



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

19-20 February 2022

Seventh 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
5:00pm Adoration

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
5:30pm Mass



We warmly
welcome our
Confirmation
Families.

Higher Standards

"Be nice to Brenda," the grownups said. Then they left us alone in the yard together. At the age of seven, the idea of being nice to Brenda was nauseating to me. Brenda was the antithesis of the girl I was. She never got dirty. She wore pink ankle socks. She had naturally curly hair that never mussed and an annoying little yappy dog. No matter what sort of play I suggested, she always backed off in horror saying, "I can't do that". Brenda was a complete mess.

What Jesus asks us to do goes far beyond being nice to Brenda. We aren't asked to merely tolerate our enemies, to make nice with them under mandatory social situations. We're asked to take them into our hearts, to make room for them in our prayers, to offer them kindness for unkindness. We have to open our minds and change our hearts in regard to them. And the yappy dog too. We love our enemies because the act of loving transforms us and could transform them too. It's the only thing that can. The only acceptable enemy in the reign of God is no enemy at all.

How could Jesus' formula for dealing with enemies change your life?

Choose an enemy in your life (hint: an intolerable relative, a grating co-worker, maybe even yourself) and consider taking three steps to peace. Ask Jesus to help you, since this is his idea.

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticise their faults – unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Giving, not getting is the way. Generosity brings generosity".

www.gpbs.com.au

Parish Morning Tea after 9:30am Mass this Sunday

TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High. - *Liturgy Help*

Lent 2022 - Walking in their Footsteps

Lent is an important period of preparation for the church in the liturgical year. This year join us in preparing for Easter by reflecting through prayer, 'Giving up' a few things and giving to our community. Stay tuned for more information next weekend and in the bulletin as we take a modern walk in Jesus' footsteps.

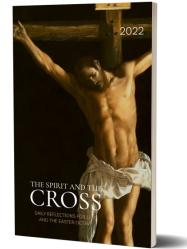


Please keep the following individuals in prayer.....



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Katie Charlton
Ronald Robles
Patricia Lebon
Glenn Mowbray
Gabrielle Eagles
Roland Zocchi
Graham Seymour
Helen Morris
Mark Williams
Sr Marie
Laurie Hancock
Jasna Market-Simpson
Nikola Market
Kathy Morris
Heather Hickey
Fr Paul Uwedimo
Muhammad Redza
Charlie Prasad
Gail
Concepcion Libunao
Lita Libunao
Silvio Market



- * **Eucharistic Adoration**—Thursdays at 5:00pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.

- * **The Spirit and the Cross**—Lenten reflections books. \$5 per copy—please [click here to order](#).

- * **19-20 February “Engaged Encounter Retreat”**
A two day marriage preparation program in Sydney which provides engaged couples with deeper insights into each other and into married life. \$290 not including accommodation. Information & registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au

- * **26 February—National Day of Prayer and Fasting**
An ecumenical day of prayer to focus on the many needs across Australia. For more details and to register please visit: www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au

- * **27 February—Fr Mark’s 25th Anniversary of Ordination**
You are invited to celebrate this special occasion with Fr Mark. There will be a Mass at 11:00am at Christ the King, Taralga, followed by a light lunch. The Parish Office has organised a bus for all those who would prefer not to drive. There are a couple of seats available.
RSVP and seats booking: <https://forms.gle/HjirCpuevqb7uVEm8>

- * **9 March (5:00pm – 9:00pm) “CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program”**
Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. Information and registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au

- * **25 February “Parish Office Coordinator – Sacred Heart Church”**
Part-time, 2 days per week during school terms, 9am to 3pm. 12 month contract with option to extend. General Office Administration & Coordination & Administration of the Sacramental Programs. Applications close Friday 25 February with a start date in March. Contact wodensouth@cg.org.au for a duty statement: attention Melanie Kerr Office Manager.

Recently Deceased

Margot Hone

Anniversaries

Basil Rose
Clare Johnston
Greg Smith
Basil Hone
Walter Konik

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

May you be wrapped up in God’s love, found deep in His everlasting wings, carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now.

Urgent Accommodation Required

A parish family (a single mum and her children) is in desperate need of urgent temporary accommodation. The family have to be out of their current home by 23 February and currently have no place to go. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.



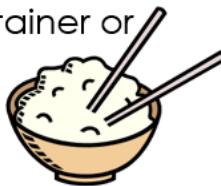
Vinnies Pantry Donations



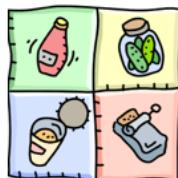
Please bring an item of non-perishable food to fill our empty pantry so that our Vinnies team can continue to help our community.

Here are some suggestions:

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Rice
- Curry sauces
- Noodles
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Soups in a tin, container or packet
- Muesli bars
- Dried beans
- Tea or coffee



- Tinned fish or meat
- Sugar
- Dried Fruit
- Cereal or muesli
- Spreads for sandwiches
- Long life milk
- Flour
- Crackers and biscuits
- Packet cake mix



Thank you for your continued support.

A prayer for those who may be suicidal

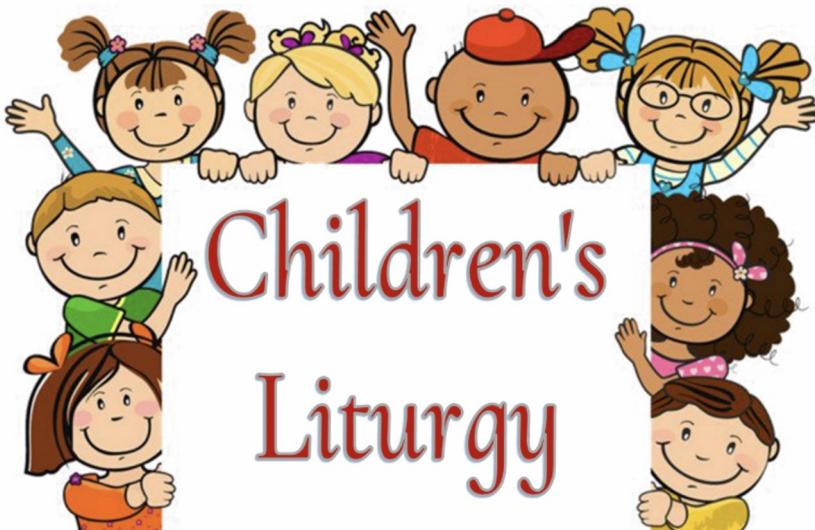
Lord,

We pray for those affected by hopelessness as well as people dealing with suicidal thoughts.

We ask that you provide them with comfort and guidance, and the placement of a support system in their life to let them know that they are important and that they matter and that they're not alone.

We also pray that you use us to be a support, a listening ear, and a comfort to those in pain, hopeless, and alone. Move our feet, Lord, and help us not only to pray but to take action.

We thank you for the support and guidance you have put in our lives, and we ask that if or when the time comes and a wave of hopelessness comes over one of us, that we'll find the capacity and the bravery to speak up, speak out, and ask for help from a friend, a loved one, or a counsellor.



Is back on
again
starting this
weekend!

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.

Thanks to a few parishioners, we have been able to start the program again this week. However, we are in desperate need of Teachers and Helpers for our youth!

To teach Children's Liturgy we are after volunteers of aspiring teachers looking for more experience, current teachers looking for extra credits, retired teachers who miss the children, or wonderful volunteers who are passionate about teaching the youth about the love of Christ and nourishing the growth of God's spirit within them. We currently have a fantastic group of volunteers, however with extra bodies we will not have to roster volunteers as frequently.

All the resources are prepared and supplied. You simply need to show up and help children understand the week's gospel in an age appropriate way.

Please contact Theivani for more details Email theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



"You desire truth in the inward being" Psalm 51:6

It is the time to look into our inner selves and reflect on our lives. Are we truly living our lives worthy of the Lord? The Lord invites us all to come and spend some beautiful moments with Him. Come with a heart that seeks repentance and He will guide us to the way filled with His light, joy and peace.

Date: Saturday, 12 March 2022 (9.30am-4.30pm)

Venue: St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT 2604, Australia

Admission is FREE, BYO lunch. Boxed lunch available at nominal cost, RSVP by 9th March, 2022 to p1.rebello@gmail.com

For enquiries please contact: Parveen: 0439642571; Winnie: 0451015527; Prakash 0406381446; Shan: 0412310364; Tom: 0434689957

Finance Matters

Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2021

	2021 Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget 2022
<u>Income</u>				
Planned Giving/Second Collection	289,728	288,952	-776	293,000
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	8,200	13,855	5,655	11,900
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.	29,000	31,680	2,680	30,000
Other Revenue	28,000	24,893	-3,107	30,000
Total	354,928	359,380	4,452	364,900
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Administration	242,972	220,719	-22,253	250,017
Insurances	28,600	29,250	650	29,300
Capital Items	3,000	74,878	71,878	16,000
Property Expenses	31,150	5,480	-25,670	20,180
Loan Repayments	36,000	115,897	79,897	
Total	341,722	446,224	104,502	315,497
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$13,206	(\$86,844)	(\$100,050)	\$49,403

Thanks everyone for your continued financial support of our Parish during these challenging times. The statements show that we paid off the loan balance of the Parish Centre and Presbytery. We also constructed a fence around the Presbytery to improve security and give the priests some privacy, as well as two awnings to the back of the presbytery to reduce glare and heat. We also installed a new audio-visual system in the church in conjunction with Good Shepherd School. We continue the move to cashless contributions. We thank you for this and encourage anyone wishing to move to cashless contributions to contact Tony Rose in the office.





Welcome to 2022 for youth ministry!!!

We have some awesome things planned for this year and are super keen to get straight back into it. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Paris, I am entering my second year of university where I am studying primary and secondary education. I am hugely passionate about youth faith development and youth involvement within our parish. This is my second year as a youth minister and are hugely keen to continue to share my own faith with others, and to encourage the growth of all within the parish, in particular the youth.

Our youth groups for this term are:

- ◆ 27 February
- ◆ 13 March
- ◆ 27 March



Come along to the parish centre on Sundays from 6:00pm—8:00pm. \$5 per person to cover food. Any questions - email me—Paris at: youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

More information for each youth group will be available soon!!!

YOUTH MASS

10 April 2022 | 9:30am

Love Everyone, Even Your Enemies

We are called to resemble Jesus, who is heavenly. We are called to rise above earthly ways. The heavenly way is to love everyone, even our enemies who wish to hurt or harm us. The heavenly way is to hear the request for our coat, to give it willingly, and then to give our shirt as well.

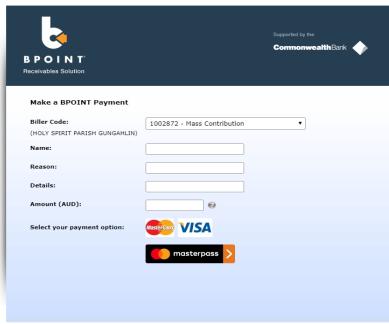
- How realistic is the advice from today's Gospel? Do you think you are literally being asked to give shirts as well as coats to anyone who asks? Do you think you are literally being expected to take a slap across the face from another person and not slap back, and to give your abuser the opportunity to slap you across the face again?
- How difficult is it to live up to such standards?
- What else, besides coats and shirts, do you think Jesus is asking you to give? What is the hardest thing for you to give?

We are told to be compassionate and to pardon; to not judge and to not condemn. This way the same compassion and pardon will be shown to us, and we will be spared judgment and condemnation.

- How is your life different when you take these words seriously?
- Do you have any "enemies"?

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

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

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