



# 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

19-20 November 2022

The Feast of Christ The King | Year C



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday

7:00am Mass

### Thursday

9:15am Anointing Mass

### Friday

7:00am Mass

### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

## Thy Kingdom Come

Some king! Poor, dishonoured, naked, mocked, Jesus dies while villains howl with glee. What kind of king is this, defenceless and alone? The criminal next to him lays down the challenge. If you ARE a king, save yourself! Save us! And Jesus, authorised to save the whole world, reaches out to rescue one last soul, the humble fellow who admits his sin.

That's the kind of king Jesus is: one who champions the sinner who genuinely turns to him. Jesus never shows much interest in building a kingdom of righteousness, or shepherding strong and pious souls into his reign. Jesus spends his final hour on the lookout for small sad people who make mistakes and know who they are – and who he is.

This is how Christ chooses to spend his time to the end of time, as we understand it: building a kingdom of contrite hearts. If we don't allow ourselves to be built into that kingdom, we'll certainly be joined into another.

### What goes into the assemblage of a contrite heart?

Honour Christ the King by honouring the least of his people, the poor and the powerless. Lift up the lowly with your voice, your friendship, your concern.

**For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels – everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.**

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## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

8:30am

2nd and 4th Sunday of  
each month



## Heartfelt Thanks...

Thank you to all who attended Stella's Funeral Service; your presence was greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. Also to the Choir whose presence made the service so special and a beautiful tribute to Stella. To Nita and Nell, who spent many hours preparing the church 'just the way Stella would like it'.

Special thanks to Fr Mark and the Parish office staff whose assistance in preparing the Mass was a great support to me at a most difficult time.

*Dennis Algie*

**This Weekend's Readings:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43



## Week 2: Deep Charma

'How do you do father?' I am Deep Charma. What is your name Father. I am Fr Littlefoot. 'Wipe that smirk off your face Deep Charma.' Golly Gosh, I mean no offence!  
The Parish welcomes you with great joy. In the name of me the Father;  
The Parish Council and Blessed Parishioners, Go in Peace even if you found humour in my name and my size 5 shoe.

Deep Charma is a lovely man! He asked Fr Littlefoot how he would get on the Parish Council. Fr Littlefoot told him that it was a process that sometimes took years. His perseverance won out in the end. There were four positions vacant and Deep Charma had all the skills that go with such a meaningful name. Fr Littlefoot did not want to put his own foot in it so to speak, seeking out whether or not Deep Charma had any connections to any of the other Charma family such as Snake Charma, Mian Charma, Watta Charma and Shesa Charma. It was not the right moment to exercise such a question about the Chronological order of his family.

Deep Charma brought so much wisdom to the parish it did not need to fill the other three vacancies. It was when Fr Littlefoot prayed earnestly to find an extra dollar for a new project. 'Do you blow hairs a grant for Jenny immunity dishing to surprise?' Fr Littlefoot and his council couldn't believe their ears! 'What?' 'Eh?' 'Beg your pardon?' cried a lit-up audience.

Deep Charma's delivery had echoed from his home-made megaphone. Highly protective against COVID, he was insistent on wearing a mask which also echoed as a megaphone. Fr Littlefoot demanded Mr Charma to unmask himself! Reluctantly he did. Guess what? A thick beard, a design of a COVID mask makes was sown beneath. Obviously, he showered and slept with it on at all times.

Fr Littlefoot then asked him to repeat what he said now he was mask free. Now he delivered a clear message of new hope. Deep Charma said 'Do you know there is a grant for any community wishing to apply!' What a genius!

Deep Charma has been a great all-round contributor. With a perpetual smile, he cooks the sausages on a Sunday BBQ with such joy on him no one would argue if the price was raised from mostly free!

Deep Charma is kicking goals in the wider community. Involved in local politics, Deep Charma would not be out of place as the fresh face of Chief Minister. His strong beliefs will in time be of much benefit in lifting a non-Christian political regime!

### Room in the Kingdom

Our parish sings a wonderful Communion hymn titled "Bread to Share". Its upbeat melody and exchange between cantor and assembly led me to believe it was an updated version of an old spiritual. Imagine my surprise when I found out it was an original, contemporary piece written by an American church music composer of many of our favourite hymns, Marty Haugen. The hymn's opening line goes, "Plenty of bread at the feast of life, plenty of bread to share".

On this feast of Christ the King (Reign of Christ, Heart of the Universe), we celebrate a king who is loving, kind, and generous, with plenty to share with us. Sometimes we struggle with the notion of royalty. But history tells us of both good kings as well as despots, just as we have a history of good political leaders as well as poor ones in our own country.

Dying on the cross, Jesus does not appear to be much of a king. But it is precisely on the cross where his kingship came into clear focus. His dying is the sacrifice that ultimately opens the gates of heaven for all of us, not only for the "good" criminal crucified with Jesus. We must also believe that those gates are open for the other criminal who mocks Jesus. The generous king has come to save even the worst of sinners.

As the hymn tells us, there is "plenty of room" in the kingdom of heaven for all of us. And we celebrate the fact that Christ our King will bring us all through the gates with him. That was his purpose, what led to his death and also his resurrection – and what allows us to glory in his kingship. - [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



Please join us to celebrate  
Fr Mark's 14 years at  
Holy Spirit Parish

*Mass of Thanksgiving  
&  
Picnic Carols by Candlelight*

**Saturday 3 December**

Mass at 5:00pm followed by BBQ  
and Carols event

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Picnic Carols | Heritage tales and family sharing  
Saugage sizzle | Multicultural Foods

**Please bring a plate representing your  
culture and wear your traditional dress.**

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# Upcoming Events

- \* **19 November 11:00am—Community Garden Planting Day** - all are welcome to come along and see what is being done in our community garden and stay for a BBQ. Contact [fionawilk62@gmail.com](mailto:fionawilk62@gmail.com)
- \* **19 November 11:00am at the Church**—Children's Carols Choir Practice for performance on 3 December.
- \* **Tuesday 22 November at 7:00pm**— The Gospel Reflection Group is having an informal meeting with some nibbles to plan our approach for 2023 and all members of the Parish are welcome to attend and contribute. We will be meeting 7pm Tuesday 22 November at the Parish Centre. Any questions or inquiries please contact Jim Corrigan at [mjet@grapevine.com.au](mailto:mjet@grapevine.com.au)
- \* **23 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**— Final Anointing Mass for 2022 followed by 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](mailto: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](https://gss60.eventbrite.com).
- \* **Saturday 3 December 2022 at 5:00pm**—Mass of Thanksgiving and Carols by Candlelight to celebrate Fr Mark's 14 years at Holy Spirit Parish. Please bring a plate representing your culture and wear your traditional dress. Please see poster for more details.



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



## For those who are sick

Jim Banks  
Diego Castaneda  
Dorrell Hogan  
Rhonda Lipton  
Adrian Lim  
Paz Pinilla  
Carol Ooi  
Grant  
Alan Demascus  
Gowri Shivasabesan  
Kathy Morris  
Susan Metcalfe  
Carmen Degabriele  
Juana Iris Gvevara  
Sandra Cortez  
Priscila Adriano

## Recently Deceased

### Anniversaries

Walter Burke  
Mary Lewin  
Judith O'Neill  
Geraldine Crane  
George Velso

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](#)

## Good Shepherd 20th Anniversary Cookbook

featuring Fr Mark's famous chutney and Fr Thonn's special Spaghetti Marinara! At \$25 per copy it is a perfect Christmas gift! See the foyer for a copy of the book. Email: [office.goodshepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.goodshepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au) or 6255 7888 to order your copy.



## Celebrating 100!

All are invited to a cuppa and cake on Thursday 24 November after the 9:15am Anointing Mass to celebrate Laurie Hancock's 100th birthday (which was on 27 August).

*Lord, thank you for being a different kind of King.  
Thank you for your goodness and kindness in our lives.  
Thank you for your generosity.  
Thank you for loving us.  
Thank you for your Kingdom that is unlike any  
Kingdom in this world.*

# YOUTH GROUP

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

- ◆ 27 November
- ◆ 11 December  
Christmas Party

**Youth Mass—Sunday  
20 November 9:30am**



St John Paul II College Gungahlin



# JPC Band Extravaganza

## Community Picnic

### Wednesday 23rd November

### 4:30 - 7:30 pm

### 1021 Gungahlin Drive - College Oval

- JPC Band Performances
- Sausage Sizzle - \$3.00
- Scott's Food Van - Ice Cream & Drinks
- BYO Picnic

*JPC is collecting non-perishable food items for the Yinnies Christmas hampers. Please bring something to donate*

*All proceeds to St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal*



Holy Spirit Parish  
invites you to our

*Youth & Altar Server*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Party*

**Sunday 11 December**

**3:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Holy Spirit Parish Office**

Youth (years 6-12) are invited to stay after the party  
(5:00pm - 7:00pm) to watch a Christmas movie

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**All youth, altar servers, and  
their families are welcome**

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Please RSVP and send any dietaries to  
[youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

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# Children's Carols Choir Practice



**Saturday 19 November**

**11:00am at the Church**

All are welcome. Children will be perform on 3 December.

[theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) or 0472 921 518

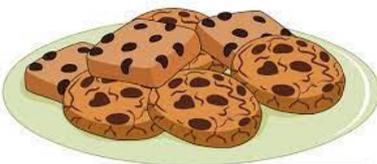
## Apples and Cookies!

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch.

At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

Sister made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

"Take only ONE. God is watching"



Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



## 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 Office and Presbytery

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### Parish Groups

**Craft Group** | Beth Forshaw

Mondays 1:30pm Parish Office

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**Reflecting on Scripture** | Fortnightly on Tuesdays

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