



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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8-9 October 2022

28th 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

Life Without Chains

Luke loves this kind of story. Jesus straddles the border between Samaria and Galilee when he heals some folks. This means we don't know how many in this leper band were Jews, how many were foreigners. But we do know only one Samaritan shows gratitude. Luke celebrates the unlikely hero: foreigners, sinners, women, the poor. A Samaritan leper inhabited the near bottom of the social barrel to the crowds around Jesus. (The only person lower would have been a poor Samaritan female leper!)

It's intriguing to note these ten travelled together as lepers: the distance between Jew and Samaritan dissolved by their common affliction. Once healed, would these ten even speak to each other on the street across the chasm of ethnic identity? That's why Jesus commends the faith – the *faith* – of the Samaritan. Because faith in Jesus' eyes isn't about group identity or religious systems. It's about knowing divine grace when you receive it. The Samaritan, who will be despised by all tomorrow, walks away free with salvation in his pocket. The other nine, cleansed of leprosy, will still wear their chains.

How many people do you recognise outside of your religious systems who obviously enjoy a state of grace?

Many of us are still burdened by chains of fear, unforgiveness, indecision, or bitterness. Pray for the release of these chains that bind your heart or the heart of someone close to you.

If we die with him, we'll live with him. If we stick it out with him, we'll rule with him.

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As Father Mark discerns his move to a new Parish, let us pray with him for wisdom, peace and a fruitful outcome. We pray for Father Mark as he goes through this period of preparation and may he know and feel the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

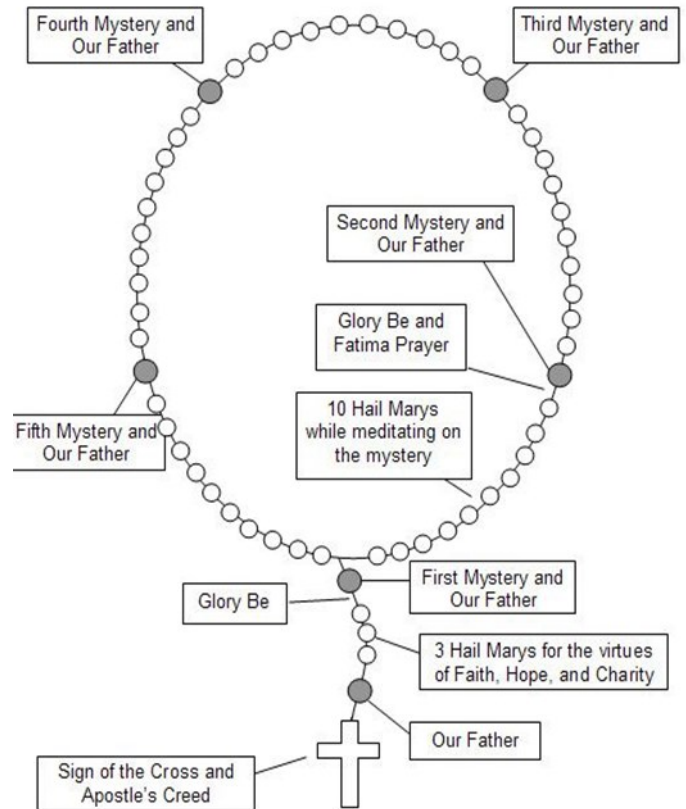
We pray for Fr Thonn at this time of change and that he returns safely from his trip to the Philippines.

We also pray for the Parish Team, for those in Parish Leadership and for one another as we prepare for a time of change.

Loving God, hear our prayer and we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed on our Parish community.—*Maureen Hilton*

This Weekend's Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Tim 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary



Parish Pastoral Council Update

Members of the PPC met on 5 October 2022 to discuss pastoral priorities and general business. It was decided that with Fr Thonn on leave and upcoming changes with parish priest, that we would not go ahead with the games night and instead focus our efforts on a lovely carols celebration in December.

Do you have a prayer request? Please complete a Prayer Request Card, which are available in the Church foyer or complete the online form using the App (go to Mass & Prayer > Prayer Requests).

Parish Care Group If anyone is in need or knows someone who could use the support of the Parish Care Group, please let us know by contacting the office.

Communion to the Sick & Home Visits

Do you know someone who is unable to make it to Mass and might like to receive communion at home? Or maybe a visit at home? Please contact the Parish office.

New Parishioners Please include your details in the New Parishioners book located in the church foyer. Also visit our website for up to date information on activities in the Parish.

Save The Date!

Saturday 3 December 2022
5pm Mass followed by BBQ
and Carols Event.



Bring all the family and friends

With the Rosary, we allow ourselves to be guided by Mary, model of faith, in meditating on the mysteries of Christ, and day after day we are helped to assimilate the Gospel, so that it shapes all our lives.

- *Pope Benedict XVI*

Pass It On

The portion at the restaurant was too large, even for me, so I asked for the proverbial "doggie" bag. Walking to the car with that uncomfortable feeling that I had eaten too much, I was stopped by a man sitting on the steps of a building. "Do you have five dollars? I'm really hungry". My first response was anger. "Now they are asking for a minimum amount," I thought. Then realising how stuffed I felt, I guiltily gave him the five dollars. But that didn't make me feel better. So, I turned back and handed him the doggie bag. "If you like pasta with chickpeas, here's a start to your dinner".

His face lit up as he announced that chickpeas were his favourite food. As I turned to walk away he called me back and handed me the five dollar note. He thanked me for the pasta and suggested I give the money to the guy going through the garbage bin on the corner. Ironically, I found myself thanking him. And I gave the money to the surprised guy at the corner. By the time I got to my car I was no less full, but I felt a little better. I had learned a lesson in generosity from a guy sitting on a step.

Saying thanks for what God gives us is not enough. The best way to show gratitude is to share with others. That night I gave from my excess. But the grateful beggar gave what had just been given to him. In that simple act, he benefited, the man searching through the garbage benefited, and for certain, I benefited. Like the leper in this week's Gospel, let us show our gratitude to God with our generosity toward others.

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Upcoming Events

- * **6-24 October**—Fr Thonn on leave to the Philippines
- * **Saturday 8 October 6:30-9:30pm—East Hotel Kingston**
Meet other young Catholics (18-40) and support Good Shepherd Seminary by attending the **Under the Stars** Charity Event. 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!!
- * **October 14-16—Growing in Life in the Divine Will**
Presented by: Fr Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R and Fr Emil Milat
This retreat could be a life changing experience. Open to anyone who wants to **know more** about how to live in the Divine Will. Open also to those **new** to this kind of retreat. It will introduce you to amazing revelations given to the 20th century mystic, Luisa Piccarreta, who survived just on Holy Communion for about 60 years of her life. Ensuite room \$350. Shared facilities \$300. Book through St Clements retreat centre, Galong [0263805222](tel:0263805222) info@stclements.com.au
- * **Sunday 16 October at 8:50am—9:30am**—Legion of Mary Procession of Our Lady of Fatima. Meet at the front of the church.
- * **Saturday 22 October 2022—9:30am-4:30pm—One Day Retreat in Canberra with Fr Roni George and Fr Joby George VC**
St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT
Admission is FREE, BYO lunch. Boxed lunch available at nominal cost, RSVP by 18th October, 2022 to p1.rebello@gmail.com. For enquiries please contact: Parveen: 0439642571; Winnie: 0451015527; Prakash 0406381446; Shan: 0412310364; Tom: 0434689957
- * **20-22 October—Year of Walking Together Evangelise Online Conference -**
Catholics around Australia are invited to a unique, national event that will inspire, transform and revitalise faith communities! Find out more, including the event program and keynote speakers at <http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au/>
- * **Sunday October 23 2022 Begins at 11am—Year of Walking Together Marian Procession:** Join local parishes, ethnic communities, clergy and religious for a unique multicultural family day of prayer and festivities. BYO lunch, enjoy a sausage sizzle or bring a plate to share. There will be faith-based activities for children and an opportunity to meet new and old friends within our Archdiocese as we journeying through Mary to Jesus. <https://bit.ly/MarianProcession2022>

21st Anniversary of SIEV X Tragedy

Everyone is invited to a ceremony at the SIEV X Memorial in Weston Park on Sunday 23 October 2022 to remember the 353 innocent asylum seekers who lost their lives, 146 of them children, when their vessel sank between Indonesia and Australia on 19 October 2001. Most of the boat's passengers, mainly from Iraq and Afghanistan, were attempting to re-join their husbands and fathers on Temporary Protection Visas in Australia.

The memorial consists of a long line of white poles, each pole representing a person or family who died. The poles were donated and decorated by churches, schools, and community groups from across Australia.

The commemoration will begin with a BYO picnic at 12 noon with the formal ceremony to run from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. Speakers will include the **Rev'd Rod Horsfield** (Uniting Church Minister and a founder of the memorial), **Zaki Haidari** (Human Rights Campaigner with Amnesty International and a refugee from Afghanistan), **Rebecca Vassarotti MLA** (ACT Minister for Heritage) and **Alicia Payne MP** (Federal Member for Canberra).

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



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Jan Hancock
Jim Banks
Diego Castaneda
Dorrell Hogan
Rhonda Lipton
Antonija Pavlovic
Adrian Lim
Paz Pinilla
Carol Ooi
Agustin Fernandez Alarcon
Grant
Alan Demascus
Gowri Shivasabesan
Charlie Prasad
Sandra Cortes
Kathy Morris
Sr Carmelita RSM
Susan Metcalfe
Carmen Degabriele

Recently Deceased

Kerry Glover
Eduardo Robles Jr

Anniversaries

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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 FOR LAUGHTER



The pigs don't.

The story is told of a farmer who went into town for a little breakfast. As his meal was set before him, he bowed his head and offered a silent prayer. The man at the next table derided him, "Hey, does everybody do that where you come from?" "No," said the farmer. "The pigs don't." * * *

A high five and thanks. Sally was thirty years old and had been married for seven years. She lived in Atlanta and was very active in the parish, but she and her husband Jim had been unsuccessful in starting a family. One day she visited her pastor and informed him that her engineer husband had taken a very good job with a reputable firm in Chicago. Hence, they would be moving from Atlanta to Chicago. Her pastor told her that he was going on a pilgrimage to Israel and assured her that he would light a candle at the birthplace of Jesus at Bethlehem for their special intention of being blessed with children. Ten years later their former pastor, while on a tour of Chicago, was invited by Sally to visit her family. When the pastor called on Sally he found to his great joy and astonishment that she was blessed with five children. "Congratulations Sally, I am glad to learn that my candle at Bethlehem really worked," he said. After a while he enquired, "Where is your husband?" "He's gone to Bethlehem," Sally replied, "to thank Jesus and to blow out that darn candle!"

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

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