



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 July 2023

17th 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
12:00pm Mass

Saturday

4:50pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

Kingdom Stories

(Matthew 13: 44 - 52)

The last few weeks we've been treated with kingdom stories. Some are casual, like the woman kneading dough or the sower going out to plant a field. Some are loaded with suppressed excitement: the merchant finding the pearl, or the discovery of treasure in an unmarked field. What kind of kingdom can be glimpsed from a net cast lightly into the sea, emerging with the day's catch AND a year's worth of junk?

What's clear is that the kingdom of God isn't a simple idea. It's not the usual religious jaunt from a life of good works to a heavenly reward. The kingdom is known through fidelity to small tasks yet holds enormous surprises and can lead to high spiritual gambles. We may be willing to put a pinch of piety into the dough and watch the bread rise. But not all of us will sell everything, even to purchase the brightest pearl on earth. Gamble, with our nest egg?

In fact, every kingdom story has its own risk factor. Not every loaf will rise, not every field sown will produce a yield. The dragnet of human experience pulls up what's useful to spiritual growth and more garbage to haul around. We're choosing, in every minute, how much we will sacrifice, how much to risk.

Pray

Surprising God, is your presence like yeast, or engulfing weeds, or reckless investment, or indiscriminate fishing? As we ponder your reign among us, demand our attention and inspire our service. Alert and revitalised, we thank you. Amen.

Ponder

Bake a loaf of bread. Plant a seed. Go fishing. Invest in something really important. But whatever you do, consider how your actions teach about God's kingdom and how it comes into the world through you.

Kids' Corner

It's not always easy being a kid, is it? So much to learn and so many questions to ask! Young Solomon felt that way too. Before his father King David died, he appointed Solomon the new king. Solomon was afraid. He would have to lead his people, but he didn't know how. He knew he needed guidance, so he turned to God. He asked for an understanding heart and the wisdom to know right from wrong. The Lord was pleased when Solomon knew he could always trust in the Lord's support and love. You can too!

Loving God, please be my guide. Amen. - www.gpbs.com.au



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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



Pantry Donations Needed!

Our pantry supplies are low and we need your help to fill it up so that we can continue to help the Gungahlin region's vulnerable families.

Upcoming Events

- * **Sunday 30 July 3.30-4.45pm | True Life in God (TLIG) Prayer Meeting**
(Prayer & Fellowship). Bring your rosary beads. For further information on the True Life of God Messages visit the Parish website. Prayer meeting to be held in the Parish Office.
Contact: Tom Kalliath: 0434 689 957 or Tony Cassar: 0497 804 676
- * **Wednesday 9 August at 7:00pm | Becoming Catholic Information Session**
All are invited to encourage people they know who are seeking to find out more about the Catholic faith to attend this session. Session will be held at the Parish Office.
- * **Next Vocations discernment dinner** on Thursday 10 August at Queanbeyan presbytery: 5:30pm Mass, 6pm Confessions & Adoration, 6:45 dinner, 7:45 Vocations discussion & 8:30 conclude with Night Prayer. For young men considering a call to the priesthood. To rsvp contact Fr Josh josh.scott@cg.org.au or Fr Emil 0414523036.
- * **Wednesday 16 August at 7:00pm | RCIA Mentors Information Session**
All who would like to take a role as a mentor for someone who is learning about the Catholic faith. Session will be held at the Parish Office. For more information, contact theivani@holypsiritgungahlin.org.au
- * **Morning Beans for Young Adults will return on Friday 18 August at 7:30am-9:00am** - Blossoms Café Ngunnawal
- * **Saturday 26 August at 7:00pm | Parish Family Games Night**
Save the date! Tickets on sale now via Qqr!
- * **8-15 October | Parish 30th Anniversary Celebrations**
Save the date for this week long celebration of various events.



Ministry Rosters! We Need You!!



We are currently preparing our Mass Ministries roster for August. If you would like to sign up to any ministries, please complete the form below or contact the parish office. We are particularly looking for people who can help at our Sunday 5pm Mass. If you would like to be a reader, Altar server, Powerpoint operator, please [sign up here!](#)
Or contact Anne:
officesupport@holypsiritgungahlin.org.au

Chairs Set Up—Help Needed

We have recently lost a couple of members from our chairs team and we now have some vacancies! If you can spare an hour or so on a Saturday morning to help us set up chair, please contact the parish office to sign up.

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



For those who are sick

Jim Banks
Dorrell Hogan
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
Jan Morris
Bill Honess
Ghylianne Chelmiah
Mon
Tony Johnston
Brianna Alter
Joyceline Radjam
Dylan Smith
Jason Yeh

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Sonja Trainer
Maria Sant

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Holy Hour

Please come along on Wednesday 2 August at 6:00pm.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

FAMILY

Games Night

7:00PM – 9:30PM
 SATURDAY 26 AUGUST
 HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH &
 GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL HALL
 93 BURDEKIN AVENUE, AMAROO

TRIVIA ROUNDS!
PRIZES FOR BEST THEMED TABLE
GAMES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

\$10 per person
Gold Coin Entry for under 12 years old

FIND OUT MORE @ WWW.HOLYSPIRITGUNGALIN.ORG.AU

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**BOOKINGS
 NOW OPEN!**

Book your tickets now
 via Qkr! (preferred)



Or via this [link online](#)

Please contact the
 parish office if you
 have questions.

HELP US WITH OUR GAMES NIGHT

We are seeking donations for our prizes for adults and children. Please bring these along to Mass or you can drop them off at the parish office.

We are happy to receive any of the following:

- Wines
- Boxed Chocolates
- Gift Vouchers
- Small Toys or Games
- Colouring Pencils/Crayons and Colouring Books
- Pre-packed gift hampers (non-perishable)
- Money for us to purchase prizes



We also need volunteers to help us run a few things.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Theivani: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or 0472921518.

Finance Update

Parish Financial Facts That We Need To Be Aware Of That Are Highlighted In The Statistics Below

In speaking to some parishioners, there seem to be a perception that the Parish is still producing substantial profits as it once did in the past, however, this is far from the truth. With the declining mass attendances and reduction of Planned Givers and Pledged Amounts, the "glory" years of the past, where we achieved surpluses of over \$100,000, have truly vanished. As we move from a time of newly constructed buildings and are now entering the cycle of replacement, repairs and maintenance, we can expect ongoing substantial expenditure in this area for many years to come.

In view of this ever changing financial climate, where everyone is experiencing little growth in income and substantial growth in expenses, the Parish is no exception so with known decreases in income and increases in expenditure we have found it necessary to revise our original budget for the 2023 year, which now estimates a small surplus of \$6,812. This is not an attempt to frighten anyone, but simply keeping you abreast of the Parish's current financial position.

Overall, our income so far this year, is a little above budget, however planned giving continues to decline. Other, smaller sources of income, such as the Piety Stall, are providing some modest offset. Expenditure is right on budget for the year to date, but, along with the rising cost of living we all face, we expect to incur higher expenses.

Income & Expenditure (6 months) to 30/6/2023 Plus Revised Budget to 31/12/2023 and Some Past Performances (Excluding Church/Office/Presbytery Building and Loan Repayments & Interest)							
	Actual 31/12/2008	Actual 31/12/2015	Actual 31/12/2022	Budget to June 2023	Actual to June 2023	Variance	Revised Annual Budget 2023
Planned Givers	348	334	275		253		
Income							
Planned Giving/Second Collection	231,699	260,876	284,351	137,000	141,527	\$4,527	275,000
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals		12,975	21,040	8,000	7,410	(\$590)	16,000
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.		31,525	31,060	16,000	15,200	(\$800)	19,800
Other Revenue	153,554	39,470	43,711	13,370	14,741	\$1,371	39,800
Total	385,253	344,846	380,162	174,370	178,878	4,508	350,600
Expenditure							
Administration	21,709	19,161	37,119	19,570	17,035	(\$2,535)	36,750
Priest's Cars and Superannuation	11,294	16,110	23,095	11,595	11,595	\$0	23,283
Salaries, Super, A Leave & LSL	5,330	81,731	162,622	91,448	92,143	\$695	185,625
Insurances	16,651	21,847	30,997	15,004	14,987	(\$17)	37,980
Other Expenses	6,137	8,574	10,037	8,650	8,413	(\$237)	22,900
Appeals/Donations/Quotas	28,237	49,216	16,504	9,000	7,109	(\$1,891)	20,000
Capital Items		4,972	12,950	3,000	11,109	\$8,109	3,000
Overall Property Expenses	7,741	6,215	4,271	1,620	531	(\$1,089)	3,250
Repairs & Maintenance			58,319	8,000	5,078	(\$2,922)	11,000
Total	97,099	207,826	355,914	167,887	168,000	113	343,788
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	288,154	137,020	24,248	6,483	10,878	4,395	6,812

Finance Update continued...

Capital Expenditure and Repairs and Maintenance Carried Out Over The Past Six Months	
Roof Repairs Continue	Hopefully recent work carried out will bring an end to all roof leaks.
Church Heaters	Have been serviced and repaired and are now fully operational.
Office Flooring	Carpet has been laid in the public area and meeting room.
Presbytery Doors	Security screens have been installed on the presbytery front door.
Office Exterior Painting & patching	Both of these jobs have been carried out by Frank Glavinic for the cost of materials only, saving the Parish substantial expenditure. Thank you Frank for the great work and the time and effort you put in, it is very much appreciated.
Church Eves (Under cover leading to and around church front entrances) Repair and repaint.	

The Voice to Parliament

There is a lot of debate going on about the referendum for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

What should Christians do?

We probably need to weigh up the various arguments for and against and maybe pray for God's guidance on what is best for the nation.

The official cases for and against the Voice can be found on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.

If we reflect on how Jesus acted when he was on this earth, we know that he cared deeply about the outcasts of Jewish society at the time. He cured lepers, he sat at a well and talked to a Samaritan women when most Jews wouldn't have given her the time of day. Jesus also ate and drank with tax collectors and sinners, which brought great criticism from the Pharisees. Jesus didn't care.

In many ways Indigenous Australians have been the outcasts of our society. Their life expectancy is lower than for other Australians. The birthweights of their children are generally lower and the rate of infant mortality is higher. Indigenous children are less likely to attend and finish their schooling. The suicide rate among Indigenous Australians is twice as high as that for other Australians. Indigenous Australians are still much more likely to have their children taken away from them. And Indigenous Australians are much more likely to be incarcerated, often for petty offences.

Would a Voice to Parliament make a difference? Most Indigenous Australians think it would (over 80% according to a Yougov poll conducted in April).

At the least the Voice proposal would recognise Indigenous Australians in the Constitution for the first time and acknowledge them as the First Peoples of Australia.

The Voice would also allow Indigenous Australians to make representations to government and the Parliament on matters that have a particular impact on them. Government policies and laws have often been made in the past without reference to the people they affect.

We all need to think carefully about this issue. One possible starting point is to read the Uluru Statement from the Heart which was where the proposal for a Voice to Parliament came from. In fact the Australian Catholic Bishops have encouraged all Catholics to read and discuss the Uluru Statement.

For parishioners who are interested there will be an information session run by the Parish Social Justice Group after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 13 August where there will be a chance to discuss the Uluru Statement and the Voice proposal.



HOLY SPIRIT

YOUTH Cungahlin Youth Group

 Yr 5 - 8

 Every Week: 5-7pm

We start together with **Mass** and sit at the front, on the left side, near the choir.

FUN - SNACKS - FAITH

Term 3 Dates

Week 1: July 23

Fun Night

Week 5: Aug 20

Story Time 'World Youth Day'

Week 6: Aug 26

Family Games Night

- **Saturday** 7pm - 9:30

(Gold coin entry)

Week 7: Sep 3

Youth Series

Week 8: Sep 10

Fun Night

Week 9: Sep 17

Youth Series

Week 10: Sep 24

Fun Night



At Holy Spirit Church (93 Burdekin Avenue, Amaroo)



Have a question?

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COMMUNITY GARDEN COMPOSTING



FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SCRAPS

Would you like to help our community garden and at the same time send less of your household waste to landfill

IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO FIND TIME

If you would like to be involved but don't have much time, you can drop off your fruit and vegetable scraps and place them in the marked compost bin



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Just collect your fruit and vegetable waste. It's best if pieces are small in size as this helps them to break down more quickly. No citrus or plastic fruit labels. Everything else is pretty good. We also take coffee grounds...



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Theivani in the parish office via email: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or Fiona via our Facebook Page Holy Spirit Parish Community Garden
We may also create a WhatsApp group if there is interest.



World Youth Day



This week representatives from our Parish left for World Youth Day in Lisbon. On Sunday, 15 July Fr Troy blessed the pilgrims at the end of Mass as they prepare to set off for Lisbon as ambassadors for Christ and representatives of all the young people in our Parish. The Mass was followed by morning tea which was noisy and full of excitement as the young people and their families met parishioners who mingled and talked together about the possibilities and excitement of those attending WYD.

We continue to keep our Parish representatives and all people attending this WYD in our prayers and thoughts.

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!



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