



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

18-19 February 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Ash Wednesday

9:30am Mass
6:00pm Reconciliation
6:30pm Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

10:00am 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

Perfection 101

(Matthew 5: 38 - 48)

Full disclosure: I have never done this, offered myself to an enemy for a second round. The very idea of turning the other cheek is totally appalling. When Jesus says offer no resistance to one who is evil, I say: Lord, you've got to be kidding. Of course, I'm going to resist evil. I'm going to run from the near occasion of the bad guys the moment I see them on the horizon. Jesus wants me to surrender my coat along with my shirt, and work twice as long for someone who's already taking advantage of me. The capstone of the whole teaching is the most ludicrous: love your enemy. Is Jesus pulling our leg?

It's obvious from reading the gospels that Jesus has a sense of humour. But he doesn't simply clown around. Jesus says all of these preposterous things to bring us along to the bottom line on this way of thinking: Be perfect, as God is perfect. Because God does turn the other cheek, doesn't resist us even when we're evil, gives and gives, and loves us deeply. Maybe we won't do these things. But thank heaven God will.

Pray

Teach us, O God, the way of your commandments and give us grace to follow where you lead. You break down the walls that separate us from one another. In everyone we meet, help us to see a neighbour and reach out in love and service. Amen.

Ponder

Clean up a mess you didn't make. Turn out a light somebody else left on. Ask a blessing on someone you don't like. Put up with someone who won't stop talking. Practice holiness. "When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves".

Kids' Corner

God lives in us, just as we live in our homes. And that means we are holy. But God's presence in us means we have a special responsibility. We take care of our physical bodies so we can stay healthy. We eat well and exercise. We don't do things that can harm us or others. We also take care of our spiritual bodies. We pray, we receive the sacraments, we follow Jesus' commandment to love others. Today, think about how you can take care of the temple where God lives in you - and how you can make God a welcome guest every day.

Loving God, help me be a good place for you to live. Amen.

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This Weekend's Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18, 1 Corinthians 3:16-23,
Matthew 5:38-48

Upcoming Events

- * **Starting Wednesday 15 February—Holy Hour and Reconciliation** in the church. Please note there will not be Holy Hour on Wednesday 22 February due to Ash Wednesday Mass. Reconciliation will be available from 6:00pm.
- * **Saturday 18 February 5:00pm—Teachers and Staff Commissioning Mass**
- * **Sunday 26 February 5:00pm—return of Sunday Evening parish Mass.**
- * **Tuesday 28 February 10:15am—Lenten Reflection Group**
All are welcome to attend this year's Lenten reflection group led by Fr Troy. Please contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au if you will be attending so that we can prepare resources.



ASH 22 February 2023
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.



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



For those who are sick

Jim Banks
Diego Castaneda
Dorrell Hogan
Rhonda Lipton
Grant
Alan Demascus
Kathy Morris
Juana Iris Gvevara
Sandra Cortez
Priscila Adriano
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Caitlin Wigglesworth
Ghlyianne Chelmiah
Kwang Hui Lim
Richard Smart

Recently Deceased

Domingo Apolinar
Ebel Bierman

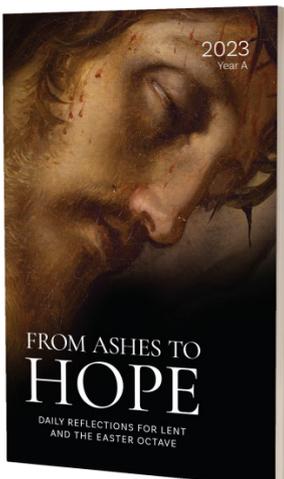
Anniversaries

Walter Konik
Francis Zazour
Yanina Mardula
Aimee Louise Crocker

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](#)

Lenten Reflection Book—On sale now in our Piety stall \$8 per copy!



- Daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week and to the Second Sunday of Easter
- For each day there is a double page spread with: the date; a Scripture verse; a short reflection; and a short prayer

From Ashes to Hope will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.

The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. As they 'look to Jesus' – in their families, workplaces and the community – they will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond.



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



Commissioning Mass - Saturday 18 February at 5:00pm This weekend we welcome all our staff from our Parish Schools.

We desire to recognise and affirm
the gift you are to each other,
to the children in your care and to the parents
with whom you share the role of nurturing the precious children in your care.



Loving God, we are all learners in your Kingdom. Help us as we journey together to support one another, to share our lives, and to work to see your kingdom come, in Jesus' name through the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession is 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.

Please note the parish Reconciliation times will now be on **Saturdays at 10:00am** and **Wednesdays at 6:00pm** during Holy Hour.

There will not be Holy Hour on Wednesday 22 February due to Ash Wednesday Mass.

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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Parish Groups

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Mondays 1:30pm Parish Office

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Call to Connect | Anne Smart
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