



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

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16-17 October 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



What's happening online

Sunday

9:30am Mass

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ransom for Many

While Jesus is talking about becoming ransom, his followers are looking for glory. No wonder Jesus groans that they don't know what they're talking about. Of the four gospel writers, Mark is most likely to draw the disciples as out-and-out dumbbells. Since it's the first of the gospels to be written down, Mark's depiction is likely closer to the truth than the other evangelists cared to be.

Alas, these dumbbells are closer to revealing our natural inclinations than we care to admit. We step up to drink the cup of Christ in our Eucharist without much fuss, but when it comes time to share his passion in even the smallest sense, we don't respond to roll call. We're willing to take part in the rituals of religion, but we're nowhere to be found when it's time to ransom. Servant-hood has little appeal. Still we're prepared to join in the finger-pointing at James and John seeking credit. We, at least, cover our aspirations a little better than they do.

When was the last time you paid the price, so that another could go free?

Choose to be the servant who lifts up another. Avoid the limelight. Seek the dirty job. Give anonymously. Be generous with credit. Crave humility.

"The Son of Man ... came to serve, not to be served - and to give his life in exchange for many who are held hostage".

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Faith and prayer, both are invisible, but they make impossible things possible.



TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

- Liturgy Help



Mass Time this weekend:

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

Church Opening Soon!

We are so happy that lockdown has lifted and we will be able to open our church for Mass very soon. From Friday 29 October 2021, churches will be allowed to open for celebration of Mass for up to 100 people at a time (not including those involved in ministry), respecting the practice of social distancing, hand hygiene, use of face mask and the use of the Check in CBR app.

Mass times for Weekend 30-31 October are as follows:

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00pm

Sunday 9:30am (this Mass will also be via Zoom)

Do I need to book to attend Mass?

Seats at Mass will be available on a 'first come, first served' basis. We encourage you to come early and grab a spot!

Parish Office Opening

All our staff will be required to work from home until 26 October when the office building will open. Please continue to contact us via email or 0472 921 518 if we can help you in any way.



CHECK IN CBR CARD

ACT government will now issue a free Check In CBR Card for anyone who does not have a smartphone. Simply follow this link, if you would like to order one in preparation for our church opening.

<https://bit.ly/3tuv1Qa>

If you are having trouble ordering, please contact the parish office and we will help you order one.



Parish Calendar Orders

Our beautiful calendar is now ready and we are taking orders! The calendars are A4 size and will fit in an envelope if you want to post them to family and friends.

Cost per calendar **\$10**

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Ministry Marvels

Name: Mary Louis

Time in the parish:

My husband and I arrived from Singapore to Canberra in 2009. We have been attending Mass at the Holy Spirit Parish with our family since then. We felt very welcome by the 8.00am mass goers. It was also the time when the Parish was going through a renewal process for its future directions. I attended an evening session of sharing led by Father Mark and the then Parish Assistant, Fiona. I also had the great opportunity of serving six years as a member in the Parish Pastoral Council. I loved the caring, simplicity, respect and spirituality that each member in the PPC demonstrated under the guidance of Father Mark. The Asian Fusion Food concept came into being too - Yeah!!!

Ministry:

Eucharistic Minister

What do you enjoy about your ministry?

As a Eucharistic Minister when I proclaim, "The Body of Christ", and distribute Holy Communion, I am spiritually elated when I hear the Holy Word, "Amen".

What do you like about our parish?

I love the Asian Fusion food concept at our events, It makes you enjoy that inclusiveness of communities. The wonderful great aroma of food, talented dancers and singers during our multi-cultural festivals, hopefully should come back. The clean Church supported by our parishioners who work tirelessly arranging the chairs, decorating the Church for Christmas, the talents of the various people in the Choir, the Church Bulletin and the numerous spiritual programs during Lent and Advent, Thursday Holy Hour and the Anointment and Blessings on Thursdays. My husband and I love Father Mark's strong voice when he joins in with the Choir.

Fun fact about yourself:

I love cooking!

Favourite quote or prayer:

A Prayer from Saint Faustina.



A heartfelt thanks to everyone who made contributions towards Fr Thonn's father's funeral expenses. Through your generosity and kindness we were able to support Fr Thonn's family pay for the funeral expenses.

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
Heather Hickey

Recently Deceased

Cyrus Casiano
Wilfredo Riosa
Hedda "Eden" Riosa-Serafica
Sammy Escano
Barbara Rose
Oscar Armando Melhado

Anniversaries

Sheila Hancock
Gerard Michel

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.

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PLENARY COUNCIL - - SYNODALITY - - WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US?

Everything seems to be happening at once.

The Australian Church has just held its first Plenary Council in over 60 years. Over 380 clerics and lay people gathered (on-line, unfortunately) to thrash out questions for the church in the 21st century. These questions were posed to the church through the scathing lens of the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sex Abuse. But they are not new.

The hope and prayer of the Plenary council is that in **synodality** – walking together – we will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to (re)- build a missionary church which walks in the footsteps of Jesus. In the middle of this Council last week Pope Francis took the concept of synodality global and announced that the whole, universal church would enter a Year of Synodality in 2022 and then the bishops would bring him the results in 2023. What this now means for the outcomes and processes of our Plenary Council is anyone's guess.

We should make the most of it. The Pope insists that every parish around the world must be consulted and he hopes that the Holy Spirit will send those messages into the ears of the Bishops. To a great extent Australia has already done this through the Plenary Council consultations. Some say that those consultations and the 17, 800 submissions we all wrote have been ignored by our bishops, but that's another argument.

The Plenary Council's initial outcomes are still being digested. But two very important agreements emerged: firstly, we need to embrace our First Nations sisters and brothers and listen and learn about their spirituality and their sense of ecology and country. Secondly, caring for the whole of creation, both human and natural, is the urgent obligation of us all. We have to learn about and practice the Integral Ecology of the Pope's recent encyclical: *Laudato Si*.

The Australian church, and Holy Spirit Parish, can take up these tasks without waiting for big international synods in a couple of years' time. Our Caring for Creation group and our Social Justice Group are taking the first steps along the road to understanding and implementing this new integral ecology. We all have a great deal to do to journey together with our First Nations brethren and we need to begin. An open embrace of the Uluru Statement – A Call from the Heart, was agreed to be crucial by the Plenary Council.

The more contentious issues at the Plenary, especially the sharing of power and responsibility, the role of the laity and the potential embrace of the divorced person or one from an LGBTIQ+ community will be fought out in July at the second sitting of the Council, and through the Pope's Year of Synodality.

So while we wait, let's push on with what we know to echo the Holy Spirit's call to the church in Australia: let us all read *Laudato Si* (or a summary), act where we can to sustain the earth and its poor and vulnerable and let us open our ears and our hearts to our First Nations sisters and brothers.

Alison Weeks

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Promise Me This

"Mum, I want to ask you a favour. Promise you'll say yes?" "Wait a minute, dear. I can't say yes until I know what you're asking me. So, what is it?" "I'm afraid to tell you because I know you'll say 'no' and I need you to say 'yes'. So just say 'yes,' OK?" "No!"

Have you ever had a conversation like that with your kids? It's common enough. Kids want what they want when they want it and don't want to submit to the wisdom of their parent's authority. A couple of the apostles acted like that with Jesus. James and John, the sons of Zebedee, had the authority to say to Jesus, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you". They had plans for themselves. They wanted to reserve prime spots for themselves in Jesus' kingdom. They had no idea what they were asking. They just thought about what they were going to get, not what they would need to give - which is everything including their very lives.

Sometimes that's true with our children. They have no idea of the consequences involved in what they're asking from us. As parents we need to guide them along the way, being neither too quick to say yes or no.

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