



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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Supporting and supported by Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd,  
Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

27-28 August 2022

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

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



## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

8:30am

2nd and 4th Sunday of  
each month

## Have A Seat!

True story: I attended a meeting held in a conference room. The chairs arranged in the usual circle looked typically uncomfortable except for one large, ornate, padded chair which no one had yet claimed. I had walked far to be there and was tired, but the idea of taking that particular chair seemed selfish. So, I passed on it, choosing a tin folded chair instead. More people arrived. They eyed the beautiful chair wistfully. Each chose another place to sit. Finally, a pert little woman walked in and, without hesitation, made a beeline for the best chair in the room. As she plopped into it, there was a creaking sound, and the bottom fell out and she went through it! As we helped the poor woman up - bruised only in the ego - we all laughed at having coveted that precarious chair. We need it the *Chair of Humiliation*. It looked appealing but led to embarrassment. Sometimes the comforts we seek and the honours we claim have a way of backfiring. Humility beats humiliation by a mile!

## Who is your best teacher of true humility?

Practice humility. Surrender the larger portion. Let someone get ahead of you. Allow the quiet person to speak. Seek wise teachers. Listen to their words, watch their actions, imitate their example.

**"Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. You'll be - and experience - a blessing".**

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## Please bring the bulbs back!

Thank you to all who took the Floriade bulbs home to care for them for the parish. It is now time to bring them back so that we can make our garden beautiful for spring. Please return your pots to the garden outside the parish office.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Readings:** Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29, Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24, Luke 14:1, 7-14  
**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!  
**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you. - *Liturgy Help*



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-23

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### RESPECT: CONFRONTING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE SUMMARY

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse points out that the roots of domestic and family violence “lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others” and that “this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us”.

Our relationships should be “marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control”. We know that most often those who suffer violence and abuse in homes and families, in workplaces, and in communities, are women and children while the perpetrators are most often men. We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred.

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse focuses in a special way on the problem of spiritual violence and abuse. It discusses how religious teachings – including our own – may be manipulated by perpetrators to excuse violence or to exert control over others.

Cultural factors in the Church and in society often also play an important role in the violence and abuse suffered in families, households, communities, and workplaces. This behaviour is sinful.

We believe that respect, dignity and justice, transformation and hope are possible.

The Statement affirms the work being done by faith communities and organisations to support those who experience domestic and family violence and abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of violence. It points to further ways in which we can all respond to spiritual violence.

Finally, it calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation.

For more information please visit: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

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## Parish Census and Call To Ministry

We need to ensure that our records are up to date! So if you have not already done so, please complete form [here online](#) or by clicking on the app. Paper forms are available in the church.



# Upcoming Events

\* **Saturday 27 August at 10:00am—Community Garden Working Bee**

All are welcome! This weekend we will focus on the following tasks:

- Rabbit proof fencing
- Distribute seed trays and seed raising mix to those who want to start some seeds for us at home



\* **Tuesday 30 August at 7:00pm (fortnightly) - Reflecting on the Sunday Gospel.**

You are invited to join parishioners who are gathering to reflect on the Sunday readings on in the Parish meeting room. Everyone is welcome. We will share together our inspirations and ideas in a respectful, supportive environment. Contact Alison on: [alisonmweeks@bigpond.com](mailto:alisonmweeks@bigpond.com) or Jim on: [mjet@grapevine.com.au](mailto:mjet@grapevine.com.au)

\* **Sunday 4 September after 9:30am Mass—Youth Council Sausage Sizzle.** Support the parish youth—gold coin donation.

## Embrace the Call to Global Mission



### Palms Australia

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities.

Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You you will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: **0422 742 567** and [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>](#).

**New Start Time for Youth Group** and now only a gold coin contribution is required for food!

### Sundays 5pm-7pm— Gold coin donation for food

- \* 4 September
- \* 18 September
- \* Youth Mass—Saturday 20 August at 5:00pm

For more info contact Paris: [youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

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



#### For those who are sick

Baby Aarya  
Jan Hancock  
Jim Banks  
Diego Castaneda  
Dorrell Hogan  
Rhonda Lipton  
Pat Weeks  
Antonija Pavlovic  
Raajiv  
Adrian Lim  
Paz Pinilla  
Carol Ooi  
Agustin Fernandez Alarcon  
Grant  
Alan Demascus  
Gowri Shivasabesan  
Charlie Prasad  
Jack Gibson  
Sandra Cortes  
Kerry Glover

#### Recently Deceased

Greg Maloney  
Michael Dove

#### Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

Laurie Hancock  
Mathias Fernandez Martinez

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](#)

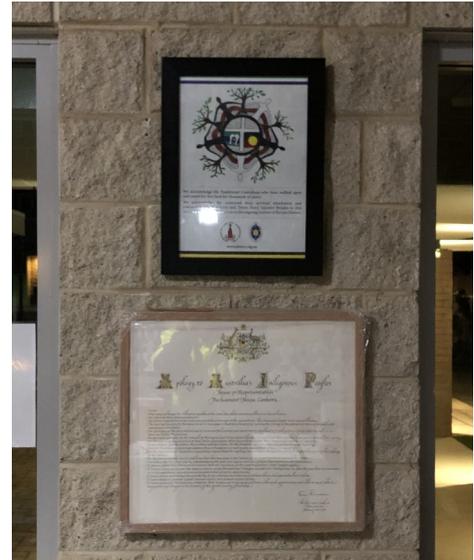


# Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples

Last Sunday, as our First Eucharist children brought in their coloured hearts as they learnt about Reconciliation, the parish took the opportunity to acknowledge one of our devoted parishioners, Trish Sargent by presenting to her the Official Government Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples. We are so grateful to Melissa and Leanne Johns who gifted us the beautifully framed Apology, which now hangs in the church foyer for all to see and reflect on. Thank you to Cameron Johns who spoke truly from the heart by sharing some stories and experiences from his time working and living within indigenous communities.



# Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples



## The Last To Find Out!

I feel very privileged to have been approached to accept the framed Apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples, however unfortunately I am not a member of the Ngunnawal Tribe.

I am the eldest of four children born in Lithgow to Kath and Andy Sullivan. Nothing was ever mentioned about our heritage whilst we were growing up.

Dad was one of seven boys born in Bellambi NSW to an indigenous mother and an Irish father. His grandparents were full blooded Aboriginal.

While we were living in Werris Creek his father came to live with one of his brothers who was also living there. Still nothing was ever mentioned of their heritage. However, I used to think Uncle Tom looked Aboriginal but not Dad – he was just a handsome looking man in my eyes!!!

It wasn't till I'd left High School and home that things began to come to light and I was the last to find out!

Apparently, dad's father was working on a farm in the Wellington area in NSW and became very friendly with the cook and of course the inevitable happened and they married.

One of my cousins was curious and investigated their history. It was initially thought they belonged to the Wiradjuri tribe in South West NSW. When my cousin died, my brother continued the research and eventually discovered that dad's mother belonged to the Kamilaroi (Gamilaraay) tribe in North West NSW. Both of her parents were full blood ...so I am quarter caste.

**Fun fact:** There is a highway up through the North West called the Kamilaroi Highway.

*Trish Sargent*

# Happy 100th Birthday



Laurie Hancock was born in Sydney on **27 August 1922**, where he lived and went to school before joining the Army and serving at multiple bases around Australia during WWII as well as PNG and West Timor where he drove trucks up the Kokoda Trail.

Moving to Canberra, Laurie worked in a sports store as a bike mechanic before moving into construction as a carpenter then project manager, and worked on a lot of the early buildings in Canberra.

Laurie met and married Sheila and together they had 3 children who grew up in Ainslie before they moved out to Bywong on a property which had plenty of room for the growing numbers of grand kids to run around on.

Early 2000's saw them move back to town and Gungahlin, and becoming members of the Holy Spirit Parish.

Laurie now lives at Mona Tait Gardens in Kaleen and last week became a great, great grandfather for the first time.

He attributes his longevity to being happy and living a good life with family and friends. —*Leigh Hancock*



## **Congratulations Laurie!**

*May the light of the Lord shine upon you and grant you happiness on this your birthday and for many years to come.*

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## **Recruiting for Archdiocesan Healthy Relationships Team**

The Archdiocese is looking for enthusiastic young adults to join the pool of casual employees who assist us in Catholic Schools running our Healthy Relationships Programs. Training is provided for you to assist in facilitating small group activities in upper primary and high school classrooms. Work only when it suits you and always as part of a friendly team of other Catholic facilitators. Contact [Cathy.Madsen@cg.org.au](mailto:Cathy.Madsen@cg.org.au) 0422 117 210

## **Expressions of Interest for appointment to the Catholic Education Commission of the Archdiocese**

The Archbishop is seeking to appoint up to two new members from the beginning of 2023 and further members from mid-2023.

Any enquiries and Expressions of Interest should be directed to the Chair of the Commission, Dr Patrick McArdle, [Patrick.mcardle@cg.org.au](mailto:Patrick.mcardle@cg.org.au). The Expression of Interest should include a brief statement outlining the applicant's interest and relevant experience together with a curriculum vitae.

Closing Date for Expressions of Interest is Friday 14 October 2022



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH

# Caring for creation CONFERENCE

LISTEN, ENGAGE, TRANSFORM  
YOUR PARISH, SCHOOL AND HEART

DEVELOP YOUR  
LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN



Keynote Speaker:  
**Jacquie Remond**  
Co-founder of global  
Laudato Si' Movement

**Venue:**  
St John Paul II College  
1021 Gungahlin Dr Nicholls

**Date and Time:**  
Saturday 17 September 2022  
10am - 5pm

Registration	Early Bird* <b>\$30</b>	Standard <b>\$40</b>	School Student <b>\$25</b>
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\*Early bird pricing will be available until 31 August

Refreshments, lunch and snacks provided



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Or visit [www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/care-for-creation](http://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/care-for-creation)



email: [socialjustice.hsp@gmail.com](mailto:socialjustice.hsp@gmail.com)



Holy Spirit Parish acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land where we worship and live, the land of the Ngundjiri people and pays our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the memories of their ancestors and celebrate their continuing culture.

## Caring for Creation Conference Saturday 17 September 2022 10am – 5pm

We are pleased to announce that registrations are now open for the Caring for Creation Conference to be held at St John Paul II College on Saturday 17 September. Early bird price is \$30 and includes refreshment, lunch and snacks. Please join us – young and old. You will meet new people, hear new ideas, learn more about Pope Francis's Laudato Si' document and 'just what a Laudato Si' Action Plan is'; ideas about how to develop your Church, Parish or School Laudato Si' Action Plan and a whole lot more.

To register, use the QR code on the flyer or if you need assistance, please email Maureen Hilton at [maureenhilton@gmail.com](mailto:maureenhilton@gmail.com)

*You are called to Care for Creation not only as responsible citizens, but also as followers of Christ!*

- Pope Francis

### Do You Know Who I Am?

Christian Herter was running hard for re-election as governor of Massachusetts, and one day he arrived late at a barbecue. He'd had no breakfast or lunch and he was famished. As he moved down the serving line, he held out his plate and received one piece of chicken. The Governor said to the serving lady, "Excuse me. Do you mind if I get another piece of chicken? I'm very hungry".

The woman replied, "Sorry, I'm supposed to give one piece to each person". He repeated, "But I'm starved," and again she said, "Only one to a customer". Herter was normally a modest man, but he decided this was the time to use the weight of his office. So, he said, "Madam, do you know who I am? I am the governor of this state" And she answered, "Do you know who I am? I'm the lady in charge of chicken. Move along".

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

HOSTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL

**SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**  
Following 9:30AM Mass

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IN THE PARISH

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## TICKETS

**Early Bird Rate until 29 July:** \$120PP

**Regular rate:** \$130PP

Table of 10. Includes dinner, cake, and beer/wine/soft drink.

FOR FULL DETAILS

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A cowboy called Geoff appeared before St Peter at the Pearly Gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St Peter asked. "Well, I can think of one thing," said the cowboy. "On a trip to the Black Hills I came upon a gang of bikies who were threatening a young woman. I told them to leave her alone but they wouldn't listen ... I then approached the largest and most tattooed bikie and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring and threw it on the ground. I yelled, 'Now back off or I'll kick all of you!'"

St Peter was very impressed. "When did this happen?" "Couple of minutes ago."



Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.—St Augustine

## First Eucharist – Question of the Week

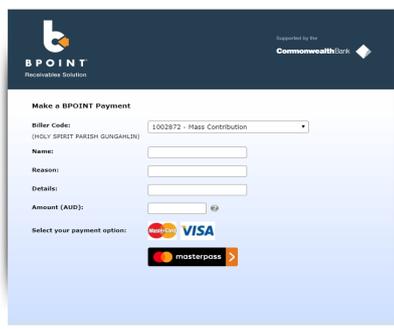
### Q. What is the Eucharist?

Remember to grab an answer sheet from the foyer on your way out and bring it back next weekend to be in the draw to win.



## 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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