



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT and 220 Victoria St, Hall ACT  
Supporting and supported by Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd,  
Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

15-16 October 2022

29th 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

## Raise Up Holy Hands

Jesus must have been feeling mischievous when he told the story of the persistent widow. He offers a funny comparison: God is at least as likely to respond to our prayers as a corrupt judge will cave in under a widow's badgering. Maybe Jesus had days like that, when someone got on his nerves so much he just gave them what they wanted. We've all bought a magazine or chocolate bar at the door just to make the salesperson go away.

The point of the story isn't God's experience, of course, but ours. Whether God is worn down by eons of listening to our prayers remains to be seen. Our task is to keep up the prayers – harder than it sounds to those who don't pray much. Fidelity in prayer is as hard as working at any love relationship. In some seasons the effort will feel greater than the desire. Persistent prayer is more effective than the one-off method, just as daily efforts to build loving relationships are more meaningful than a lone card on Valentine's Day.

***Do you know anyone who prays well? What keeps them faithful? What helps you to pray?***

If you're new to prayer, ask someone you trust to recommend a good book for beginners. If you're starting again, consider finding a prayer partner to keep you faithful. If you're a persistent pray-er, keep the rest of us in your prayers!

***Proclaim the Message with intensity; keep on your watch. Challenge, warn, and urge your people. Don't ever quit. Just keep it simple.***

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## Temporary Change to Mass Time

Tuesday 25 October 2022 Mass will be at 9:30am to accommodate Holy Spirit School Year 1 Students.



## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

8:30am

2nd and 4th Sunday of  
each month



O Queen of Peace: it is you who have placed the Rosary in our hands. It is you who bid us to recite it daily. By the power of the Family Rosary we beseech you to obtain peace for us peace within our hearts, our homes, our country and throughout the world. Through the daily recitation of the Family Rosary we beg you to keep sin from our souls, enmities from our hearts and war from our shores. By the graces received from the devotion of the Family Rosary we pray to be made helpful to one

another in following the paths of virtue so that we may be found worthy to be called children of your family, children of your home. Amen.

**This Weekend's Readings:** Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

## Youth Group Dates

Sundays 5-7pm at the parish rooms. Gold coin donation for food.

- ◆ 16 October
- ◆ 30 October
- ◆ 13 November
- ◆ 27 November
- ◆ 11 December—Christmas Party

## Altar Server Introductory Training

Sunday 23 October 10:30am

All children who have received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation are invited to become an Altar Server. Please complete the form in the foyer or online <https://forms.gle/X6QAV6L3MieJMkBe6>



RSVP: Monday 17 October 2022

Contact: [theivani@holyspiritungahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritungahlin.org.au)

## Save The Date!

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



Bring all the family and  
friends

**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.

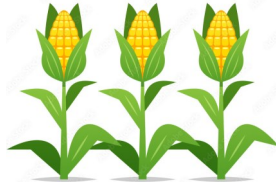
### Communion to the Sick & Home Visits

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.

## Persistent prayer works:

The middle-aged farm couple had no children. As a last resort they put their trust in persistent prayer. And it worked. The wife became pregnant, and at the end of her term, she was delivered of triplets. "Persistent prayer really works, doesn't it?" she asked her husband. Her husband replied, "Seems to— but I sure as heck didn't pray for a bumper crop!"



## My Little Pest

When she was little, my daughter's favourite movie was *The Sound of Music*. She'd announce 20 times a day, "I want Maria. I want Maria," referring to the movie's main character, who is a troublesome nun-in-the-making sent from her abbey to be a governess. Thanks to my daughter Hannah, I know the lyrics and dialogue of the movie by heart. Maria, we are told by the nuns of the abbey, will "outpester any pest; drive a hornet from its nest. She can throw a whirling dervish out of whirl". No wonder Hannah loved her. They were kindred spirits.

Like all great pesterers, my daughter had the makings to be a great pray-er as well. She already insisted we go through a lengthy litany of blessings on friends and family during mealtime grace.

Her maternal grandmother was also a world-class pray-er. My mother knelt at the edge of her bed each night with her rosary beads and novena book praying the prayers of faithful souls from every generation: for the health and well-being of loved ones; for patience, courage, and fortitude; and for an end to injustice, relief of suffering, and forgiveness of sins. Most of all, seasoned pray-ers say thank you for the help of others and for the love and mercy God has shown them.

Back then, my daughter only knew enough to blow me a kiss after I turned on her movie. A lovely prayer in its own right!

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# Upcoming Events

- \* **Sunday 16 October at 8:50am—9:30am**—Legion of Mary Procession of Our Lady of Fatima. Meet at the front of the church.
- \* **Friday 21 October 2022** – Book Launch—Fr. Tony Percy's new book Australia – 'What went right, what went wrong' Haydon Hall Manuka at 4pm. Light Refreshments provided. **Please RSVP** [catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au](mailto:catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au)
- \* **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 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 to [p1.rebello@gmail.com](mailto: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>
- \* **24-27 November—** Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer, led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thu 24 Nov in a relaxed retreat setting. Contact Alfred (0412 268 044, [readysetgo@live.com.au](mailto:readysetgo@live.com.au)). <https://bit.ly/cursillo22>
- \* **Friday 28 October 2022—Women's Taskforce Annual Dinner**  
The Archdiocese Catholic Women's Taskforce annual fundraising dinner October 28<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm, Woden Southern Cross Club. Guest speaker is Dr Ursula Stephens, Former Senator and CEO Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited. Funds raised go to MacKillop House, a place of safety for women and children in need. Earlybird tickets \$65.  
Book via <https://womenstaskforceacg.org> or call 0487388873.



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  
Stella Algie

#### Recently Deceased

#### 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](#)

## 21<sup>st</sup> 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).

## TIME FOR LAUGHTER

The Year 10 student was late for school. The class teacher was not happy.

"So, why were you late for school Michael?" asked the teacher.

"Because of a sign down the road," said Michael pensively.

"What does a sign have to do with you being late?"

"Well, the sign said, 'School Ahead, Go Slow!'"



## Something's Broke In The Church



No, it's not a water pipe or a window. But it's making lots of noise and spilling a big mess everywhere. "Bang Bang Clang Clang. Do you hear it?" What's broke in many churches today is the Brotherly Love that Jesus said would be the identifier to the world that we are His. When a church is bound together

with Love, it can do great things for God, but when that same element is missing, strife can rule and reign in a church. - Preacht.org

## 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

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

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