



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

11-12 February 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

7:00am Mass
6:00pm Holy Hour

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

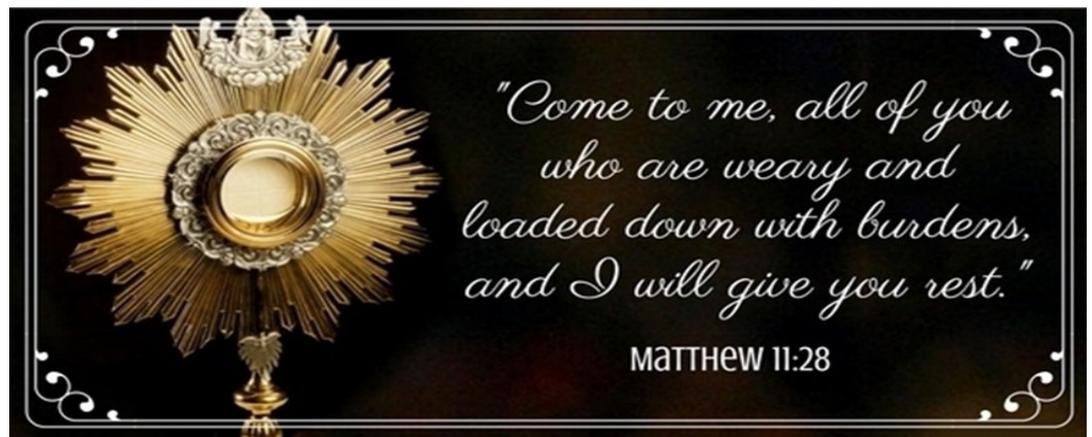
8:30am
2nd and 4th Sunday of
each month

Holy Hour and Reconciliation

There will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction every **Wednesday in the Church from 6:00pm – 7:00pm** starting Wednesday **15 February**. During this Holy Hour the Sacrament of Confession will be available.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an intimate encounter with Jesus Christ who remains with us until the end of time (Mt 28:20). All are welcome to come to adore Our Lord Jesus Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist and experience the peace and healing that he offers us.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession is also such an intimate encounter with the mercy of God, where we come to him just as we are, humbly admitting our need for his grace and mercy and being renewed and transformed by this personal encounter. There will be "How to go to Confession" guides available in the Church foyer for anyone to take.



New Weekday Mass Times

Thank you all for the feedback regarding Mass times. Starting from 20 February our weekday Mass times will be as follows:

- 9:15am for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- 7:00am and 12:00pm for Friday

Morning Tea to welcome Fr Troy and Fr Eden

Join us after 9:30am Mass on Sunday 12 February for a cuppa to welcome our new priests. Please bring a plate of yummy delights to share!



This Weekend's Readings: Sirach 15:15-20, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

Upcoming Events

- * **Saturday 11 February 12:30pm—Memorial Service** for Lillian Magdaline Dias. All are welcome to attend.
- * **Sacrament of Confirmation Information Sessions—
Tuesday 14 February 1:00pm and 6:00pm**
For children in Year 6 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023. Information sessions will be held at the church. For More details please visit the parish website or contact the REC at school.
Enrolment link: <https://forms.gle/oGMZ2GXVxi477pos9>
- * **Starting Wednesday 15 February—Holy Hour and Reconciliation** in the church.
- * **Saturday 18 February 5:00pm—Teachers and Staff Commissioning Mass**
Followed by a BBQ and refreshments. All parishioners are invited to attend.
- * **Sunday 26 February 5:00pm—return of Sunday Evening parish Mass.**



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
Ghlyianne Chelmiah

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Bibiana Lejano
Romeo Cabardo

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](#)

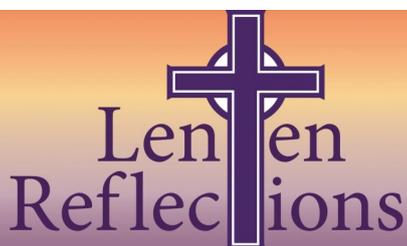
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WEDNESDAY

Mass Times

9:30am Parish Mass with Good Shepherd School

6:30pm Parish Mass

With schools starting up our Vinnies team have been working hard to supply food to those in need in Gungahlin. The pantry is very empty at the moment and in need of more supplies so that we can continue to provide for needy families. Please bring along non-perishable food items when you are coming to Mass and place them in the foyer basket.



Lenten Reflection Group—Expression of Interest

Fr Troy is offering to run Lenten discussion groups for our parish this year. We would like to know if anyone would be interested in attending these and if a day or evening session would work best. Please let us know [here](#) or contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



Introducing our 2023 Youth Coordinators



Hi, I am **Matthew Allen**. I am going into first year university studying science and biotechnology. I love camping, hiking, and playing boardgames. I am very passionate about creating a community for the youth here at Holy Spirit Parish.

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Hi, my name is **Frances Dinn** and I'm one of your youth coordinators for 2023. I work at the ANU in the Future Students team, and I teach Zumba classes. I like singing and playing guitar, reading, and watching TV

with my cat. I've been part of the parish almost all my life and I'm excited to continue building our wonderful youth community.



Our youth groups for this term are:

- ◆ 19 February
- ◆ 5 March (Youth Mass at 9:30am)
- ◆ 19 March
- ◆ 2 April

Come along to the parish centre on Sundays from 6:00pm—7:30pm. Gold coin donation for snacks. Any questions - email me—Matt or Frances at: youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

YOUTH MASS

5 March 2023 | 9:30am



Volunteer Opportunities

Parish Sacramental Program - Classroom Assistant

We urgently need volunteers to help us to provide support to those teaching our Parish Sacramental Class. The commitment will be for six Saturdays for one hour from 3:45pm-4:45pm starting Saturday 25 February. No qualifications necessary, you simply need to be in the class to help the teacher. A Working with Vulnerable People card will be required for this role.

Liturgy Preparation Committee - Expression of Interest

We are looking for people who are interested in being involved in preparing liturgy for our weekend services and/or special events. This may include writing prayers, preparing the liturgical space etc.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers

We have been so lucky to have so many generous people help us run our Children's Liturgy ministry over the years. Sadly we have lost many volunteers this year and we have not been able to start to program for Term 1. You do not need any qualifications, just a willingness to be a part of the team of people who want to share God's word to our little people. A Working with Vulnerable People card will be required for this ministry.

If you are interested in helping with any of the above roles, please contact Theivani 0472 921 518 or email theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE HOLY SPIRIT MUSIC MINISTRY

Holy Spirit Parish is blessed with several different musical groups of all age levels that minister each week at our various Masses. Perhaps you have thought about joining one of our groups but unsure how....? Perhaps you have wanted to lead your own group but have been reluctant.

All parishioners who are looking for a way to offer their time and talent by singing or playing an instrument and worshipping God through the gift of music are invited to come along to our relaxed and fun practice sessions on **Thursday nights 7:00pm at the church.** Our music ministry is a safe place for you to bring your heart and gifts to God and to tune in and deepen the worship

of your heart in a community of believers.

No time to commit every week? No problem! Even if you can only join in occasionally, we want to hear from you and get to know you!

Weekend Masses Practice: Thursdays 7:00pm at the church or one hour before each Mass with Music.

We know you are busy. However if something stirred deep down as you read this, please consider coming along to our **meet and greet evening on Thursday 16 February at 7:00pm.**

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



Gospel Reflection



We Are Given What We Choose

(Matthew 5: 17 - 37)

For 2000 years we've been living in the final chapter of this amazing story. Before it ends, Jesus wants us to get positioned for what's next even as we live in the undeniable context of what's now.

For instance, we're tempted to feel pretty good if we don't kill or commit adultery. Not bad, eh Lord? The religious folk of Jesus' time said the same thing because they led morally correct lives according to the law. Don't kid yourself, Jesus advises. Claiming righteousness now puts us in a bad position for the dawning kingdom. The truth is we're ALL sinners in need of forgiveness. "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick?" Jesus asks later in Matthew, "I'm after mercy, not religion" (9: 12 - 13).

In light of this, it's better to settle our differences than to maintain conflicts. Reconciliation is key: that's why it's a sacrament! It's a visible sign of the inward reality of the kingdom. But to claim it, we have to practice it. Only by living in forgiveness do we experience it.

Pray

God of our deepest yearnings, give us devoted hearts that seek to listen, think, and feel anew. Open in us the wisdom of Jesus, with the courage needed to travel his life-giving road. Amen.

Ponder

In what ways do you tend to see yourself as a pretty good person? How does "self-righteousness" teach you about the deeper reality of sin we all live with? Make conscious choices today. See the difference between what's passing and what's important. In the light of the forgiveness given to you, choose to be forgiving.

Kids' Corner

On Saturday morning, Kai's family worked on chores. Everybody pitched in. When they finished, they planned to order pizza and play board games. Kai's chore was to wash the breakfast dishes. He said yes. But first he wanted to read his joke book. When all the chores were done, Kai's family found him reading. And that stack of dirty dishes was still in the sink. They ordered pizza, and Kai was given the lunch dishes to wash as well. His family played board games nearby while he made good on his "yes" to washing those dishes!

Help me, Jesus, to be as good as my word. Amen.

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Dear God,
If I'm wrong, correct me. If I'm lost, guide me.
If I start to give up, keep me going.



Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2022

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	Variance	Budget 2023
Income				
Planned Giving/Second Collection	293,000	284,351	-8,649	275,000
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	11,900	21,040	9,140	16,000
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.	30,000	31,060	1,060	30,000
Other Revenue	30,000	43,711	13,711	39,000
Total	364,900	380,162	15,262	360,000
Expenditure				
Administration	230,017	232,872	2,855	266,826
Insurances	29,300	30,997	1,697	35,000
Capital Items	16,000	74,878	58,878	3,000
Property Expenses	40,180	16,818	-23,362	20,250
Total	315,497	355,565	40,068	325,076
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$49,403	\$24,597	(\$24,806)	\$34,924

Thanks everyone for your continued financial support of our Parish. The financial statements show that the parish recorded a surplus for 2022. This is despite the cost of substantial repairs to the church roof. Insurance premiums have risen substantially and further rises are expected. Solar panels were installed in November to power the presbytery and office. Overall revenue was up mainly due to the Piety stall run by the Legion of Mary. Planned giving continues to slide. We continue to promote the move to cashless contributions, which are currently around 70%. We thank you for this and encourage anyone wishing to move to cashless contributions to contact Tony Rose in the office.

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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