



# 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

29-30 April 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter | Year A



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday

9:15am Mass  
6:00pm Holy Hour and  
Reconciliation

### Thursday

9:15am Mass

### Friday

7:00am Mass  
12:00pm Mass

### Saturday

10:00am Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

### Sunday

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Mass  
5:00pm Mass

## Enter Through Me

(John 10: 1 - 10)

Sitting on a plane, I listened to the flight attendant reviewing the usual procedures for emergency exits, something all of us hope we don't have to make. She was pointing out the doors, the floor lights, the flotation devices and all those instructions that frequent fliers have heard countless times. I tried to imagine myself remembering all these details in a crisis, and doubted that I could. Pull WHAT cord? Move in WHICH direction? Even in the best of times, my sense of direction is terrible.

How wonderful that, in the most significant sense of the word, we do not have to make our way to safety on our own. Jesus is the gate, the gatekeeper, and the shepherd. Our only task is to listen to the voice of the Beloved, and to follow where it leads. No harm can come to the one who lives this simple rule. The alternative is, of course, to try to hold all the details in our finite and imperfect hands.

## Pray

Into the world, **we will go with God by our side.**

Into all life, **we will go with God on our way.**

Into every future, **we will go with God in every journey.**

For God is waiting there for us, **and we will meet God there.**

Amen.

## Ponder

What needs to change in your life? Turn this matter over to God in prayer, and spend some time in a quiet place listening for the Beloved voice to lead you.

## Kids' Corner

What's the difference between something we need and something we want? A want is something that would be nice to have, like a new bike or ice cream. A need is something we can't live without, like water, healthy food or shelter. Sometimes we get wants and needs mixed up. Or we forget that many people on our planet don't have basic things that everyone needs, like clean water, good food or safe homes. God gives us all that we need. But if we have more than that, God calls us to share it to help others.

God living among us, help us see how we can be a blessing to someone in need.  
Amen.

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## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Pentecost Feast Day Celebrations

Sunday 28 May after 9:30am Mass

**This Weekend's Readings:** Acts 2:14, 36-41, 1 Peter 2:20-25, John 10:1-10

# Upcoming Events

\* **Sunday 30 April 2023 5:00pm | Silver Jubilee Celebration**

Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS (Fr Thonn) is celebrating his 25th Religious Profession Anniversary at St Joseph's O'Connor. All are invited to attend Mass (celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse) at 5:00pm followed by refreshments. Please bring a plate to share.



\* **Thursday 4 May 2023—7:30pm | An Evening of Dialogue**

An Evening of Dialogue creates space for respectful dialogue on what is needed for humanity to flourish. The night will consist of keynote speakers, a Q&A session and an opportunity for open discussion. Keynote speakers include Dr Hugh Mackay (Social Psychologist and Author), Lara Kirk (Marriage, Family and Relationships Manager), Michael McGirr (Mission Facilitator at Caritas Australia and Author) and Professor Br David Hall FMS (Marist Brother and Dean of the ACU La Salle Academy). **Registration:** <https://bit.ly/41AKHAZ>

\* **Thursday 4 May 2023 6:00pm—Vocations Dinner at Archbishops House**

An informal evening comprising of a talk on the priesthood by Fr Josh Scott, Eucharistic Adoration, and a hearty meal. All those seeking to discern a vocation to the priesthood/religious life are welcome. Please contact one of our three vocations directors to rsvp - Fr Emil Milat: [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au); Fr Joshua Scott: [joshua.scott@cg.org.au](mailto:joshua.scott@cg.org.au), Fr Eden Langlands: [eden.langlands@cg.org.au](mailto:eden.langlands@cg.org.au).

\* **Saturday 6 May 2023 —10am-12.00pm | Building a Community of Women**

The Catholic Women's Taskforce invites all women of faith to join us for morning tea on Saturday 6 May at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre Manuka (or Zoom in on evening of 8 May). Consider joining the taskforce, as a member or a friend. Our strength lies in building community and providing ways to listen and share the experiences and opinions of other women of faith. Being together and listening to one another makes us all stronger and more resilient in our faith. Obviously, we are going to have coffee and cake – so please register your interest in person or for Zoom at: [www.cgwomen.com.au](http://www.cgwomen.com.au)  
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\* **Tuesday 23 May 2023 - 7:00 – 8:45 am | Catholic Men's Breakfast**

Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York), Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full. Cost: \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220) Enquiries Frank Stanford [fstanford200@gmail.com](mailto:fstanford200@gmail.com) 0417 664 110 **Registration:** <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>



**Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal** – Collection for Formation of our Seminarists:

This weekend we especially give thanks for the vocations that have sprung from our own communities – those young men whose families and lives are planted in our local parishes and who, God willing, will return as ordained priests to serve here. Please give a generous **donation** today or begin a **monthly donation** to support the education of our seminarists.

Special envelopes are provided in the church or donations can be made on-line at [bit.ly/goodshepherd2023](http://bit.ly/goodshepherd2023)

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



**For those who are sick**

Jim Banks  
Diego Castaneda  
Dorrell Hogan  
Rhonda Lipton  
Alan Demascus  
Kathy Morris  
Juana Iris Gvevara  
Sandra Cortez  
Priscila Adriano  
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell  
Caitlin Wigglesworth  
Ghlyianne Chelmiah  
Kwang Hui Lim  
Richard Smart  
Owen Sagrado  
Grant  
Maria Therese Cummins  
Marie Kelly-Moran  
Gail  
Aniceta Arguelles  
Terry Lewis  
Peter Knight  
Lateasha Marsden  
Elizabeth  
Adriano Cesar Junior  
Maria Teresa Meireles

**Recently Deceased**

Lubica Loleska  
Jude Solomon  
Axel Labutte  
Paul Holland  
Mike Charlton

**Anniversaries**

Oliva Molina Gonzales  
Bob Conway  
Peter Sargent  
Anzac Sullivan  
Laurie Corliss  
Owen and Faith Sagrado  
Jess Samson  
Felicity Jane Malouf  
Claudio Dairo Sr  
Denis O'Shea

**General Prayers**

Cora  
Pam Carey

We include those who are members of our Parish or relatives. Please email the parish office or click here to request prayers.

[Prayer Requests](#)

# MORNING BEANS

Young Adults (18-30)

EVERY FRIDAY

7am Mass  
Holy Spirit Church  
Gungahlin

7:30-9:00am Coffee  
Coffee Guru Cafe Amaroo

*Spill in at anytime!*

 @youth.gungahlin

## The Chosen—Discussion Group

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the program. Based on the information received the program will start on **Wednesday 3 May at 10:00am** and run for 8 weeks. For those who were interested in the evening sessions, please save the date: Tuesday 25 July at 7:00pm.

All are welcome to join Fr Troy and fellow parishioners in watching a few episodes of The Chosen with a discussion group to follow. It's not too late to join!



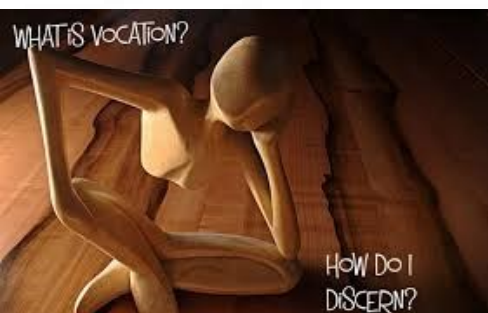
**Sundays  
6:00pm-7:30pm**

- ◆ 30 April (bonfire night)
  - ◆ 21 May
  - ◆ 28 May
  - ◆ 11 June
  - ◆ 25 June

Come along to the parish centre on Sundays. Gold coin donation for snacks. Contact Matt: [youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

## Children's Liturgy—Volunteers Needed

There will be a meeting/information session after 9.30am Mass next Sunday 30 April at the Parish Office, for those already involved or interested in joining the Children's Liturgy Team.



## Follow in Love

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation.

The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life - and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood.

Our active witness is to the life and the values of Jesus in our lives.

Teaching is not itself a vocation, for example, but the way we teach is a way of living out our vocation. It is the same with many of the helping professions and employments. Being a good neighbour can be a living out of our vocation.

We witness to love in marriage, in family, extended family, and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the love of God. In the moments of unselfish love in any relationship we are living out our vocation. When we love, we are doing God's will!

We witness to service in the wider world in our care for the poor and in welcoming the stranger.

In a place of silence, let the words 'Come, follow me' echo in your mind and heart.  
Lord, be with me as I offer myself in partnership with you to work in your world.

Fr Donal Neary, S.J - [www.catholicireland.net](http://www.catholicireland.net)

# Finance Update

**Thank you everyone for your continued financial support of our parish  
in what remain challenging times!**

Overall our Income is above budget so far this year. Planned giving continues to slowly decline. Other income is well above budget with the piety stall run by the Legion of Mary proving very successful. Overall Expenditure is below Budget for the year to date, however we are expecting higher expenses to be incurred in the next quarter. Overall this has resulted in a cash surplus.

**If you want more detailed information please contact Tony Rose (Finance Officer)  
at the Parish Office.**

## Income & Expenditure (3 months) to 31/3/2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b><u>Income</u></b>	-		
Planned Giving/Second Collection	68,000	66,997	(\$1,003)
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	3,850	3,685	(\$165)
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.	7,000	6,640	(\$360)
Other Revenue	5,050	7,090	\$2,040
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,900</b>	<b>84,412</b>	<b>\$512</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	-		
Administration	8,320	9,163	(\$843)
Priest's Cars and Superannuation	5,798	5,798	\$0
Salaries, Super, A Leave & LSL	42,300	37,498	\$4,802
Insurances	7,502	7,493	\$9
Other Expenses	2,150	3,965	(\$1,815)
Appeals/Donations/Quotas	4,500	3,554	\$946
Capital Items	3,000	5,478	(\$2,478)
Overall Property Expenses	760	271	\$489
Repairs & Maintenance	4,000	3,261	\$739
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,330</b>	<b>76,481</b>	<b>\$1,849</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$5,570</b>	<b>\$7,931</b>	<b>\$1,337</b>

## Open Yourself to God

To pray means to open your hands before God. It means slowly relaxing the tension that squeezes your hands together and accepting your existence with an increasing readiness, not as a possession to defend, but as a gift to receive. Above all, prayer is a way of life that allows you to find stillness in the midst of the world where you open your hands to God's promises and find hope for yourself, your neighbor, and your world. In prayer, you encounter God not only in the small voice and the soft breeze, but also in the midst of the turmoil of the world, in the distress and joy of your neighbor, and in the loneliness of your own heart.



Prayer leads you to see new paths and to hear new melodies in the air. Prayer is the breath of your life that gives you freedom to go and to stay where you wish, to find the many signs that point out the way to a new land. Praying is not simply some necessary compartment in the daily schedule of a Christian or a source of support in a time of need, nor is it restricted to Sunday mornings or mealtimes. Praying is living. It is eating and drinking, acting and resting, teaching and learning, playing and working. Praying pervades every aspect of our lives. It is the unceasing recognition that God is wherever we are, always inviting us to come closer and to celebrate the divine gift of being alive.

In the end, a life of prayer is a life with open hands—a life where we need not be ashamed of our weaknesses but realize that it is more perfect for us to be led by the Other than to try to hold everything in our own hands.

-Henri Nouwen

## 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

**Craft Group** | Beth Forshaw

Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

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