



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

22-23 October 2022

30th 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

Silence Your Critics

The critic who lives in my brain gives me very little peace. He sits in constant judgment of the people and situations I encounter each day. When I am rested and spiritually restored, I can quiet the drone of commentary, but the more stressed and exhausted I am, the more I find myself with little patience or kindness for anyone who crosses my path: "Could this shop assistant be any slower?" ... "If that guy brags once more about how smart he is, I'm going to slap him" ... "Why doesn't that woman get her finances in order instead of sponging off her friends"... "I would never let my child act like such a brat". And the list of awful thoughts goes on and on until I finally end up despising myself and the world around me.

Then I go to church and see humanity in all its glory and frailty spread out before me, and I feel ashamed. I know there are self-righteous jerks sitting in the pew next to truly kind and forgiving people, but the problem is no one really knows who is who, so we all end up shaking hands and wishing one another peace.

I wish I didn't need to be called back to the table each week to be reminded of my unworthiness, but I take comfort in knowing that I am not alone in my sinfulness nor my piety, my arrogance nor my humility. And at the end of the day, the best we can do is say, "Peace" to one another and ask our critics to be quiet.

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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.



Anointing Mass

Thursday 27 October 2022 at 9:15am
Followed by Morning Tea.

All Are Welcome!



Altar Server Introductory Training—It's not too late!

Sunday 23 October 10:30am

All children who have received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation are invited to become an Altar Server. Just come along to the church at 10:30am on Sunday.

Contact: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or 0472 921 518



This Weekend's Readings: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

Youth Group Dates

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

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

Save The Date!

Saturday 3 December 2022

5pm Mass followed by BBQ and Carols Event.



Bring all the family and friends

Income & Expenditure (9 months) to 30/9/2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income			
Planned Giving/Second Collection	219,000	213,039	(\$5,961)
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	8,525	17,230	\$8,705
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.	25,000	18,910	(\$6,090)
Other Revenue	24,200	27,511	\$3,311
Total	276,725	276,690	(\$35)
Expenditure			
Administration	23,047	26,579	(\$3,532)
Priest's Cars and Superannuation	17,300	17,300	\$0
Salaries, Super, A Leave & LSL	123,138	116,249	\$6,889
Insurances	22,500	23,504	(\$1,004)
Other Expenses	7,549	6,221	\$1,328
Appeals/Donations/Quotas	13,500	10,866	\$2,634
Capital Items	12,000	-	\$12,000
Overall Property Expenses	2,335	2,929	(\$594)
Repairs & Maintenance	11,000	2,256	\$8,744
Total	232,369	205,904	\$26,465
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$44,356	\$70,786	\$26,500

Pocket Prayers



The Jesus Prayer has its origin in this parable. The text of the prayer is simple: "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner". Although prayed since the sixth century, the modern technique associated with this prayer -

controlled breathing and mantra-like repetitions - probably didn't come into use until the fourteenth century. Like any prayer, the point isn't to perfect the technique but to find the right spirit.

The tax collector in the parable had the right spirit, even if he couldn't imagine the technique that history would form around his prayer. He simply bowed his head, acknowledged his sins, and counted on God's mercy. The Pharisee, who had more style and undoubtedly greater technique, gave himself over to self-celebration, reporting his good deeds in the event God might have missed them. In the process, he missed the heart of prayer, which is humility.

The lesson on prayer is simple. Pray however you want, but be sure of two things: that you DO pray, and that your heart is invested in your prayer.

Pocket a Scripture for the week. You may want to take a line from this week's readings, or any other Scripture that attracts you. Pray it often, and note how it affects your relationships, responses, or decisions.

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Thank you everyone for your continued financial support of our parish! Overall our Income is in line with budget so far this year. Planned giving has remained strong. Other income is also above budget with a lot of baptisms and the piety stall run by the Legion of Mary proving very successful. Overall Expenditure is below Budget for the year to date. Planned capital works to install solar panels is now proceeding with a new contractor engaged, deposit has been paid, awaiting the paperwork to be processed before installation. Substantial work on the church roof will commence next month to rectify some design faults, current damage, prevent further leaks and improve compliance issues. This is expected to cost in the vicinity of \$40,000; with insurance covering the internal damage component of \$10,000. The overall cash surplus will be substantially reduced after these works are completed.

If you want more detailed information please contact Tony Rose (Finance Officer) at the Parish Office.

 **Envelopes available in the foyer.**

Reach out. Give life. Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries with your parishioners. Envelopes are available in the foyer. Please give generously. To find out more about the work of Catholic Mission please visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

Prayer changes things....

'What we do for our brother, we are doing it for God. Because God is invisible, but we see Him in our brothers and sisters who are in need'. - Bishop Musie

Upcoming Events

- * **Sunday October 23 2022 Begins at 11am—Year of Walking Together Marian Procession:** <<DUE TO WEATHER THE 2022 MARIAN PROCESSION IS NOW RELOCATED TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL, MANUKA>> Join local parishes, ethnic communities, clergy and religious for a unique multicultural family day of prayer and festivities. We will gather for Mass and to pray the rosary. BYO lunch, enjoy a sausage sizzle or bring a plate to share. Faith-based activities for children <https://bit.ly/MarianProcession2022>
- * **Sunday 23 October 2022—21st Anniversary of SIEV X Tragedy**
The commemoration will begin with a BYO picnic at 12 noon with the formal ceremony to run from 1.00pm to 2.30pm.
- * **Friday 28 October 2022—Women's Taskforce Annual Dinner**
The Archdiocese Catholic Women's Taskforce annual fundraising dinner October 28th 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.
- * **Wednesday 2 November 2022 7:00pm—Mass for All Souls Day**
ALL SOUL'S DAY, celebrated on 2 November, is a day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. The Book of Remembrance will be available in the Church foyer. Please record the names of loved ones who are to be remembered throughout November. November Mass Offering envelopes will be available in the foyer of the Church where you might like to name your departed friends and family. Masses will be celebrated throughout November in their memory. You can leave your envelope on the collection plate at any Mass.
- * **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). <https://bit.ly/cursillo22>



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. If you have not already signed, please see the blue folder in the church foyer. 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.



Throughout this week, take some time to examine your own life. How often do you slip into the mindset of the self-righteous Pharisee? Do you compare yourself to your classmates, workmates, friends, people you meet on the street? It seems to be a part of our human nature, often reinforced by our society, to take on this persona. Sure, it is good to strive for success and to do well in school and in work, but how do we reflect this in our lives? How do we look upon others around us? Reflect upon how you act humbly in your day to day activities. Do you focus on God's mercy in prayer? Do you recognise your own brokenness? Do you acknowledge you need God's help?

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

Stella Algie
Teresita Tuazon

Anniversaries

Patrick Rayfield
Mary and John Scheiler

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](#)

Sunday Pharisees:

"I never come to this Church for Sunday Mass," boasted a wandering parishioner to his pastor. "Perhaps you have noticed that Father?" "Yes, I have noticed that," said the pastor. "Well, the reason I don't come is that there are so many hypocrites here." "Oh, don't let that keep you away," replied the pastor with a smile. "There's always room for one more."

The Boasting Boys

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers.



The first boy says,

"My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says,

"That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says,

"I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon. And it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

Match up the correct endings

Draw a line from the first half of each sentence to its correct ending.



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector went

you will be honoured.

The Pharisee prayed

"God, have pity on me! I am a sinner."

The Tax Collector prayed

you will be put down.

If you put yourself above others

to the temple to pray.

If you humble yourself

"God, I thank you that I am not greedy or dishonest."

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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