



# 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

28-29 January 2023

4th 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

## An Inclusive Critique

(Matthew 5: 1 - 12)

Far from an airy-fairy pious teaching, the Beatitudes are an incisive critique of the values and codes of behaviour found in the twenty-first century. In a world where success is measured by possessions, Jesus called blessed those who are poor in spirit. In a country where pain and death are avoided at all costs, Jesus called those who mourn. In companies and corporations where people jockey for power, Jesus called blessed those who are meek. In a litigious society that often seeks revenge, Jesus called blessed peacemakers and the merciful. Though Jesus taught the Beatitudes two thousand years ago, they remain timeless challenges and critiques of our contemporary culture.

### Pray

Jesus, your Beatitudes turn the standards and ethics of our world topsy-turvy. They reveal to us that in the kingdom of heaven, there's more to life than meets the eye. Give us the grace to embrace these counter-cultural teachings and to live them out at home and in the office. May we come to be called "blessed". Amen.

### Ponder

How do the Beatitudes challenge my current way of living?

### Kids' Corner

On spirit days, everyone wears school colours of blue and gold. But somebody always forgets, so today Courtney brought an extra blue T-shirt. She knows how it feels to be the person who doesn't fit in. Courtney is thinking about others. That's a little of what Jesus means by being poor in spirit. Instead of filling ourselves up with all that we want, Jesus wants us to empty ourselves of selfishness and think about what we can give. How can we help others to be the best people they can be? When we do that, we can all be blessed and happy!

Jesus, help me to be poor in spirit. Amen. - [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

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



## Back to School Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children who will begin their new school year next week. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

**This Weekend's Readings:** Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31,  
Matthew 5:1-12

# 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.

## Children's Sacramental Program

### 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>

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

### Classics Anew

Certain pieces of music have had an incredible impact on my life. The first time I heard Pachelbel's "Canon in D Major," I was brought to tears. I felt the same way when I heard Ralph Vaughn Williams's "Adagio for Strings" and the Righteous Brothers' "Unchained Melody". These three pieces remain favourites of mine and still have a huge impact on me. But nothing can replace the very first time I heard them.

Our gospel this weekend is one of the most important passages in all of scripture. The Beatitudes are the sum total of the meaning of salvation that Jesus came to share with us. They were destined to become the guideposts of who we are, even more than what we do, as Christians. They are radical in their outlook, challenging those who hear them to look at the world and all they value in new and different ways.

Imagine the very first time the Beatitudes were heard by the crowd and the disciples sitting on the side of the hill. Most probably fled, some in disgust, others laughing at Jesus' naïveté, and some in fear of the power of his message. The disciples must have felt something stir within them that would be dormant until the Spirit anointed them on the first Pentecost.

We've heard these words at weddings, at funerals, at Sunday Mass, and at prayer services. So perhaps they have lost some of their impact. Can we try to hear them as though we've never heard them before? Maybe not. But let's listen more closely the next time the words "Blessed are ..." are proclaimed to our ears and hearts. - [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)

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

Phillip Dodds

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](#)

### The Pope's Monthly Intention for February 2023

We pray  
that parishes, placing  
communion  
at the center,  
may increasingly  
become communities  
of faith, fraternity  
and welcome towards  
those most in need.



# Get to know our priests!

**Name:** Fr Eden John Langlands

**Birthday:** 1<sup>st</sup> August

**How many siblings:** 6 (4 brothers & 2 sisters)

**Ordination date:** 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Previous parishes:** St. Bernard's Batemans Bay & Sacred Heart Moruya

**Favourite food:** I enjoy just about anything: Japanese and Korean are my favourite Asian cuisines. Some of my closest friends are Lebanese so I have grown to love their food too! I also really like German and Polish food.

**Tea or Coffee:** Coffee in the morning and tea throughout the day

**Favourite band/song/genre:** My Spotify Wrapped last year showed a very eclectic mix of my favourite music. I enjoy 70s/80s rock and some modern pop music but I also love classical music: Chopin, Bach and Vivaldi are favourites.

**Favourite movie/book:** I am a huge fan of Michael O'Brien's novels, Fr Elijah would be my favourite

**Favourite sport/team:** I enjoy watching NRL – I am not as loyal as most but I've always had a liking to the Penrith Panthers and Melbourne Storm I also enjoy watching Tennis.

**Favourite Season:** Autumn

**Least favourite household chore:** Ironing

**Hobbies:** I enjoy bike rides, going to the gym, playing tennis, catching up with friends, good food and wine.

**Favourite person from the Bible (other than Jesus):** The Blessed Virgin Mary but St. Joseph and John the Apostle are also favourites of mine

**Favourite Saint:** I have a few: St. Joseph, St. John the Apostle, St Therese of Lisieux, St. Padre Pio, St. Alphonsus Ligouri... there are more but these I ask for their intercession very often!

**If I wasn't a priest, I would be....** I couldn't imagine myself as anything else, but I enjoyed my job in accounting before I went to the seminary.

**Life motto:** "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" (Romans 12:12)

**Favourite quote or prayer:** "Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1)

**Name:** Troy Joseph Bobbin

**Birthday:** 28 October

**How many siblings:** 4 (2 brothers and 2 sisters)

**Ordination date:** 17 May 1996

**Previous parishes:** 2000 – 2006 Our lady help of Christians Ardlethan and St Therese Barellan 2006 – 2010 Western Mission incorporating St Mary's West Wyalong and St Joseph's Ungarie and taking back Our lady help of Christians Ardlethan and St Therese Barellan 2011 – 2022 St Gregory's Qyeanyan

**Favourite food:** Italian

**Tea or Coffee:** Expressos

**Favourite band/song/genre:** Supper tramp, Redgum and the bands of the 60's and 70's musicals

**Favourite movie/book:** author Jeffery Archer

**Favourite Season:** Autumn and spring

**Least favourite household chore:** vacuuming

**Hobbies:** traveling planes and trains

**Favourite person from the Bible (other than Jesus):** Jeremiah

**Favourite Saint:** St Ignatius

**If I wasn't a priest, I would be....** architect, teacher

**Fun fact about yourself:** I like to wear fun socks

**Life motto:** live life to the full

**Favourite quote or prayer:** Jesus came so that I may have life and have it abundantly Jn 10:10

**Anything else you would like to share about yourself:** I have a little dog names Junie.



## Prayer For Fr Troy and Fr Eden

Eternal God, please bless Fr Troy and Fr Eden who represent You on this earth. Make them more greatly aware of the grace that You pour out through them when they minister the

sacraments, and help them to fall more deeply in love with You after each and every Mass that they celebrate.

Please strengthen them, who shepherd Your flock, when they are in doubt of their faith, that they may be examples of Your Truth and guide us always on the path to You. We ask these things of You through Your Son our Eternal Priest. Amen.



# Calling all youth!

## Term 1 Youth Group

The first Youth Group will begin in Week 3 of school.

Watch this space to find out more information about the 2023 Parish Youth Coordinators and Youth Group.



## 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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Troy Bobbin

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Eden Langlands

### Parish Office and Presbytery

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## Parish Groups

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

**St Vincent de Paul** | Drazen Roginic President  
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**Reflecting on Scripture** | Fortnightly on Tuesdays  
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