



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT and 220 Victoria St, Hall ACT  
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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

17-18 June 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 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  
7:30am Morning Beans  
11:50am Mass

### Saturday

4:15pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

### Sunday

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

## Sheep are Followers

(Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 9 - 23)

"We are his people, the sheep of his flock". How picturesque - all those cute critters grazing obediently, and I know I'm supposed to want that, but in my heart I'm thinking, "No thanks". Sheep are followers. I'm a terrible sheep. I don't want to follow. I want to control. For example, I want to control my schedule so that I never have to wake up while it's still dark. I want to turn on the radio as I'm getting ready and never hear a pledge drive. I want all the traffic lights in town to turn green as I drive up to them.

But the problem is deeper, and my own life reveals that, especially as I ponder the big things I'd like to control. I want my family to give me my way in everything. I don't want my friends to get sick, or at least to get well when I pray for them, especially the one I keep praying for who keeps getting sicker. I don't want to worry about finances, kids, the environment. I want everyone to practice compassion instead of escalating conflict to violence.

Uh-oh. The real issue here, I see, isn't that sheep are followers. The real issue is that sheep are not in control. Giving up control isn't a goal we can work toward - it's a statement about reality. We can't give up control because we don't have it in the first place! Yes, we must pray and work - clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and imprisoned. But we must also acknowledge that we don't control the outcome, and we can practice gratitude to the one who made us, whose kindness endures forever, who has placed us in this amazing flock and invited us to serve with joyful song.

### Pray

Jesus, you call us to live our faith, travelling beside you, in a world filled with tension. As you bring peace to the world, you also disrupt our peace - turning our lives upside down. May we be reminded of your constant love for us. May we feel your disturbing presence in our lives as a reminder that we are heard, known, and loved as cherished children of God. Amen.

### Ponder

Where is your life out of control - your children disrespectful, your health deteriorating, your job unsatisfying, someone in your circle sick or addicted or divorcing? Make a list, and then consider the thoughts and actions that are properly within your influence and those that are not. How would your actions today change if you embraced the beyond-your-control nature or even one of these situations?

### Kids' Corner

Many people probably looked at the same crowd Jesus saw that day. But how many of them saw what Jesus saw? Jesus is the Good Shepherd. When he looks at people - even people in a crowd - he looks deeply. He sees what people need.

Jesus calls his disciples to follow him and share the Good News of God's love. Jesus calls you to live as his disciples too. That means seeing people as Jesus sees them. Look at the people around you today. What do you see? Can you look a little deeper, as Jesus does, and see what they might need? How can you help? Lord Jesus, help me see others as you see them. 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

# Upcoming Events

- \* **Tuesday 20 June at 1:00pm and 6:30pm | First Holy Communion and Reconciliation** Information Sessions - For children in Year 3 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in 2023.
- \* **Tuesday 20 June 2023 - 5:30pm-7:00pm | Adult Faith Formation**  
Topic for this week: The Paschal Mystery: Jesus' Death & Resurrection
- \* **Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 10:00am | The Chosen Series Discussion group**  
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!
- \* **Friday 23 June 2023 - 7:30am-9:00am | Morning Beans for Young Adults (18-30)** Blossoms Café Ngunnawal—spill in at anytime!
- \* **Sunday 25 June 2023 6:00pm-7:30pm | Youth Group**  
Come along to the parish centre. Gold coin donation for snacks. Contact Matt: [youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)



## Parish Morning Tea for Fr Eden's 1st Anniversary of Ordination

Please join us to celebrate this special occasion and bring a plate of some yummy treats to share on Sunday 25 June after 9:30am Mass

## Position Vacant—Part Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St. Matthew and St. Vincent's Parish. This is a permanent part time position working from the Parish Office in Aranda. This position is for 22hrs per week, current days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone 6254 1827 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Essential Requirements, with a current resume may be addressed to Parish Priest -Fr. Simon Falk at [southbelconnen@cg.org.au](mailto:southbelconnen@cg.org.au) and should be received by 30th June, Interviews will be held on Wednesday 5th July.

## Vinnies Pantry Donations

Please donate continue to donate generously so that we can fill our pantry!  
There is a [helpful list](#) of items you can donate if you are stuck for ideas.

**Donations can be brought to:**

Weekend Masses, the parish office or [Stonehouse Amaroo](#).



## Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

It is not too late! If you are remotely considering, Fr Troy would like to encourage you to submit a nomination now and join us on the discernment night.

**Guidelines and nomination forms are in the church foyer or on the [parish website](#).**

Please submit your nominations by Friday 23 June 2023 to: [theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

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



### For those who are sick

Jim Banks  
Dorrell Hogan  
Rhonda Lipton  
Alan Demascus  
Kathy Morris  
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell  
Caitlin Wigglesworth  
Kwang Hui Lim  
Grant  
Maria Therese Cummins  
Gail  
Peter Knight  
Elizabeth  
Adriano Cesar Junior  
Maria Teresa Meireles  
Theresa and Joseph Tan  
Cyril Jolicoeur  
Richard Smart  
Sean Burke  
Jan Morris  
Bill Honess

### Recently Deceased

Josh Koh  
Donna Altman

### Anniversaries

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

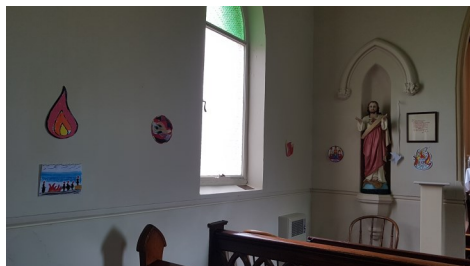
## Change to Mass Time on Friday 23 June 2023

Please note the 12:00pm Mass will start at 11:50am which will be combined with Good Shepherd School.

## Thank You Good Shepherd Primary!

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The parishioners of St Francis Xavier Church in Hall Village are so grateful to the students and staff of Good Shepherd Primary for creating such joyful and colourful artworks for us at Easter and Pentecost. Your lovely handcrafted pictures brought great happiness to us and brightened the walls of this holy place. God bless you all and know that you are always welcome in our country church.



## How you can contribute to a **SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE** in our Parish

On the weekend of **24/25 June** the Parish Social Justice Group will be holding "market stalls" after every Mass that will offer some practical examples of how we can all contribute to a better environment.

Stalls will include information about:

- the parish community garden and composting
- what a carbon footprint is
- a range of options for recycling items that you don't need anymore
- best practice for use of our kerbside bins
- how to avoid using plastics that often end up in our waterways and oceans.
- and more .....

One of the stalls will focus on the **Lids for Kids program**, which encourages kids to **recycle clean plastic lids from milk, water, soft drink and juice bottles**. The recycled lids are then processed into useful products which **stops them from ending up in land fill**.

Did you know these small lids cannot be placed in yellow lid recycling bins?

We would love to see our Parish children bring along some clean lids from home to next weekend's Masses.

There will be plastic tubs where you can deposit your lids and, if you are keen, you can help us sort them into their various colours.

So why not spend 10 minutes after Mass to drop off your lids and maybe visit the other market stalls.

You may have some other good ideas that you can pass on to our Social Justice Group.

## Service Begins at Home

Perhaps you entertain grand dreams of how to live out your Christian vocation. Perhaps foreign missions where you can "gather the lost sheep of the house of Israel," or cloisters in the desert, appeal to the romantic side of your nature. Why not give your life over to God's service in a blaze of excellent fervour? On your way to holy perfection, however, it's always a good idea to make a stop that's more accessible and just as worthy: right where you are. Can you love and serve the people already given to you in your family, neighbourhood, school, and parish? Before you dash off to save the world, share a little of that love at home. - [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



# Parish Pastoral Council Update

The Parish Council met this week to discuss next steps in the spiritual and community growth of the Holy Spirit Parish in the coming months and years.

We spoke of the emerging youth and young adult movement in the Parish. We are seeing the early sprouts of renewal among this key demographic through Morning Beans and other programs. Most importantly we are pleased to announce we have 10 pilgrims from the Parish heading to World Youth Day (WYD). We thank you for your support for our Pilgrims. As our crusaders, we will be holding a commissioning mass for them on 16 July 2023 before they depart. Join us to wish them the very best as they depart on 26 July 2023 for Portugal. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return in August.

Core to the agenda was the rejuvenation of the Parish Council, under Father Troy's guiding hand, as a voice for the Parish in the diocese and the Gungahlin-Hall community and how the Council should serve as Parish leaders. So we are still on the hunt for those who wish to join the Council as part of that rejuvenation. We ask you to express interest to the Priest and Parish Office before 1 July 2023 and then join us for a discernment night on 19 July 2023 to confirm the composition of the Parish Council going forward.

We also discussed the significance of 2023 to our Parish. This year marks 30 years of this Catholic beacon in the North. To mark this significant and momentous occasion we have commenced planning a week of faith foundation and community events between 15 and 22 October 2023. So please save the date in your diaries and send us through your ideas. More on the celebration will be coming out in July.

Lastly the Council would like to remind you that every second Sunday we have Mass at St Francis Xavier, Hall. It's a lovely worship and community experience to attend Mass out at this heritage church. Please consider putting this in your diary in the coming months.

So please look out for the latest news from the Council in the Parish newsletter and on our Parish socials ([Facebook](#), [webpage](#)).

## Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday 20 June at 5:30pm

Parish Office – all are welcome

Topic

**The Paschal Mystery:  
Jesus' Death and Resurrection**



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## Planned Giving Update

Thank you for your support and participation in making our Parish a beacon of the Holy Spirit. For those new to the Parish or not participating in the Planned Giving program please consider participating in the program by

picking up a GREEN Planned Giving Pledge form from the Church foyer and returning it to the Parish office.

**Many thanks to those who have updated their contribution to the parish.**

**For those who contribute by weekly envelopes** your envelopes for 2023-24 are available for collection in the Church Foyer from **this weekend**.

A reminder that **Tax receipts** are **no longer issued**, as the parish no longer contributes to the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund.

## Care for Creation Banner - MISSING

During Laudato Si' week, there was a banner on the fence as you drive into the Church car park, reminding us to *Care*

*for Creation*. It has been taken down and no one knows what's happened to it. Do you know anything about its disappearance?

The banner was presented to the Parish at the Care for Creation Conference in September last year and was prepared so it can be used each year.

If you took it down to be helpful, thank you, or if you know who has taken it down, could you return it to the Parish Office, please. Thank you from members of the Social Justice Group.



## WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### First Collection (Supporting all priests of the Archdiocese)

1. BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00029248 Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund Ref: Gungahlin and Surname
2. Tap and Go machines or Qkr!

### Second Collection (For the upkeep of our parish, staff salaries, parish loans, liturgical needs etc)

1. Click on <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/donations-payments/secure-online-payments/>
2. Direct Credit: BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish
3. Tap and Go machines or Qkr!



## CONNECT WITH US

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**Assistant Priest:** Fr Eden Langlands

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### Parish Groups

**Craft Group** | Beth Forshaw

Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

**St Vincent de Paul** | Drazen Roginic President

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**Call to Connect** | Anne Smart

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**Holy Spirit Prayer Group** | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028

Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church

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