. We loved the vibrancy of the masses and the music so when we bought our house in Gungahlin, in 2004, Holy Spirit Parish became our parish.

Ministry:

I have been involved in a few ministries over the years - hospitality, counting money (I was a bit slow with that one!), PPC and music for approximately the last six to seven years.

What do you enjoy about your ministry?

It took a long time to summon the courage to even stand in the choir pit (ten years!) but thanks to Anne Eade's encouragement, I finally did it and I have loved it ever since. I have seen the many changes in that time and what I love is the friendships that have been born from that. I truly love what I do and it is not lost on me that it is an absolute privilege to share the joy and the power of music in prayer. Not every day is perfect but if people can be moved and are assisted in prayer through music, then that is the gift.

What do you like about our parish?

What I love about our parish is that sense of community, the many cultures that have made our parish their home, the work ethic I witness through our parish team and their constant loyal supporters; the way I have been pushed out of my comfort zone on so many occasions; but most of all, the way I have always felt so welcome. It is known by one of my children, as 'your happy place, Mum'.



Fun fact about yourself:

I love musical theatre, ballet and dance. When I was little, my dad used to get me to do the charleston for friends at parties. We have five children and three grandchildren. Sorry, more than one fact!

Favourite quote or prayer:

"If He leads you to it, He will guide you through it"

Comments:

Thankyou for even considering me!

Multicultural Prayer Nights—Starting 7 October



You are invited to join us from 7 October from 7:30pm each evening for our Multicultural Rosary prayer nights. Various parish groups and cultural groups will host each night and lead us in praying the Rosary followed by a social get together after the prayer component. Come along and learn about each of our group's devotion to Mary.

Prayer nights will be held via zoom and the details will be shared closer to time on our parish app. Invite all your family and friends, near and far to our special prayer event.

Details to follow in the coming days.

- ✦ **Rosary online:** Archbishop Christopher Prowse would like to invite all to pray the Rosary via Zoom. Every Wednesday and Friday at 4:00pm (during lockdown)
ZOOM DETAILS: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332>
Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332
Passcode: 543675
- ✦ **Eucharistic Adoration** - Join us daily from 5pm to 6pm livestreamed via Parish Facebook Page.

Act as a Christian

Our track record as a church is, alas, not much better than the rest of society. We have our own sad history of excluding people from our pews, our sacraments, our schools, only because of their accents or the colour of their skin. How we could have possibly justified such behaviour when confronted with readings from scripture like this week's remains a mystery.

These days, unfortunately in too many places, this behaviour continues, albeit a little more sophisticatedly. Homes have become so expensive that some people virtually ensure that those unlike them will not be able to live nearby or associate with them as equals. Let them work at fast food restaurants or watch the baby or clean the house, but not live next door.

Instead of demanding affordable housing in all communities, money is spent building fences and gates to exclude others. Property values have become the driving forces in people's lives, not human values.

When behaviour excludes people of goodwill who are doing the best they can, like those in the gospel kicking out demons, such exclusion becomes the antithesis of what is demanded of us as Christians. When we do what we do in God's name for the good of others, we become equal in each other's sight, as we always have been in God's.

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



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Katie Charlton
Jane Honess
Bill Honess
Sue and Ebel Bierman
Margaret Woods
Karen Lewin
Ronald Robles
Patricia Lebon
Glenn Mowbray
Gabrielle Eagles
Judi Darlington
Roland Zocchi
Grace Riosa
Rita Augustine
Maria Tran
Neil and Sharon Henderson

Recently Deceased

Janet Mitchell
Cyril Eeles
Tony Gallego

Anniversaries

Gwen O'Shea
John Stanislaus Fish
Doug Honess
Marcello Arguelles

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](#)

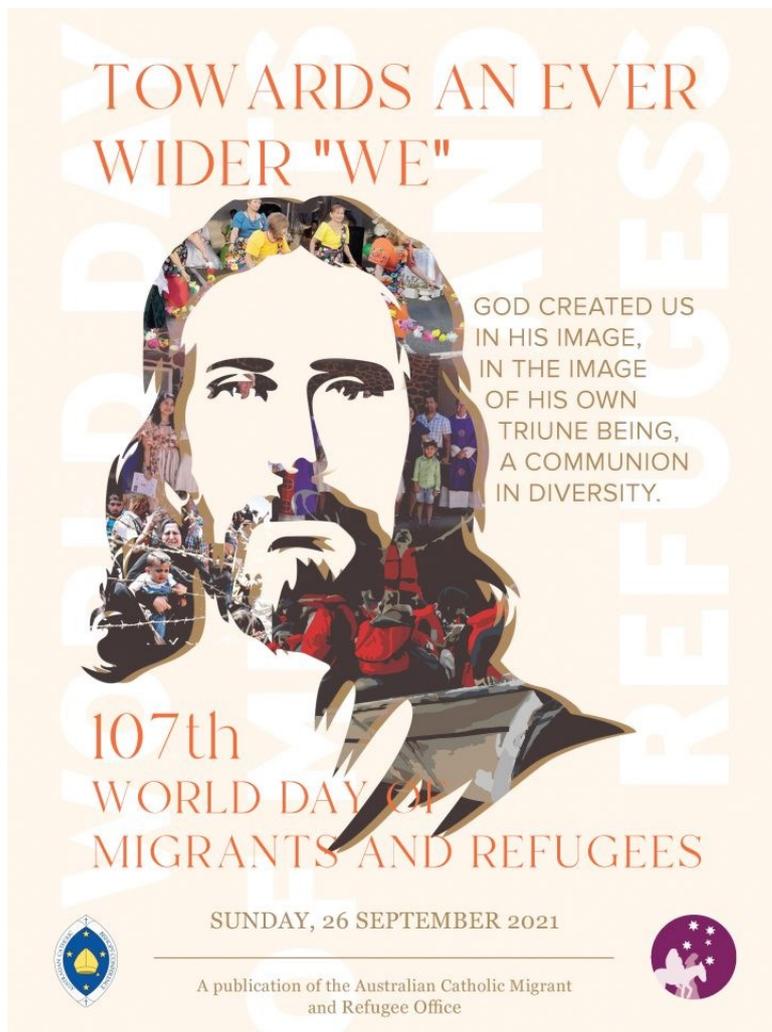
*I know the Lord
is always with me.*

*I will not be
shaken, for he is
right beside me.*

Psalm 16:8

Migrant and Refugee Sunday 26 September

Migrant and Refugee Sunday is celebrated in Australia on the last Sunday in September. This brings the practice of the Church in Australia into line with the practice of the Church around the world. The 2021 theme is 'Towards an Ever Wider We.' You can read Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 [here](#).



Prayer

Holy, beloved Father,
your Son Jesus taught us
that there is great rejoicing in heaven
whenever someone lost is found,
whenever someone excluded, rejected or
discarded
is gathered into our "we",
which thus becomes ever wider.

We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,
and all people of good will,
the grace to do your will on earth.
Bless each act of welcome and outreach
that draws those in exile
into the "we" of community and of the
Church,
so that our earth may truly become
what you yourself created it to be:
the common home of all our brothers and
sisters. Amen.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 May 2021
Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

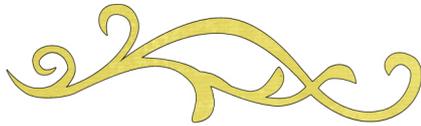
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



Did you see Fr Thonn's write up on [ACT Health's Facebook page](#) this week? If you missed it, [click here](#) to check it out.



Disclaimer:

Holy Spirit Parish is an inclusive and non-discriminatory Parish, in line with our core beliefs and values. We recognize that decisions regarding vaccinations are based on individual circumstances.

COVID-19 vaccination is a personal act of love for all – especially for the vulnerable. I strongly support the global vaccination effort.

Let us be vaccinated against COVID-19 (Magpabakuna po tayo laban sa COVID-19).

Why it's important to get the COVID-19 vaccine

Fr Anthony Riosa SSS
Priest at Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Amaroo

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Prayer in a Time of Anxiety

It seems that I return to you most easily when I need comfort, O God.

Hello... here I am again, knowing that you are waiting for me with love and warming light. In the shadow of your wings I find respite and relief that feeds my innermost self and renews my soul. Day and night, you are my refuge.

These uncertain days of news conferences and quarantines tempt me to assume the worst for my loved ones, myself and my community. "Pandemic" is a frightening word, and I can easily feel confused or helpless to respond. Now I am relying on you to lead and guide me, to put my anxiety in its place. Help me see it as a human response that keeps me conscious of the seriousness of this moment, but do not let it overwhelm my spirit. Buoyed by your love, I choose each day to let peace reign in me. Breathing deeply of your calm, I repeat, again and again, "You are here."

Good and gracious Companion, my family and friends need tranquility and assurance. Help me to offer them your tenderness. Those in my community who are suffering need care. Help me to be generous and to keep contact with the forgotten. Our world calls for cooperation among national leaders, scientists, health care providers, and all who are instrumental in overcoming this crisis. May my prayers and support be with them all.

I have come back to you, and I will return, knowing that your open arms will never fail. God of hope, may your love blanket the earth, as you teach us to live more generously today than yesterday. May my anxiety be transformed into love.

- Anonymous -



We're taking

ONE FOOT FORWARD

this October



Support Our Walk for Mental Health Research

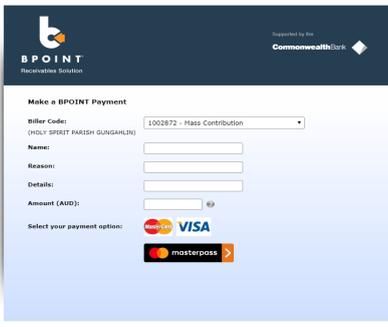
Did you know that 1 in 5 people experience symptoms of mental illness each year? In fact, every day in Australia, 8 people will die from suicide.

Mental illness can be debilitating and can have a devastating impact on not only those living with it, but those around them. But this October, we'll be putting one foot forward to make a difference to the lives of people touched by mental illness and suicide.

The **Parish Office Team** is fundraising to raise money for life-changing research into treatment and prevention of mental illness, as well as vital support services. [Support](#) our challenge and help change the lives of people living with mental illness.

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Online Mass Contribution (First and Second Collections combined)

We encourage you to continue to support our parish by making contributions to our First and Second Collections online. Follow the steps below to make a secure online donation.

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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