



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

5-6 November 2022

32nd 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

New Standards Ahead

God doesn't rule over the dead but is Lord of the living. So the question remains: are we dead or alive? Moses once posed two alternatives at the edge of the promised land: "I will place before you Life and Death, Blessing and Curse. Choose life so that you and your children will live" (Deuteronomy 30: 19). Life means embracing the freedom of the children of God. Death is mere existence governed by the shadowy values of a passing world. Most of us aren't as free as we could be. We're chained to the expectations of a society we claim has no hold over us. We're not yet children of the age to come.

But we can move in that direction. We can stop defining ourselves in terms of material success or failure, physical attraction, popularity and possessions. We can start living by beatitude values, sharing more in common with saints and angels than the faces smiling out of every noticeboard and commercial. Like the Sadducees in the gospel, we may try to impose upon God the petty systems we hold dear. But God lives by different rules and they outlast ours.

How alive are you? What aspects of your current life are "dead" to the age to come?

Time to be roused to new life! Examine one aspect of your behaviour that's been dead to God's rule. Shake off the chains of this age and follow your Lord.

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Parish Morning Tea

Sunday 6 November after the 9:30am Mass.

Holy Spirit Parish welcomes Fr Mark's family and friends (Taralga and surrounds) to Mass and morning tea/lunch on Sunday.

We invite parishioners to come along and show some Canberra hospitality by bringing a plate of yummy morning tea delights to share with our guests. Please contact Theivani 0472 921 518 if you have any questions.



November - Month of Holy Souls

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 are available in the foyer of the Church where you might like to name your departed friends and family. Please place these envelopes in the basket in front of the Altar before Mass so that your loved ones can be offered up during the Mass.

This Weekend's Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5,
Luke 20:27-38

Mass of Thanksgiving

For Fr Mark's 14 years at Holy Spirit Parish

Followed by a parish multicultural celebration.



Picnic Carols by Candlelight
Family and cultural sharing
BBQ
Multicultural Foods

Saturday 3 December 2022

Mass at 5:00pm followed by BBQ
and Carols Event.

Please bring a plate
representing your culture
and wear your cultural
dress.



All My Children

There are times when the sceptic in me refuses to give rational assent to religious doctrines, like the Trinity, the Incarnation, or the Resurrection. Thankfully, pure rationality is not the only, and certainly not the best, means of coming to understand deeply spiritual truths. And sometimes my most effective teachers are faithful people who reveal great truths simply by the way they lives their lives.

That happened years ago when a new family moved into our parish, and after Mass a long-time parishioner, extending his welcome, asked the parents, "How many kids do you have?"

"We have four children," they said.

Doing a quick count, the welcoming parishioner said, "I only see three. Where's the other one?"

"Robbie's in heaven," answered the wife, gently. Her husband added, "He died when he was 2 years old".

The parishioner was about to say, "So then, now you have just the three children," but caught himself just in time. The gospel that morning said, "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob ... is not God of the dead but of the living, for to him all are alive". Clearly so was Robbie alive to his family. Now when I have trouble giving rational assent to the notion of the Resurrection, I think of Robbie and his family, and belief comes easy.

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Community Garden Planting Day

The **community garden** is growing very well after our first planting in early October and more will be planted on **19 November** when we have

our open day. Come along, see what is being done, stay for a BBQ. All are welcome to join our gardening groups—you don't have need any qualifications or expertise. If you have an hour to spare once a month, please put your name down to help with some odd jobs like light weeding, watering and general care. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, make some friends and get out of the house for little bit!

Contact Fiona—fionawilk62@gmail.com or Theivani theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

*To plant a garden is to
believe in tomorrow.*

Audrey Hepburn



Loving God,

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives. Thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for the hope you bring through even the toughest of

times, strengthening us for your purpose. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your Son Jesus, for the truth of his word and the example of his life. Replenish our spirits with new strength and prepare us to meet each day with renewed gratitude and joy. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. May all of our words and actions give you praise and glory.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7
In Jesus' Name, Amen.



YOUTH GROUP

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

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

Youth Mass—Sunday 20 November 9:30am

Upcoming Events

- * **Saturday 12 November at 2:00pm—100 Voices choir for the homeless.**
Afternoon tea provided, \$10 per person \$15 per family.
Contact: admin@stpaulsginninderra.org.au or 6259 2931

- * **Saturday 12 November 10:00am—3:30pm - Reconnect and Respond: Catholic Women in Conversation.** Reconnect after restrictions, review the work of the Catholic Women's Taskforce and respond to the Plenary Council recommendations. What do catholic women want from the Church? The Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce is inviting all women to gather at 10 am on 12 November at Merici College to discuss the implementation of the Plenary Council's decisions, especially decree Number 4: on Witnessing the Equal Dignity of Women and Men. The Taskforce serves the women of the Archdiocese through advocacy, formation and building community. It also advises the Archbishop on women's opinions, needs and goals. All women are welcome, whether involved in the church or feeling more on the fringe. Rural women are especially encouraged to come with petrol subsidies and organised billets being offered. M: 0487388873 Register at www.cgwomen.com.au

- * **18th November Cocktail Party for the Farm, Galong**
The Farm at Galong is a residential program for women who have been harmed by substance abuse and may also have experienced domestic violence, abuse, trauma and homelessness. The program aims to equip women in recovery with the skills and insights they need to lead productive lives. 5pm – 7pm. Contact: b_layton@optusnet.com.au

- * **23rd November Night of the Witnesses**
Night of the Witnesses - 23 November, 7pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Aid to the Church in Need Australia invites you to a unique and inspirational event to be held in Australia for the first time.

- * **Thursday 24 November 2022—9:15am—Anointing Mass and morning tea**

- * **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>

- * **29 November Dinner to mark the 60th anniversary of the Goulburn schools strike** The venue is the Goulburn Workers Club and tickets are \$48 plus a booking fee. The next day is the re-opening of the restored Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral so it might be convenient to be a part of both events. You can book tickets through the Eventbrite website gss60.eventbrite.com.

Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) – All feedback welcomed

In April this year Archbishop Prowse established a working party to consider the (re-)establishment of a Diocesan Pastoral Council.

The DPC Working Party has considered;

1. Past attempts at a DPC - our legacy,
2. The present context and needs and
3. Options for a workable DPC.

Download the Executive Summary and Report at bit.ly/3Cc4soF or contact your parish office for a copy. Questions have been developed to aid reflection.

Answer questions online here or email workingparty@cg.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
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

Roman Alexander
Joven Inocelda Velsco

Anniversaries

Alan Sargent
Lauretto Barron Snr
Claudio Dairo Snr

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](#)

As we go about our business this week, let us pray for the strength of the power of God in us, as promised by Jesus.





Charnwood Parish Secretary Part Time

All are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Charnwood. This is a part-time permanent position of 12 hours per week (preferably Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm)

Essential Requirements: Experience with financial & database packages, Strong communication and liaison skills, Strong organisational skills, Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction, Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching and experience in an office environment.

Salary will be subject to equivalent Clerk Award Level 4/5 rates. Covering letter addressing the essential requirements and resume to be submitted by 30 November 2022. Please phone Debbie Hofman 6258 1563 or email charnwood@cg.org.au for a copy of the Duty Statement.



A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's

easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

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



CONNECT WITH US

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Parish Groups

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Mondays 1:30pm Parish Office

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Download our parish app: **Pocket Parish** from **App Store** or **Google Play**.

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VOICES

FOR

THE HOMELESS



Venue St Andrews Church, Forrest
When Saturday 12 November, 2.00pm (afternoon tea provided)
Tickets \$10 per person, \$15 per family

Phone 6259 2931 **OR email** admin@stpaulsginninderra.org.au

