



# 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

6-7 November 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



## Upcoming Events

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday

7:00am Mass  
6:00pm First Eucharist  
7:15pm First Eucharist

### Thursday

9:15am Mass  
6:00pm First Eucharist  
7:15pm First Eucharist

### Friday

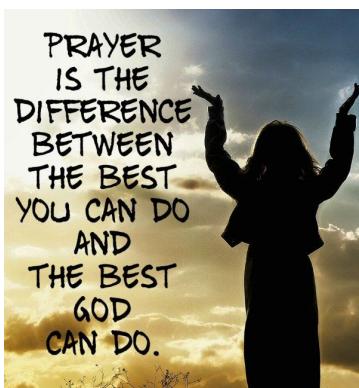
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### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Mass (in person and via Zoom, please see parish app for meeting details.)



## Keep an Eye Out for Widows

I remember a youth-group leader I met in a Central American village. He proudly told me how his group collected food for poor people in his community each Christmas. I later saw the youth-group leader's home – a thatched hut he shared with a large family. Despite his poverty he focussed on helping other people.

That youth-group leader has become one of my role models. I hope that I can someday show generosity like that.

Jesus talks about role models in this week's Gospel. He contrasts the scribes and the rich people with the widow. The scribes, Jesus says, draw attention to themselves, seeking the crowd's praise. Some rich people make large donations, but none that require real sacrifice. Meanwhile, a widow quietly sacrifices from her meagre income to offer something to her religion. Widows were some of the poorest people in Ancient Israel.

Where do you look for role models? Our culture often promotes modern-day scribes as role models for young people to follow – athletes and corporate CEOs who flaunt their wealth, politicians who love their power, and religious leaders who profit from their connections to powerful people.

Jesus says, look for another way if you are seeking a life of holiness. Search out people who make quiet but significant sacrifices for others. Think about your parents. How have they sacrificed to improve your life? How about your teachers? Many teachers don't make a lot of money, but stay committed to teaching because they like helping young people. Don't forget the people who are working at your parish. Church workers often work long hours because they believe the world needs to hear Jesus' message.

*Look around for people who can be role-models for your life.*

*If you want to take Jesus up on his offer of a full life, keep an eye out for the modern-day widows.*

*Get down and get humble! Try to do one good deed every day that escapes all attention except the Lord's.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Readings:** 1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

- Liturgy Help

# Congratulations!!



This week over 198 children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for receiving their First Eucharist over the coming weeks. It was a different way to celebrate this year, due to COVID restrictions a few of the liturgies were held at school and parents were not able to attend.

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament. The liturgies were beautifully prayerful and the children demonstrated that they were well prepared and understood the significance of the Sacrament. A big thank you to our Priests—Frs Mark and Thonn, Katrina (Sacramental Coordinator), school and parish teachers and RECs for making this a beautiful experience for all involved.



# Ministry Marvels

**Name:** Lincoln Herft

**Time in the parish:**

I joined the Holy Spirit Parish in 1998 and was quickly recruited by sisters Anne and Jenny to help with the cleaning and have been doing it since.

When I joined the parish we used to celebrate mass at Holy Spirit Primary School hall and it's been great to see the parish grow and always welcome new parishioners.

**Ministry:**

I am currently involved in the church cleaning and the St Vincent De Paul door-knock appeal. While the door-knock appeal is way out of my comfort zone, it is pleasing to know that I am making a small contribution.

I was also involved in the counting of weekly collections and running the PowerPoint during mass.

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

It's a pleasure to come to Church on a Sunday and see the church well presented. This ministry makes the Church look welcoming to all who visit or come to mass.

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

Over the years I have seen the Parish grow, not just in numbers, but with people from so many different parts of the world. The Holy Spirit community is a true reflection of Australia.

**Fun fact about yourself:**

I play a bit of indoor cricket and follow many sports, so I look forward to Father Mark's weekly sport recap at the end of mass!

**Favourite quote or prayer:**

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

## November - Month of Holy Souls

The Book of Remembrance will be available in the Church foyer. Please record the names of loved ones who are to be remembered throughout November.

**November Mass Offering** envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church where you might like to name your departed friends and family. Please place these envelopes in the basket in front of the Altar before Mass so that your loved ones can be offered up during the Mass.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Amen.*

# Volunteers Needed!

We are getting ready for Advent and Christmas!

We need your help to put up lights and decorations in preparation for a special event on the first week of Advent.

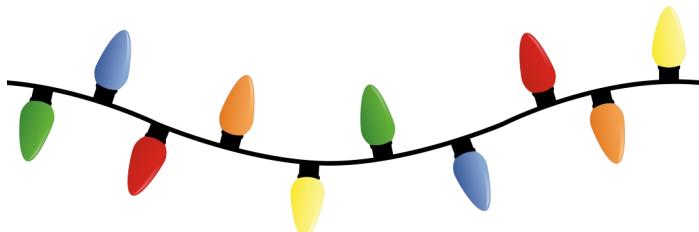
**When:** Saturday 13 November 2021

**Time:** 8:30am onwards

**Where:** Church grounds



If you could spare any time at all, please come along and help. We will be providing some refreshments/lunch, so for catering purposes, could you please let us know if you will be coming along. Email [office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) or call the parish office on 6242 9622.



## First Eucharist Gifts Available

First Eucharist gifts are available for purchase starting this weekend at Mass. If you are not able to attend this weekend, please come to the parish office from Tuesday to Friday between 9am-3pm to purchase.



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  
Ronald Robles  
Patricia Lebon  
Glenn Mowbray  
Gabrielle Eagles  
Judi Darlington  
Roland Zocchi  
Rita Augustine  
Maria Tran  
Neil and Sharon Henderson  
Maria, Peter & Baby  
Norma Pridgeon  
Sophia Vamvakaris  
Sienna Brady  
Heather Hickey  
Paz Pinilla  
Sophia-Yr 2 GS

### Recently Deceased

Cyrus Casiano  
Wilfredo Riosa  
Hedda "Eden" Riosa-Serafica  
Sammy Escano  
Angela Ritchie  
Barbara Rose  
Oscar Armando Melhado  
Paul, Marie  
Paul Trinh Ho  
Angel Natividad  
Stephen Hickey

### Anniversaries

Clency Mootoosamy  
Arlette Mootoosamy  
Suzanne Fineau  
Sylvian Virasammy  
Geraldine Crane  
Alan Sargent

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](#)

# Chapter 7 Perseverance Pays

Just when our minds were relaxing another series of Jack Frost came on. Low and behold Mega-Mouse made a brief appearance. He then vanished until the next evening and then appeared as Fr Brown had his nose again in someone else's business. When Mega Mouse strutted his stuff again along with his droppings, we could now classify what type of criminal we are dealing with. He was a '**Serial-Dungster!**'



Here lays the possibility of the Mega-Mouse becoming too casual and leaving a chink in his armour for capture. This 'Dungster' enjoyed serial shows such as Jack Frost and Fr Brown. The trap would be this: fine shavings of Bega Cheese and broken cracker biscuits. The idea was to bloat 'Mega Mouse'. Maybe shape him like a wombat for an hour or two just to slow him down.

'Moe the Marvel' will be the weapon we will engage. The scheduled time of the operation will begin on Thursday just before 7.30 pm when Father Brown comes on the television. Hopefully the 'Serial-Dungster' will make an appearance. With pre-dinner snacks served early 'Mega-Mouse' arrived looking quite sluggish. The cheese and crackers had the

desired result. Mega mouse may not have been wombat like, but his shape did resemble in some ways that of a toad!

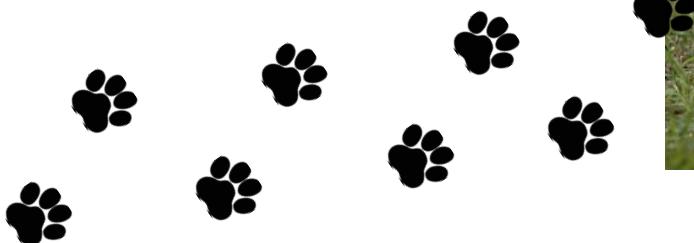
Would he roll over onto his back or a snooze or try another escape? Keep calm all parties! 'Catch and relocate.' 'Mega-Mouse' found his way down to floor and waddled up towards the kitchen door. 'Moe-The Marvel' could have had Mega for sweets! It was there for the taking.

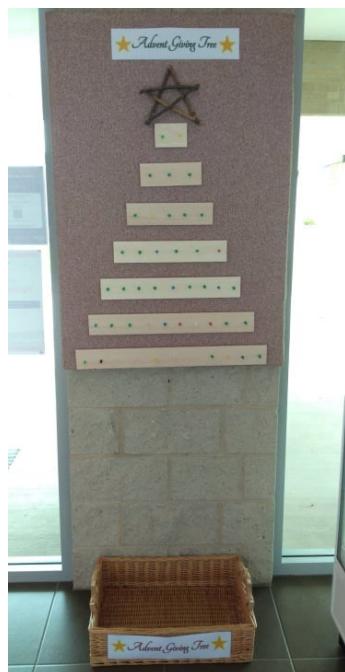
The bumbling detectives and Moe deserved to share what looked to be their moment of glory. Instead, 'Moe the Marvel' gently picked 'Mega-Mouse' up by the tail. He then scratched at the door indicating his wish to have the door opened. With the 'Mega-Mouse's' tail clenched firmly between his jaws, 'Mega-Mouse' dangled back and forward like Tarzan in the jungle. Would 'Moe the Marvel' finish this capture with one more bite?

With the door opened 'Moe the Marvel' carried the dangling 'Mega-Mouse' across the paddock. Suddenly a great stillness came across the area. The sun beamed down on 'Moe the Marvel' and 'Mega Mouse.' The Magpies sat on the fence and sang their tune, the rosellas sounded their whistle, the rabbits raised their ears and the frogs croaked.

Innately these other creatures must have admired the survival skills of one so small more than the two clumsy detectives ever showed in their sensitivities.

With that 'Moe the Marvel' lowered his catch to the earth, released his grip and walked behind him for a time until Mega-Mouse was safely ready to go back into the wilderness.





## Advent Giving Tree

This year we have a very simple and unique Advent Giving Tree in our church foyer (thanks to a parish family).

Please support our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers by taking a tag and returning your item to the specially marked baskets in the Church foyer. Please donate ONLY non-perishable food donations, vouchers or money as specified on the tags you take.

This is a very rewarding experience and a great way to give to people in our community who need our support this Advent and Christmas season.



YOU'RE INVITED TO

# YOUTH GROUP

COME ALONG FOR A BONFIRE TO CELEBRATE  
THE RETURN TO YOUTH GROUP

Sunday 7th of  
November  
6pm-8 pm

Holy Spirit  
church

## Income & Expenditure (9 months) to 30/9/2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Income</b>			
Planned Giving/Second Collection	215,994	217,509	\$1,515
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	5,900	10,380	\$4,480
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.	21,000	18,165	(\$2,835)
Other Revenue	21,720	17,331	(\$4,389)
<b>Total</b>	<b>264,614</b>	<b>263,385</b>	<b>(\$1,229)</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Administration	26,825	20,868	\$5,957
Priest's Cars and Superannuation	17,109	16,840	\$269
Salaries, Super, A Leave & LSL	106,806	103,068	\$3,738
Insurances	21,220	22,696	(\$1,476)
Other Expenses	4,650	4,142	\$508
Appeals/Donations/Quotas	20,000	17,454	\$2,546
Capital Items	8,000	67,269	(\$59,269)
Overall Property Expenses	25,650	2,176	\$23,474
Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	2,093	\$3,907
Loan Repayments	9,000	115,897	(\$106,897)
<b>Total</b>	<b>245,260</b>	<b>372,503</b>	<b>(\$127,243)</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$19,354</b>	<b>(\$109,118)</b>	<b>(\$126,014)</b>

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION — NOVEMBER

*People Who Suffer from Depression:*

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin



## 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**

Click here to order or email  
[office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

[\*\*Order Now!\*\*](#)

### First Eucharist Dates:

For more information please contact Katrina - [sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au).

Holy Spirit School and Parish Program	Mother Teresa School	Good Shepherd School and Parish Program
Wednesday 10 November at 6:00pm	Thursday 11 November at 6:00pm	Friday 12 November at 6:00pm
Wednesday 10 November at 7:15pm	Thursday 11 November at 7:15pm	Friday 12 November at 7:15pm
Wednesday 17 November at 6:00pm	Thursday 18 November at 6:00pm	Friday 19 November at 6:00pm
Wednesday 17 November at 7:15pm	Thursday 18 November at 7:15pm	Friday 19 November at 7:15pm

### 'Widening our gaze'

Reflection afternoon to be offered on Zoom by Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce



"Widening our gaze" is the title of the next reflection being offered by the Catholic Women's Taskforce on Saturday 6 November from 3.00-4:30pm. The session, which will use art, poetry, music and conversation, recognises that the pandemic, like any crisis, can be an opportunity for reflection and for renewal.

The interactive 90-minute reflection is open to all women (and men) from the Archdiocese and beyond. These Reflections have been popular and women from across Australia have been participating – especially during lockdowns.

The title and key themes are inspired by Pope Francis' recent book called 'Let Us Dream'. This book really speaks clearly to us about hope and the opportunities to grow and change which a crisis always offers. Before we leap into the Christmas period please grab your coffee and join us for an enjoyable experience.

The event is free - however registration is essential.

Use this link <https://bit.ly/WIDENGAZE> or visit <https://womentaskforceacg.org> to register.

Thank You!

Alison Weeks ([alisonmweeks@bigpond.com](mailto:alisonmweeks@bigpond.com))

# Out of the mouth of God's children.....

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

— via Charles Laine  
Franklin, TN



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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

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

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