



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

26-27 August 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass  
5:30pm Faith Formation

### Wednesday

9:15am Mass  
6pm Holy Hour and  
Reconciliation

### Thursday

9:15am Mass

### Friday

7:00am Mass  
7:30am Morning Beans  
12:00pm Mass

### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

### Sunday

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

## A Peg in a Sure Spot

(Matthew 16: 13 - 20)

One day soon, Peter will deny he ever knew Jesus. But at this moment, he's chosen to be the foundation upon which the future church will rest. Peter, in a sure spot? He was a nail driven into spackle! Is Jesus being ironic when he calls him a rock? In just a few more verses (see vs, 23), Jesus will call Peter the devil.

Jesus is Lord - but also a realist. Human nature is soft, like the flesh that contains it, and there truly is no better choice among the Twelve than Peter. From this impulsive, unschooled, self-preserving fisherman, God will raise up the rafters of a church that will see twenty centuries more. Not because Peter is great, but because God is. Not much can be built on flesh, as frail and uncertain as human beings are. But through the Spirit which gives the church its breath, the reign of God keeps on coming, on earth as it is in heaven.

### What part of your Christian commitment is like rock? What part is flesh?

#### Pray

God of loving kindness and inspiring courage, we see your vision for just relations between people and nations. Sanctify our hospitality to strangers. Inspire our resistance against oppression. Enable our advocacy. Sustain our struggle. Amen.

#### Ponder

Spend time with God the Mystery. Without words, prayer aids, or the usual props, sit in silence and let God's "unknowability" find you. Seek to be known, and not to know. "And now I'm going to tell you who you are. You are Peter, a rock".

#### Kids' Corner

Peggy stared at the test paper on her desk. None of the math problems looked familiar. But she'd already learned everything and studied. How could she have forgotten it all? Peggy closed her eyes and said a prayer: "Loving God, help me understand and remember". She opened her eyes. The answers didn't magically appear, but slowly Peggy remembered how to do the problems.

When you're stuck on anything at all, stop for a moment. Pray to God. God will guide you. (Of course, it always helps to study and prepare too!)

Holy Spirit, guide me with your wisdom and knowledge. Amen.  
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## 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](#).



## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

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

**This Weekend's Readings:** Isaiah 22:19-23, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

# Parish News and Events

- \* **Morning Beans for Young Adults | Friday 1 September at 7:30am-9:00am** - Blossoms Café Ngunnawal —spill in at anytime!
- \* **Tuesday 29 August 2023 - 5:30pm-7:00pm | Adult Faith Formation**  
Topic for this week: The Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation
- \* **Thursday 31 August 9:15am | Anointing Mass** followed by Seniors Morning Tea.  
All are welcome to attend.

## Community Messages

- ◆ **Galong retreat Living in God's Divine Will:** lead by Frs Hugh Thomas & Emil Milat, 25-27 August. A retreat to explore the deeper mystical journey of the Soul's interior life. Book directly with St Clements retreat centre [info@stclement.com.au](mailto:info@stclement.com.au), 02 63805222 or for more information please contact Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)
- ◆ **Wednesday 13 September | CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program | 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**  
Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple. Information and registration - [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)  
**Enquiries:** Helena Zobec [marriage.preparation@cg.org.au](mailto:marriage.preparation@cg.org.au) or 0405 440 463



### Tell No One

At a new job I took years ago, everyone I met in my first days mentioned how the general manager of the organisation was a genius. They spoke of him in awed tones. And so, when I met him, I was rather disappointed. I expected him to perform great feats of intelligence and management mastery right before my eyes. Instead he was quiet, unassuming, and down-to-earth. Mostly what he did was listen.

In a few meetings I attended with him at that time I came away annoyed that I wasn't seeing in this man what I thought everyone else was seeing. After all the build-up, I had expectations of who he ought to be and he ought to act, and he wasn't meeting those expectations. And so, for a long time I missed seeing what later came to be quite obvious - his own brand of quiet genius. He was not one to make a big splash. His gift was being able to see the essence of things and to keep our organisation focused on what mattered most. Expecting one thing, I almost missed what I had.

So, when I hear Jesus advise the apostles to tell no one he was the Christ, I can finally understand his point. Perhaps what he's saying is, "Let them discover this truth fresh for themselves". After all, if they start with wrong expectations of who Jesus ought to be, they might just miss the opportunity to encounter the Living Christ.—[www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)

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  
Bill Honess  
Ghlyianne Chelmiah  
Tony Johnston  
Brianna Alter  
Joyceline Radjam  
Jason Yeh  
Jaya Raghwan  
Julie Mirfan  
Paul Johnston  
Edwin Joseph Dsouza  
Alan Kay  
John Sweeny  
Siew Yeoh

#### Recently Deceased

Anniley Lazaro  
Grace Falzon

#### Anniversaries

Ron Knight  
Roy Alwaris

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

### TLIG PRAYER MEETING

There will not be a TLIG prayer meeting this coming Sunday.

God, you have given all peoples one common origin. It is your will that they be gathered together as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure an equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. May there be an end to division, strife and war. May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

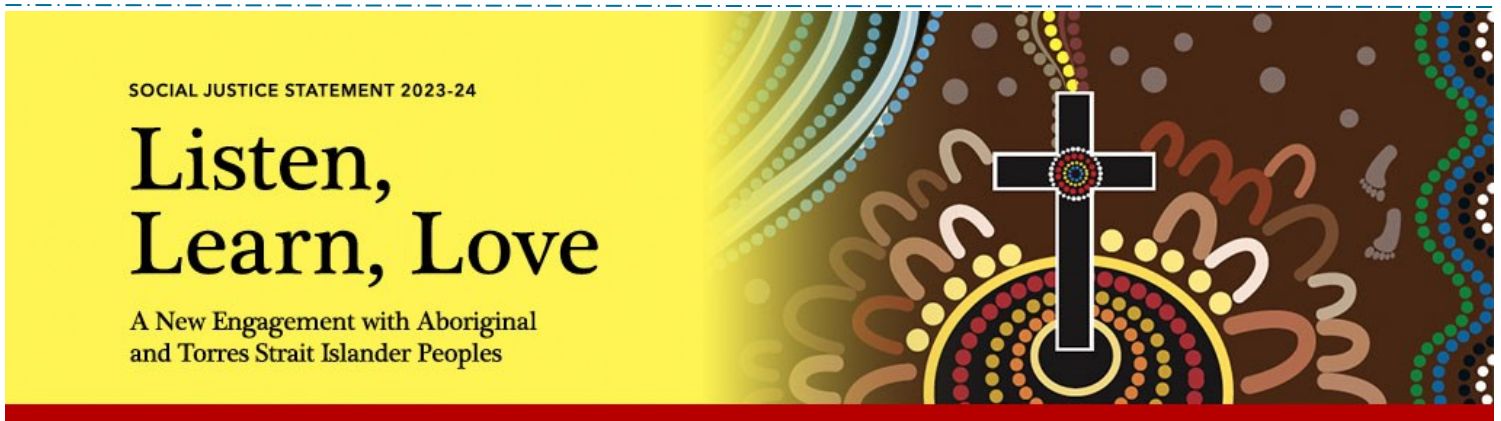
Heavenly Father, we pray for the poorest and most vulnerable. Let us not just speak of justice, but let us act in just ways. May the oppressed and needy feel justice and equality and experience a world without hunger and poverty. <https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/>



The Red Cross is working in communities across Australia. We want Australian communities to be strong and for the people in our communities to feel included and able to take part.

You can be matched one-on-one with a friend, receive regular caring welfare calls, be driven to appointments, be provided with a personal alarm or be delivered a healthy meal. We can also support you to access appropriate housing and care. You can access many of these services through the Federal Government's [My Aged Care portal](#). For more information please visit [www.redcross.org.au](http://www.redcross.org.au). Contact us on [communityconnect@redcross.org.au](mailto:communityconnect@redcross.org.au)

If you are interested or know someone who will benefit from these services, please see the printed brochures in the church foyer.



## Our Bishops encourage us to Listen, Learn, Love on this Social Justice Sunday

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released its annual Social Justice Statement 2023-24 to coincide with Social Justice Sunday, which is on Sunday 27 August. [Social Justice Statement 2023-24 - Office For Justice, Ecology and Peace \(catholic.org.au\)](#)

The Bishops' statement is titled *Listen, Learn, Love* and it calls for a new engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, by listening to their stories and working together with them to right the many injustices still affecting them today.

The statement notes the recent report of the Productivity Commission which shows that the targets set for *Closing the Gap* are not being achieved, with only four out of the sixteen targets being on track. The report also makes it clear that Indigenous Australians are not being properly consulted about solutions to the problems they face. Instead they have solutions imposed on them by governments that think they know best.

The current system is clearly not working. Einstein's definition of insanity applies here. Insanity is keeping on doing something the same way you always have but expecting to get a different result.

Something has to change.

The Bishops' statement urges all Catholics to read the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* [View The Statement - Uluru Statement from the Heart](#) which generated the proposal for a Voice to Parliament. The Bishops are hopeful that change can occur if we truly listen to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The Bishops do not tell people how they should vote in the upcoming referendum. They do suggest that people need to inform themselves about the issues involved and to discuss them in our parishes so that people can make an informed decision.

We can all benefit from listening to our Indigenous brothers and sisters, but how will we hear them if they don't have a voice?

- Mark Carter—#SP Social Justice Group

# HOLY SPIRIT

# YOUTH

Year 5-8 Youth Group

## August

**Saturday, 26th (wk 6)**

Family Games Night - Gold coin entry.

## September

**Sunday, 3rd (wk 7)**

Youth Series

**Sunday, 10th (wk 8)**

Fun Night

**Sunday, 17th (wk 9)**

Youth Series

**Sunday 24th (wk 10)**

Fun Night

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**24th - 27th**

EXPLOSION Youth Conference (ACT)

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**Register** →



## 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
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## CONNECT WITH US

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**Craft Group** | Beth Forshaw  
Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

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