



# 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

14-15 January 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday

7am Mass

### Thursday

9:15am Mass

### Friday

7am Mass

### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

### Sunday

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Mass



## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

8:30am  
2nd and 4th Sunday of  
each month

## What brings faith alive?

'John the Baptist was a man whose life sent a powerful, unambiguous message to those who came across him. If one of us were to stand in the wilderness dressed in animal skins, we might wonder what kind of message we might send. Yet we can see that the way that John lived his life was perfectly suited for being a herald of Jesus Christ. Any attention that John drew was immediately deflected away from himself to the one that he had come to point out. He was an effective signpost to Jesus because he pointed towards him with his whole life, which illuminated the truth that he spoke when he said "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the World."

'The faith that we have, handed down to us from the Apostles, is the most important thing that we have to offer to our world. But if we're not careful, the beliefs that we hold can seem to others as simply a set of words with little or no relevance. What brings our faith alive, and makes it attractive to others, is when those words are lived out in every aspect of our lives. It's then that people can see the great richness that life with Christ holds for all those who seek him.'

- Excerpt from a homily by Fr Robert Gay OP



## To kneel or to stand—that is the question.

Dear parishioners, in an effort to maintain consistency and clarify confusion, last week, I announced that the congregation will remain standing during the 'breaking of the bread'. I have since received feedback from you which Fr Eden and I have considered and going forward we will now **KNEEL** after the 'Lamb of God'. I thank you all for providing feedback and encourage you to keep them coming! By way of background, below are the instructions to support our way forward. Sorry for any confusion caused.—Fr Troy.

### THE GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL No. 42 Movements and Posture

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal regarding Gestures and Bodily Posture it states. The gestures and bodily posture of both the Priest, the Deacon, and the ministers, and also of the people, must be conducive to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, to making clear the true and full meaning of its different parts, and to fostering the participation of all. 52 Attention must therefore be paid to what is determined by this General Instruction and by the traditional practice of the Roman Rite and to what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice.

**Regarding Kneeling** Where it is the practice for the people to remain kneeling after the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) until the end of the Eucharistic Prayer and before Communion when the Priest says Ecce Agnus Dei (Behold the Lamb of God), it is laudable for this practice to be retained.

So according to the "General instruction of the Roman Missal." It is up to the Conference of Bishops to change, so the POSTURE will be to KNEEL at the "Fraction Rite" (the breaking the bread).

**This Weekend's Readings:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, 1 Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

# Upcoming Events

\* **Pray the Rosary with Legion of Mary**

Please join our Legion of Mary group on the first Saturday of each month after 5:00pm Mass.



\* **Sunday 29 January 2023 at 6:00pm—Mass followed by dinner the Congregation of Mary of Peace.**

You are invited to attend and celebrate the Mass of the Presentation of the Lord - which is the Feast Day of our Community, The Sisters of Mary Queen of Peace in Canberra. The Mass will be celebrated by the Nuncio, His Excellency Most Rev. Charles Daniel Balvo who will concelebrate with Monsignor John Baptist Itaruma and other Priests.

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RSVP to Sr Kim: [queenofpeace.nvhb@gmail.com](mailto:queenofpeace.nvhb@gmail.com) or [kimhoa30@hotmail.com](mailto:kimhoa30@hotmail.com) or Mobile: 0434173479.

\* **Thursday 26 January 2023 at 9:15am—Anointing Mass**

Mass followed by Morning Tea. All are welcome to attend.



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



**For those who are sick**

Jim Banks  
Diego Castaneda  
Dorrell Hogan  
Rhonda Lipton  
Grant  
Alan Demascus  
Gowri Shivasabesan  
Kathy Morris  
Juana Iris Gvevara  
Sandra Cortez  
Priscila Adriano  
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell  
Alex Yap  
Caitlin Wigglesworth

**Recently Deceased**

Earle Maher  
Ros McGovern  
Cardinal George Pell

**Anniversaries**

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](#)

## Children's Sacramental Program 2023



### Sacrament of Confirmation

For children in Year 6 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023. Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 14 February** at the church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated **9, 10, 11 May 2023.**

Enrolment link: <https://forms.gle/oGMZ2GXVxi477pos9>

### Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation

For children in Year 3 and above wishing to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2023. Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 20 June** at the church.

### Celebration of First Reconciliation

Week of **21 -24 August**

### Celebration of First Eucharist

At Masses on weekends

**9-10 September and 16-17 September**



For more details please visit our [website: www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](http://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) or Contact the REC at school.

“Every great movement of God can be traced down to a kneeling figure.”

D.L. Moody

### 'HERE I AM LORD'

Sometimes it seems to all we do in prayer is simply present ourselves to God and wait, in trust, for him to tell us his will and gave us the means to do it. As his own word put it: 'Be still and know that I am God.' We come silently and lovingly to you with all our baggage and know that he will love and guide us. It needs an open generous heart to be able to say, 'Here I am, Lord, weak but ready to do whatever you ask of me'. It is also frightening because we always think that God's work is hard and demanding, feeling that it will be more crucifixion than resurrection.

With love and trust and the help of the Spirit we realise that, although God's will is not always ours, doing it will bring us peace.



# Parish News and Activities



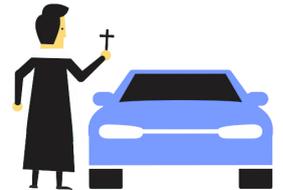
## Volunteer Opportunity—Church Window Display Decorator

After 14 years of beautifully preparing our window display to mark the different liturgical seasons and themes, Veronica Davis formally finished up in this role at the end of December. We thank Veronica for her beautiful and meaningful work and her commitment to the task.

An opportunity now exists for someone who would like to use their creative flair to decorate our church window display and continue on from Veronica. All the materials will be supplied, all you need to do is bring your creativity and time to prepare the windows. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please email [theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) or call 6242 9622.

## Car Blessings

Car blessings available after Mass every 4th weekend of the month. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.



## 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 9 February 2023. Please phone Debbie Hofman 6258 1563 or email [charnwood@cg.org.au](mailto:charnwood@cg.org.au) for a copy of the Duty Statement.

## February and March Ministry Rosters

By now most of you should have received an email from Anne requesting your availability for February and March. If you did not receive an email, please complete the online form here and you will be included in future emails. Many thanks!

[Roster Form](#)



## You Belong to God

At issue here is the question: "To whom do I belong? God or to the world?" Many of my daily preoccupations suggest that I belong more to the world than to God. A little criticism makes me angry, and a little rejection makes me depressed. A little praise raises my spirits, and a little success excites me. It takes very little to raise me up or thrust me down. Often I am like a small boat on the ocean, completely at the mercy of its waves. All the time and energy I spend in keeping some kind of balance and preventing myself from being tipped over and drowning shows that my life is mostly a struggle for survival: not

a holy struggle, but an anxious struggle resulting from the mistaken idea that it is the world that defines me. . . .

As long as we belong to this world, we will remain subject to its competitive ways and expect to be rewarded for all the good we do. But when we belong to God, who loves us without conditions, we can live as he does. The great conversion called for by Jesus is to move from belonging to the world to belonging to God.

- Henri Nouwen

## The future son-in-law:

The rich businessman Raymond goes to meet his new son-in-law to be, Ben. He says to Ben, "So, tell me Ben, my boy, what you do?" "I study the Theology," he replies. "But Ben, you are going to marry my daughter! How are going to feed and house her?" "No problem," says Ben, "I study Theology, and it says God will provide." "But you will have children! How will you educate them?" asks Raymond. "No problem," says Ben, "I study Theology, and it says God will provide." "When Raymond returns home, his wife anxiously asks him what Ben is like. "Well," says Raymond, "he's a lovely boy. I only just met him, and he already thinks I'm God."



*If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.*

- Meister Eckhart

## 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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Download our parish app: [Pocket Parish from App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

### Parish Groups

**Craft Group** | Beth Forshaw  
Mondays 1:30pm Parish Office

**St Vincent de Paul** | Maria Stark—Regional President  
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**Call to Connect** | Anne Smart  
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**Reflecting on Scripture** | Fortnightly on Tuesdays  
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