



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

2-3 October 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



## What's happening online

**Sunday**

9:30am Mass

Faith in  
**GOD**  
CHANGES  
Everything

### Marriage Humor...

Wife: "What are you doing?"

Husband: "Nothing."

Wife: "Nothing...? You have been reading our marriage certificate for over an hour."

Husband: "I was looking for the expiration date."

## Longing and Belonging

There are all kinds of ways to divide up the people of the world. We can divide them in half by gender or into a handful of races and colours. Or we can divide them into countries, ethnic groups, or languages. We can divide them by class, sexual orientation, political party, or aesthetic sensibility if we prefer. We can slice up the world according to economics: rich and poor works well in most places. There are the happy and the unhappy; this generation or that; saints or sinners. Or we can just use the simple compartments "us" and "them," and add whoever we want to each box.

We can, and do, divide the world's people into lots of little categories, each of which contains an implicit judgment on who they are. Jesus represents the opposite impulse. He doesn't dismiss children as irrelevant. He doesn't champion a man's rights over a woman's in marriage. He doesn't put religious people in one corner, and sinners in another. Jesus presents love as the binding force which holds everyone together, rich and poor, men and women, slave and free. Can we change our way of thinking, from dividing to uniting?

**Who are the "us" and "them" in your community, and how can you resist this attitude?**

Practice interrupting your life for the children in your midst. Treat the opposite sex with patience and openness. Prepare a place in your life for those who are different from you.

**"Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in".**

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### Mass Time this weekend:

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

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Readings:** Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16

**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Responsorial Psalm:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.  
- Liturgy Help

# Ministry Marvels

**Name:** Stacey Davids

**Time in the parish:**

Was posted from Perth to Canberra in 2012. As Canberra was new to me, I explored a few parishes (Campbell, Turner, Dickson and Manuka) but none appealed to me. Finally found Holy Spirit parish in 2013, have remained here ever since.

**Ministry:**

Reading, Eucharist Minister, cleaning, music and general help as required by the parish.

**What do you enjoy about your ministry?**

A feeling of satisfaction of being able to utilise my talents to praise God and give back to the community.

**What do you like about our parish?**

As large as the parish is there is a distinct feeling of community spirit and belonging no matter what nationality one currently holds or held. It's always a welcoming feeling when one enters the church to hear the word of God. The volunteers in the various ministries and the staff that run the parish do a wonderful job in making the parish what it is today, a lovely place to partake in Mass.

**Fun fact about yourself:**

Love listening to jazz (at the National Press Club) ,blues (while washing my car) and gospel music (while doing household chores); very partial to a glass of red (shiraz or tempranillo)

**Favourite quote or prayer:**

Psalm 91 - God our Protector

**Comments:**

Really appreciate all you do for the parish; at times it can be a thankless job!!



## We Asked

Loving Creator,

We asked for strength, and you gave us difficulties to make us strong.

We asked for wisdom, and you gave us problems to solve.

We asked for prosperity, and you gave us purpose and brains to use.

We asked for courage, and you gave us fears to overcome.

We asked for patience, and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.

We asked for love, and you gave us troubled people to help.

We asked for justice, and you called us to be just and lead with integrity.

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted.

And yet, we receive everything that we needed.

For this we give thanks.

- By Colleen Hanycz, PhD incoming President at Xavier University



A very big thank you to all those who have financially supported our Parish during the lockdown. Our regular contributors, as well as those who have made direct deposits to the Parish Bank Account, through the website or Parish App. We also appreciate those who have left cash in the parish letterbox!

As mentioned during our Planned Giving campaign in May, we are encouraging people to move towards cashless contributions. The lockdown has certainly assisted in this process. If you are able to contribute to the first or second collection by any cashless means we appreciate it. Tony Rose in the office is able to assist. Please contact him by email: [Gungahlin.finance@cg.org.au](mailto:Gungahlin.finance@cg.org.au) if you require any assistance.

We do look forward to seeing people face to face again.

Parish Finance Committee

- \* **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.

## The Kingdom of God is Messy

I find Jesus' pronouncement that the kingdom of God belongs to children both reassuring and frightening. It's reassuring to think that less-than-perfect people, like you and me, will inherit heaven. Those of us who are both adorable and infuriating, who whine, complain, dawdle, disobey, sass, and deceive, and who cuddle, cajole, trust, tease, laugh, love, console, and forgive over and over again. In other words, those with kind hearts, nasty tempers, and runny noses are all welcome at the table.

The part I find frightening is spending eternity with a bunch of younger children! I don't think I have the stamina for that anymore. Pandemonium and chaos are all I envision. But I know the fear I'm feeling is exactly what Jesus is addressing in his command to let the children come to him. "Let go of the need to be in control", is Jesus' message to his disciples, then and now. "Don't worry about the mess and confusion that comes with allowing other people - different and unpredictable people - into your life. You will be embraced and blessed beyond your wildest imagination.

As for the mess? I guess Jesus is offering the same advice any seasoned parent would: Don't worry, after a while you won't even notice it!

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  
Maria, Peter & Baby  
Norma Pridgeon  
Sophia Vamvakaris  
Sienna Brady

### Recently Deceased

Cyril Eeles  
Tony Gallego  
Max D'Souza  
Ronald D'Cruze  
Kurvin Moonesamy  
Ben Bongco  
Daisy Lorenzo  
Cyrus Casiano

### Anniversaries

Marcello Arguelles  
Isabelle Hellen D'Souza  
Valda Pearl McCabe

### Birthdays

Freda Isatu Mansary

### 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](#)

# Multicultural Prayer Nights

## 7-16 October 2021 from 7:30pm

Join us via zoom for Rosary, faith and culture sharing followed by a cuppa. You do not need knowledge of the different languages to join and meditate on the Rosary prayers.

- ◆ Thursday 7 October | English
- ◆ Friday 8 October | Polish
- ◆ Saturday 9 October | Pakistan
- ◆ Sunday 10 October | Filipino
- ◆ Monday 11 October | Vietnamese
- ◆ Tuesday 12 October | Sri Lanka
- ◆ Wednesday 13 October | Tamil
- ◆ Thursday 14 October | Mauritius
- ◆ Friday 15 October | Youth
- ◆ Saturday 16 October | Africa

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82549282168>

Meeting number: 82549282168

THE *rosary* IS THE  
'WEAPON' FOR  
THESE TIMES. *St. Padre Pio*



*Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin*



# Master Chef



Your priests Fr Thonn & Mark don't want to give too much away about their culinary skills. The best nights for dinner come when they know someone has prepared something for us! Feel free to keep surprising us! Remember: 'When I was hungry you gave me to eat!'

However, today we are told a few snaps taken by Fr Thonn have found their way to the editor. Each night he takes a photo of the evening meal. What a variety! Fish, Lamb, beef, pork, seafood, salads, vegetables, and rice with many different recipe presentations.

Fr Mark refers to his assistant priest as the Master of the Kitchen. Like a true chef he is forever coming up with new recipes of his own initiative. He says he uses his Filipino recipes giving them the Australian flavour. Fr Mark is the main beneficiary of his meals and if there is a scrap left over, Moe eagerly plays his role.

Fr Mark is more into the Australian cuisine, but in this period of lockdown has used the time to try a recipe or two from the internet. Fr Thonn wouldn't be out of place cooking in a restaurant, while Fr Mark says he'd be happy cooking for a shearing team.

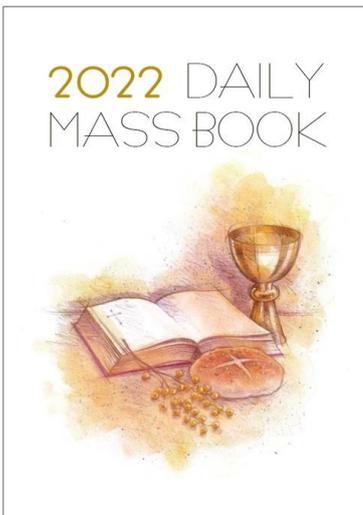


# Shopping Time!

## How To Order

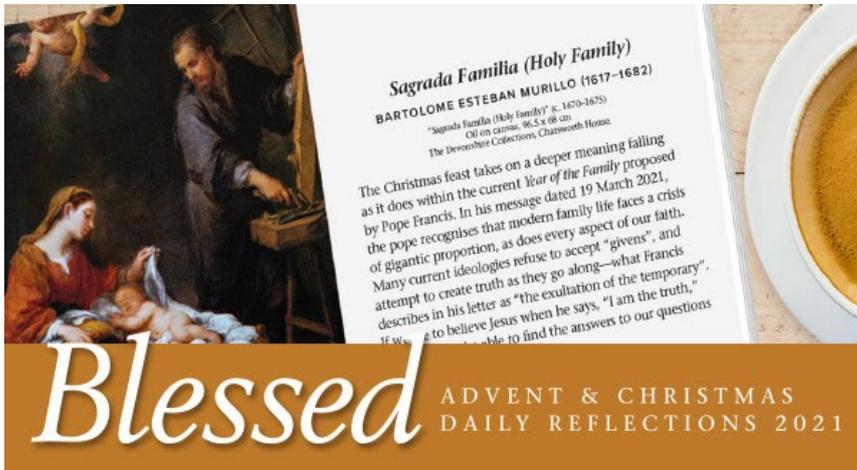
Please contact Magda (office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) to place your order. Payments can be made online direct into the parish bank account.

**BSB:** 062 786 **Acc Number:** 00010701 **Acc Name:** Holy Spirit Parish



The Daily Mass Book runs from Advent to Advent. Compact and economical, its 600 pages are printed in two colours throughout and its layout is very easy to follow. It contains all the texts for Sunday and weekday Mass.

**Cost: \$25.00**



## Blessed—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2021

This year has been a rollercoaster of emotions and challenges, especially in light of the pandemic. As we hopefully ease back into the routines of our lives from the advent of lockdown, may we see how our re-emergence into new life mirrors the Advent season as we await the birth of the Saviour.

God chose Mary to give birth to Jesus, and Christ has chosen us as his dwelling when we meditate on his Word and receive him in the Eucharist.

As we countdown the days to Christmas, we pray that by meditating on God's Word in these daily Advent and Christmas reflections, you may be graced with moments of silence to ponder in your heart (cf. Lk 2:19) the many "blessings" in your life—inspiring you in your call to "blessedness" (that is, "holiness") where true happiness is gained (cf. Pope Francis, *Gaudete et exsultate*, 64).

**Blessed** is a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022).

**Cost: \$5:00**



We're taking

# ONE FOOT FORWARD

this October



## Support Our Walk for Mental Health Research

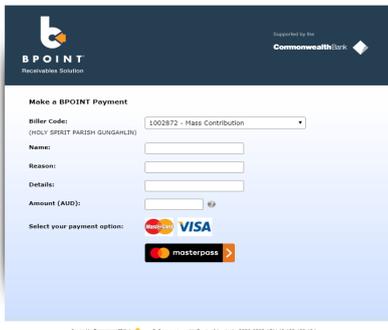
Did you know that 1 in 5 people experience symptoms of mental illness each year? In fact, every day in Australia, 8 people will die from suicide.

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

Secure Online Payments



### 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

BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish

## CONNECT WITH US

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