



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

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15-16 January 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C



Upcoming Events

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

7:00am Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass

We begin the Sundays of Ordinary Time in Year C with readings that remind us of God's eternal relationship of love for his people. The imagery of a wedding as a symbol of that everlasting bond is used in both the First reading and the Gospel.

The people want to celebrate, but find themselves without wine. Mary, symbolising every Jewish woman who has ever longed for the Messiah, comes to Jesus, and declares how empty their lives are without the wine of God's Spirit. They are going through the motions, but there is no zest and no experience of communion.

Jesus first response is to draw her, and us with her, to reflect on what it is we really want. What does it really mean for us to thirst for this wine? What has this thirst to do with Jesus? Do we realise what it is that we are asking for? There are many things for which we thirst. Is our deepest thirst really for the communion that comes only from God?

Having insisted that we ponder what we really want, Jesus goes on to assure her that there is nothing to worry about. God is about to pour out the promised Spirit over the people. He says, in what appears to me the better translation: 'Has not my hour now come?' The time for revealing God has come. It will be fully realised by the way Jesus gave himself in love from the cross, but it is about to commence. Mary is delighted, and offers us the perfect advice: 'Do whatever he tells you!'

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Give yourself completely to the service of God and the good of others.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, Faith; where there is despair, Hope;
where there is darkness, Light; where there is sadness, Joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek — to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St Francis

TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-1; John 2:1-11

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.
- Liturgy Help



Parish News



Anointing Mass
Thursday 27 January at 9:15am
Followed by morning tea. All welcome.



Thinking about helping in the Church and parish life?

As we settle into the new year, this is the opportunity to think and pray about ways you might be able to use your gifts and talents in the parish. Any small contribution is welcomed and valued. The Helping at Mass form can be found in the pamphlet rack in the Church foyer. Please leave the completed form in the wooden box in the church foyer or complete it here <https://forms.gle/o59Aa8V2Vk7tsEV28>

At the moment we urgently need volunteers to set up chairs on Saturday mornings, on 5 week rotation basis. Please contact George on 0414 238 575 if you can help. Thank you!



Children's Sacramental Program 2022



Sacrament of Confirmation

For children in Year 6 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022. Information sessions will be held on

Tuesday 15 February 1:00pm or 6:15pm at the church.

More information is provided on our website.
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated over
2 weeks **3, 4, 5 May and 10, 11, 12 May.**

Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation

For children in Year 3 and above wishing to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2022. Information sessions will be held on

Tuesday 21 June 1:00pm or 6:15pm at the church.

Celebration of First Reconciliation

Week of 22 August

Celebration of First Eucharist

At Masses on weekends

10-11 September and 17-18 September



For more details please contact Sacramental Coordinator
Katrina Battilana: sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Community Messages

Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training

Is your New Year's Resolution to try something new? Maybe it's to get more involved in the community? Then why not combine both by enrolling in a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Introductory Course. This 5 day course is a great way to get a feel for pastoral and spiritual care and includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/ Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. It runs on 5 Wednesdays from Mar 2 to Mar 30, 9-5pm in Queanbeyan and costs \$400.

It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care.

Enrolments close soon. Please contact Susanne Schmidt for enrolment on 0431 243 486 or at susannecpe@gmail.com

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



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Katie Charlton
Ronald Robles
Patricia Lebon
Glenn Mowbray
Gabrielle Eagles
Roland Zocchi
Graham Seymour
Helen Morris
Paul Mowbray
Mark Williams
Fr Thonn
Margaret Ord
Sr Marie
Laurie Hancock
Jasna Market-Simpson
Nikola Market
Kathy Morris
Heather Hickey

Recently Deceased

Noedelan Abroguena
Loi Abroguena
Pona Mariner
Manuel De Sausa
Edward Cartier
Brian Ware
Hetty Grimmon

Anniversaries

Denise Stubbs
Luz Gomez
Peter and Carmel Perry
Adela Tuazon
Claudio Dairo Sr
Jerome Sequeira

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](#)

Time to reflect

Love: What it is: In a scene of the stage play and movie, *Fiddle on the Roof*, the hero Tevye on one occasion keeps nagging his wife Golda, asking her whether she loves him or not. He keeps pestering her to say she does.... But she is in no romantic mood and brushes him off, until finally she turns to him and says, "Look at this man.... Look at you..... I am your wife, I cook your meals, wash your clothes, milk the cows, raise half a dozen daughters for you, my bed is yours, everything I have and am, I share with you – and after all that, you want to know whether I love you? Oh, well... I guess I do....." — Most grown-up people, religious included, don't go telling people they love them.... even if Jesus tells us we have to love one another. But they do express this love by what they do for those people around them every day. (*Frank Michalic in Tonic for the Heart; quoted by Fr. Botelho*). Let's invite Jesus into the ordinary events of daily life; Jesus can make them new!

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As I come to pray, I try to find a measure of stillness in whatever way is best for me. When I am ready, I read the gospel story, perhaps several times, until I am familiar with the words and phrases.

Putting aside the sheet, I try to place myself in the scene. I may like to sit with Jesus as he enjoys the crowded wedding party, hearing the sound of joyful voices, smelling and tasting the wonderful food and drink on offer, seeing the happiness of the wedding couple. What is it like to sit

with Jesus at the feast? I notice my thoughts and feelings. What would I want to say or to ask him?

I take time to listen to what he may say to me.

Then I listen to the conversation as Mary speaks with Jesus. What do I notice now? I stay with Jesus, watching as he instructs the servants. Maybe I speak with the Lord about what he is doing and why. I imagine Mary as she turns to me. 'Do whatever he tells you', she says.

What is Jesus asking of me today? What grace or help will I need? After a time, I end my prayer, expressing gratitude to God.

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THE WORD FOR TODAY

'YOU MUST LOVE.' MATTHEW 22:37

Love Is A Decision

When a lawyer asked Jesus what the greatest commandment was, He replied that he must love God, others, and himself (Matthew 22:37–39).

Observe that He said, 'You must love.' This tells you a lot about the true nature and behaviour of love. If love can be commanded, then it can't be only emotional, or a matter of feelings. Genuine love is much more than feelings; it's a matter of the will. That's why Jesus could command us to express it. It's a commandment followed by a commitment. Although feelings are important, true love functions regardless of how you feel.

In his book *The Fred Factor* Mark Sanborn writes: 'I learned a long time ago that liking people and loving them are different. Liking someone is an emotional response. Unlike love, "like" is a feeling. The tough part is that we can't control our emotions. We can control how we choose to express those emotions but not the feelings themselves. A healthy person can choose to be angry and still choose to act lovingly... A feeling is a reaction. Maybe that's one reason Jesus didn't say, "Like your enemies." He knew that liking or not liking someone was not always in our immediate control... I have learned that love is, among other things, an action. I can love someone I don't necessarily like. I can do something or act towards that person in a certain way because I know it is the right thing to do even if I don't feel warm and fuzzy doing it.'

And here's the thing: when you act lovingly towards another person, your emotions begin to line up with your actions. Go ahead, try it and see!

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Joke of the week

When You Have Christ

50th wedding anniversary.

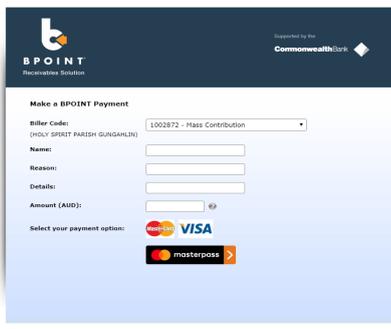
During a weekly husbands' marriage seminar held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, a priest decided to seek counsel from a man that was set to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary. The priest asked the man, whose name was Giuseppe, to tell the other husbands at the seminar the secret of his long-lasting union. Turning to the crowd of hopeful men, Giuseppe said: "Well, I've tried to treat her nice, spend the money on her, but best of all is, I took her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!" When Giuseppe was done answering the question, the impressed priest told him, "Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! The priest continued and asked, please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?" With pride in his voice, Giuseppe replied: "I'm gonna go pick her up."

In the middle ages, Thomas À Kempis wrote: "When you have Christ, you are rich. He is enough. He will provide everything you need so you won't have to count on others without him. People change and fail. You can't depend on them. Those that are for you today may be against you tomorrow. They are as variable as the wind. But Christ is eternally faithful."

Mary Trusted. Mary knew that she could count on Jesus and so can we.
Billy D. Strayhorn, Wedding Bell Blues

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