Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

10-11 September 2022 | **24th 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
3:30pm Mass
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

The Church of Mercy

Lost sheep, lost coins, lost sons. In the parables of Jesus, things and people get lost and found a lot. In our own experience, a lot gets lost along the way of life. Everything from socks and keys, to health and love. And some things stay lost.

The value of what gets lost in our lives varies incalculably, just as it does in Jesus' stories. Sometimes we lose money or a job, and that can have serious consequences. But those losses are not even in the same category as losing someone you love to death or losing your independence as your body fails. As we suffer the great losses in our lives, even when someone or something seems hopelessly and irretrievably lost, Jesus assures us he's on the other end, retrieving and rescuing. That's God's job in a nutshell, according to the Christian tradition: to save what was lost. To redeem a world. To make sure that everything lost gets found.

Which kinds of losses have you faced? Do you trust God to find and restore the rest?

When friends lose their faith, encourage them. When people you know lose heart, support them. When strangers lose their homes in disaster, contribute toward their rescue. When members of your community lose a loved one, mourn with them. And when those around you experience restoration of a loss, celebrate with them.

"Count on it - there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue".
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A little faith will bring your soul to heaven;
a great faith will bring heaven to your soul.
- Charles H. Spurgeon

TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, 2 Corinthians 5:19
Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.
Responsorial Psalm: I will rise and go to my father.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings. - *Liturgy Help*

Child protection is everyone's responsibility!

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has asked that **all** volunteers in our Parish read the Child Protection Code of Conduct and then sign the Acknowledgement form. Whilst you may have already signed these forms a few years ago, we require new ones to be signed as they expire every 3 years.

What you need to do:

1. Read the Child Protection Code of Conduct online or grab a copy of it from the blue folder in the church foyer.
2. Print off and sign the Acknowledgement form or grab a form the blue folder in the church.
3. Return signed Acknowledgement via email or to the blue folder in the church.

We ask that all volunteers to please read and sign the Acknowledgement form as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact the parish office.

Join our Vinnies Team!

The Vinnies Conference is separate from the Vinnies shop.
We visit those in need in the Gungahlin area and give them food and other assistance and referrals as needed.
As Gungahlin is rapidly growing we are looking for new volunteers. We welcome anyone over 18 years of age to join us. Visitations are carried out in pairs, at a time and day to suit individual members, and we would appreciate any time you can spare. We meet every Tuesday fortnight and this is a great opportunity to get to know other members.
You will need a WWVP Card and if you don't have one, we can help you through the process at no cost to you.

For more information please visit the parish website or contact Denise denise.twigg@bigpond.com or 0416 247 145

- Holy Spirit Parish Vincentians

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday 10 September at 10:00am—Community Garden Working Bee**
  All are welcome!

- **Tuesday 13 Sept 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 or Jim on: mjet@grapevine.com.au

- **Saturday 17 September 10am-5:00pm—Care for Creation Conference**
  Only one week to go! To register, use the QR code on the flyer or if you need assistance, please email Maureen Hilton at maureenhilton@gmail.com

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 opportunies 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 24th 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 egaged in Mission with Palms on our **13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th**.

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
Laurie Hancock
Kathy Morries

Recently Deceased
Kerry Glover

Anniversaries
Francis Zarzour
Ellen Barnes

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

Final Youth Group for the term

Sunday 18 September from 5:00pm—7:00pm

Gold coin donation for food.

For more info contact Paris:
youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Season of Creation

1 September—4 October

The Season of Creation continues

Last week we told you about the Pope's invitation for Catholics and other Christians to celebrate the Season of Creation. This season is a time for reflecting on the issues raised in the Pope's encyclical, ***Laudato Si – On the Care for our Common Home***.

In the second chapter of ***Laudato Si*** Pope Francis calls on us to accept our responsibility to be caretakers of creation, including the land, the oceans, the flora, fauna, and the people of the Earth.

The Pope points out three things that are significant:

- Everything in creation has an intrinsic value and purpose known only to God;
- God is reflected in all of creation and we need to care for all of it;
- All of creation is connected and we need to respect those connections.

Those of you who have seen the movie Avatar will remember how the people had a deep connection through the creatures of their planet, through the trees and plant life and ultimately to their god. That was just a story, but we actually have a real connection through everything in creation to the Creator, the one true God.

If you want to focus on the Season of Creation don't forget the Parish Caring for Creation Conference is on Saturday the 17th of September at John Paul College.

- Holy Spirit Social Justice Group

The **Good Shepherd School** Classroom Support team is after donations of the following…..

- puppets
- marbles
- small toy cars
- dinosaurs
- marble runs and figurines
- toy food/kitchen appliances
- wooden blocks
- Lego

If you feel the urge to have a clean-out of the toy room, we will gratefully accept them! Please bring your donations in to the church or parish office and we will deliver them to the school. Thank you!!

Caring for Creation Conference – Saturday, 17 September 2022 – 10am – 5pm
One week to go! You may have heard about it and as you read this reminder notice, you might just think to yourself, yes, this is something I'd like to attend.

Our guest speaker, Jacqui Remond is from Sydney and is a young woman who has broad experience in Catholic Earthcare Australia and is the Co-Founder of the Global Catholic Climate/ Laudato Si Movement. Jacqui has recently returned from Rome where she met with Pope Francis who has appointed her as one of the co-ordinators of an ecology task force.

Jacqui speaks to her audience with love and knowledge and each person attending Saturday's Conference will come away with new ideas and a greater understanding of what Pope Francis is asking of each of us, our Parish and our communities.

Please come – with a friend or on your own – you will be welcome. Conference price includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

The venue is St John Paul II College, 1021 Gungahlin Drive, Nicholls starting at 10am.
To register, use the QR code on the flyer below. Or, if you need assistance, please email Maureen Hilton at maureenhilton@gmail.com

And finally, could you keep the Caring for Creation Conference in your prayers this week, please. That we have good attendance and all involved in the planning, the speakers and those who attend are touched by the Holy Spirit and enjoy their time together.

We're All the Lost Sheep

People are usually surprised when I tell them that I love political canvassing. They ask, don't you get doors slammed in your face? It hasn't happened even once. After many years of doing this, I continue to be surprised by how well I'm received – by people of all political stripes. Sure, there have been a few times when the person I was calling on unloaded with quite a rant. But not many. And even then, those encounters are very worthwhile – because I'm not combative back. I don't change their mind, but I leave them less angry.

The vast majority of people love to be asked by me what they think about the problems of our city, state, and country. Once given the opportunity to share their opinions with me, they're a little more open to hearing mine. Sometimes I spend as much as half an hour on somebody's front verandah – because they don't want me to leave. I've come to the conclusion that one of the biggest reasons people are so furious these days is because they feel unheard. Ignored, unimportant, pushed aside, wronged. From my vantage point, the 99 sheep all feel like the one left behind – or like the Prodigal Son's brother, saying, what about me? What we've lost is the precious coin of connection with each other, and it's up to us to look hard and reclaim it – maybe one doorbell at a time.

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Meet other young Catholics (18-40) and support Good Shepherd Seminary by attending the ***Under the Stars*** Charity Event. This will be held on Saturday 8th October 6:30-9:30pm at East Hotel Kingston! Tickets can be purchased on TryBooking (https://www.trybooking.com/CCFTY) and follow the *Canberra Cathedral Young Adults* Facebook group for event details. If you have any questions, please email catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!!

Recruiting for Archdiocesan Healthy Relationships Team

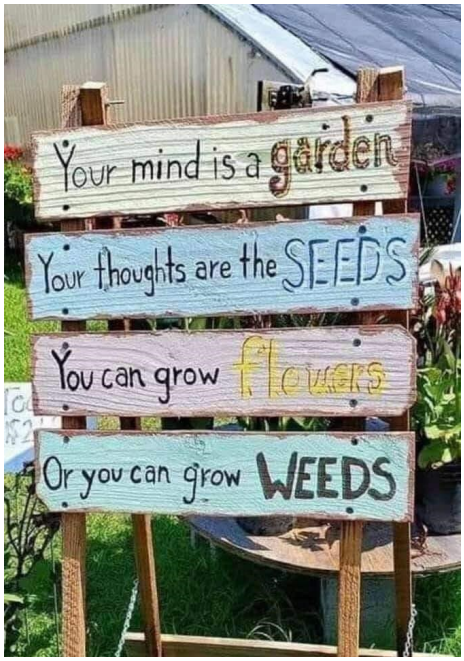
The Archdiocese is looking for enthusiastic young adults to join the pool of casual employees who assist us in Catholic Schools running our Healthy Relationships Programs. Training is provided for you to assist in facilitating small group activities in upper primary and high school classrooms. Work only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

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

Shane and Patrick were playing golf one day at their local course. Patrick was about to chip on the green when he saw a long funeral procession on the road running alongside the golf course. He immediately stopped in mid-swing, removed his cap, closed his eyes and bowed his head in prayer.
"That was a very sensitive thing to do," Shane said afterwards. "You really are a very considerate man."
"Well, I was married to her for thirty-seven years."



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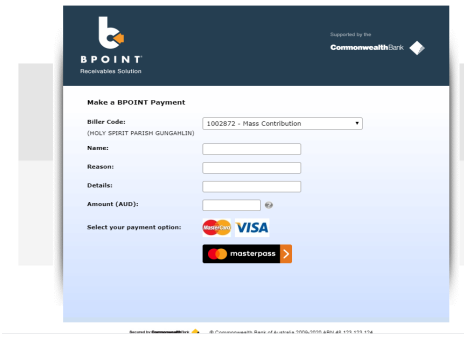

Online Mass Contribution (First and Second Collections combined)

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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