



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

23-24 September 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

9:15am Mass
6pm Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass
7:30am Morning Beans
12:00pm NO Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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

Heart for Hire Embrace of Sin

(Matthew 20:1-16A)

RCIA Catholics often report that they feel somehow inferior to cradle Catholics. Having come to the church as adults, they don't share the parochial-school history and inculturated Catholic memories that veteran members of the church have. In the same way, younger people in the church feel left out of the pre-Vatican II store-house of comparisons that the post-conciliar crowd is always using as a reference point. Latecomers in any arena can feel that their presence or commitment is less authentic. They don't have the battle scars to compete for acceptance.



Jesus doesn't hire by the years or the scars, happily, but by the heart. Having heard Mass in Latin doesn't make one more genuinely Catholic, and wearing a plaid uniform for eight years is not a certificate of authentic faith. Punching the clock doesn't make us disciples, but rather answering the call. The vineyard needs labourers. The only labourers who count are the ones whose hearts are for hire, and not just their time.

How long have you been a member of the church? How much of that time have you been authentically invested in a life of faith?

Pray

Dare we venture into the wild places? Wilderness spaces – frozen tundra, windswept outback, tangled bush, jagged mountain ranges, fathomless seas – so much beauty, so much danger, so much uncertainty. Dare we find God present? In painful distress, disappointed hopes, and almost abandoned dreams, listen for the deep and anguished sighs and groans. Yes, God, you are here! Amen.

Ponder

Enter a period of discernment about your call to follow Jesus. Go on a weekend retreat. Seek spiritual direction. Form a support group of friends who share your faith. Listen intently for the direction you're being invited to go. *"Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first"*. (Matthew 20: 16)

Kids' Corner

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways, my ways, says the Lord. (Isaiah 55: 8) "I wish Franklin understood why he has to go to the vet," Jacob says as he sits with his dog in the waiting room. "Well, he needs his shots to stay healthy," Jacob's mum says. "And he'll get a tasty-treat too". Jacob looks at Franklin again. "I know that, but Franklin doesn't," he says. It's a little bit like that with God and us. When things happen that we don't understand, God longs to tell us how much God loves us and that there's a good reason for everything.

Loving God, I don't understand your ways, but I trust in them. Amen.

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This Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:20-24, 27, Matthew 20:1-16

Farewell Peter Stubbs



Peter and Alison came to Holy Spirit Parish when they moved to Gungahlin. Their previous Parish was St Vincents, Aranda. Peter has been a great support to Alison (Weeks) during her time as Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and involvement at Archdiocesan level. A quiet supporter in so many ways; he loved the 9.30am Mass community and more recently he and Alison have been attending 5pm Mass on Saturday night due to family commitments. Peter loved his golf and some of us have known Peter for over 50 years. Peter died on Monday evening. His funeral will be at **1.30pm on Friday, 29 September in Holy Spirit Church.**
RIP Peter – we will miss you.

Parish News and Events

- * **No Mass on Friday 29 September at 12 noon**
- * **Morning Beans for Young Adults | Friday 29 September at 7:30am-9:00am** - Blossoms Café Ngunnawal —spill in at anytime!
- * **No Adult Faith Formation session until 10 October**
- * **TLIG prayer meeting | Sunday 24 September at 3:30-4:45pm** in the Parish Office. (Prayer & Fellowship). Bring your rosary beads. All are welcome. For further information on the True Life of God Messages visit the Parish website. Contact: Tom Kalliath: 0434 689 957 or Tony Cassar: 0497 804 676
- * **RCIA program - Becoming Catholic** | The first session of the program will be held in the Parish rooms on Thursday 19 October 2023 at 7:00pm. If you would like to find out more about the program, please see Fr Troy or Fr Eden or contact Theivani on theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au
- * **Celebrating Women of Faith - Catholic Women's Taskforce Fundraising Dinner | 27th October** The Archdiocese's Women's Taskforce is holding its annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House on Friday, 27th October at the Southern Cross Club in Woden. Guest speaker, Ms Genevieve Jacobs, a well-known local personality, will reflect on her experience of her Catholic faith in both her professional and personal life. Tickets are \$80, but early birds are \$70 (until 29 Sept), and tables of 10 are discounted to \$700. Please visit www.cgwomen.org.au to purchase tickets through Humanatix. For further information contact Samantha Hazlett at samanthahazlett@icloud.com

WWVP cards

Dear volunteers!

Thank you for your commitment to ministry in our parish. We would be unable to continue to provide pastoral and administrative support to our parishioners and community members without your dedication and support.

It is a requirement in the ACT for anyone over 16 years of age involved in activities with children and/or vulnerable persons to hold a current Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. In NSW the requirement is for anyone over 18 years of age involved in activities with children to hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). At a parish level, this applies to parish priests/staff/volunteers active in particular ministries.

Twice a year, a report of all active WWVP card holders is required to be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding office (IPSS) in the Archdiocesan Chancery, Manuka. Audits are due at the end of March and September and all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to comply. The Archdiocese can be audited by ACT or NSW govt agencies at any time so the audit reports are an important aspect of maintaining accurate records for when an audit occurs.

Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with Archdiocesan and Govt requirements for WWVP. Please help us to maintain accurate records for the audits by ensuring your WWVP is current.

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
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
Sharon Davis
Michelle
Don Rose
Mark Bush
Flavia Santon
Rob Fitzgerald
Sharon Soon
Tayla, Lachlan and George

Recently Deceased

Peter Knight
John Bicket
Herlof (Hal) Nerdal
Peter Stubbs

Anniversaries

Dinko Maricic

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Celebration time!

30TH
ANNIVERSARY



We need your photos!

Do you have photos from the early days of Holy Spirit Parish?

As part of our 30th Anniversary we are creating material showcasing our parish community and need photos of families, events and more from before 1999.

Please email them to office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or drop them off to the parish office by Friday 29 September. We will scan and return them to you.

Please only supply photos that you give permission for our Parish to use on our website, APP, digital projects or printed material.

You're invited!

30TH
ANNIVERSARY

Dinner

14 OCTOBER 2023

Join us as we celebrate 30 years of Holy Spirit Parish in Gungahlin. An evening filled with memories and reflection from where it all began. The evening includes a sit down dinner and refreshments. BYO alcohol is permitted.

Location: Good Shepherd Primary School Hall, Burdekin Ave, Amaroo

Date: 14 October 2023

Time: Starting at 6:30pm

Tickets: \$35 for adults, \$15 for 6-17yo
A donation for younger than 6 yo would be appreciated.



Order tickets online through the Parish App, Parish Website or link in the Parish Bulletin.



Tickets for our 30th Anniversary dinner are now on sale!

Please follow this [link](#) to book it.

BUY TICKETS NOW!

Share your memories for our 30th Anniversary dinner

Would you like to share your memories of our parish community. Perhaps what it was like in those early years and how we have evolved.

We are looking for your reflection, in just a few words (no more than 20) to be included in the showcase material that will be presented at the 30th Anniversary dinner. The quotes will be anonymous and reflect our beginnings, growth and diversity.

Please send you thoughts to the parish office email by Tuesday 3 October.

Eg. "At Holy Spirit Parish I found a place of belonging and community"

Volunteers wanted for the 30th Anniversary.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up for the celebration from 8 October 2023, for the various events during the week and for the Anniversary dinner on Saturday 14 Oct.

If you have the time, we would love a little assistance during that week. If you have a high school student looking for School social responsibility credits we would be delighted if they will help out and we will sign off on their volunteering. Please email Matt Modun matthewmodun@gmail.com to offer your help.

30th Anniversary Celebrations Update

The 30th Anniversary celebrations is upon and here is the program of events to celebrate this significant milestone for our Parish in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

- ✦ **Sunday 8 Oct** - 30th Anniversary Youth Mass and post Mass youth celebration beginning of a road to WYD 26.
- ✦ **Saturday 14 Oct** - 5pm 30th Anniversary Multicultural Mass. Please reach out to Sean Ryan sean.ryan.cdss@gmail.com to express your cultural group's willingness to participate in this Mass.
- ✦ **Saturday 14 Oct** - 6:30pm - Parish 30th Anniversary Party. Separate information provided in the Bulletin.
- ✦ **Sunday 15 Oct** - 8am Mass - 30th Anniversary Seniors Mass and special blessing.
- ✦ **Sunday 9:30am** - 30th Anniversary Families Mass supported by our Catholic primary schools followed by a whole of Parish morning tea.

Reminder **No 5pm Sunday Mass on Sunday 15 October 2023** as we would like to see all of you at the other Masses over the weekend.

In between the Youth Mass and the Families Mass we ask you to support parishioners' businesses in our local community. In the coming weeks we will publish supporting businesses in the bulletin. If you are a parishioner with a business, please reach out to Sean Ryan sean.ryan.cdss@gmail.com with your business details.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Youth News

- **Year 5-6 Youth Group**

Please come and join us for the last meeting for Term 3 - **Sunday 24th September at 6pm at the parish office.**

- **EXPLOSION Youth Conference 24-27 September - Marist College.** This conference is organised by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community. Students Year 7-12 are encouraged to register for more information and to register please scan this QR code or click [here](https://www.explosionyouth.com/)
<https://www.explosionyouth.com/>



The Details

Who: Guys aged 18 - 35

What: Eucharistic Adoration, formation, dinner, brotherhood.

When: September 27 | Monthly, Last Wednesdays

Adoration: 6-7 pm (Church)

Formation: 7-7:30pm (Parish Office)

Dinner: Pub meal - Stonehouse Amaroo

Next Step: Let us know if you are coming.
Feel free to bring your friends.

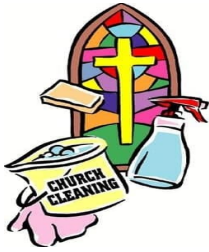
Contact:

Melwyn
melwyn.monteiro@cg.org.au



Love;
Faith;
Godliness;
Gentleness;
Endurance;
Righteousness;

1 Timothy 6:11



Church Cleaners Needed

If you are able to spare an hour or so on a Saturday morning could you please consider joining the amazing parishioners who clean our church.

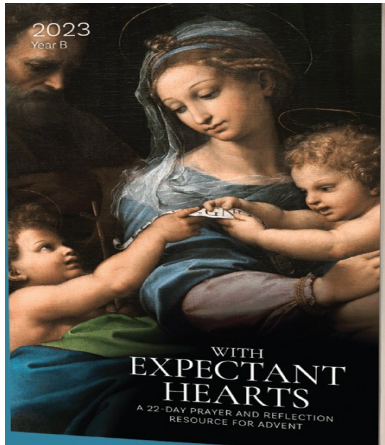
There are a minimum of four volunteers in our cleaning teams who clean our church from 8am on Saturday mornings.

We have four teams so each team is only generally rostered once each month. We need more volunteers as a two of our teams are short and it would be great if we could further expand our teams. If you may be able to help once a month please contact Anne at the office officesupport@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Mass Coordinators Needed

We also need more Mass Coordinators, especially for 5pm Sunday Mass.

If you are interested, please contact Anne at the office officesupport@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



Advent Reflection Pre-order form

With Expectant Heart - is a new 22-day reflection resource that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups during the 2023-2024 liturgical year.

Each reflection is written to help us sit with God and to trust Him to lead us forward.

If you would like to order a copy for only \$6, please complete an order form <https://forms.gle/d6PWr8UxCXWvSNjw9>



From 4 October to 28 October there will be an assembly of Bishops and lay people in Rome to advise the Pope on the topic 'For a synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'.

Cardinal Mario Grech who is the Synod secretary- general has asked that "the entire people of God, in a dynamism of communion, may feel that they are truly participating in the life of the Church'.

So let us pray the following prayer for the success of the assembly in October that all involved will listen to the Holy Spirit in their deliberations and discernment.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

For further information - [Faithful invited to pray for Synod of Bishops - Catholic Voice](#)

[What You Need to Know About the Synod on Synodality | National Catholic Register \(ncregister.com\)](#)

Social Justice Message

It is getting towards the end of the Season of Creation.



This week we ask you to think about the third transformation suggested by Pope Francis and that is to **transform public policies** that govern our society and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow.

We can urge our national leaders to do more about the impacts of climate change. You will have seen the catastrophic effects of wildfires across Europe and America in recent weeks and devastating storms in Libya. These things are not a mere coincidence.

From 30 November to 12 December world leaders will gather for the COP 28 Summit in Dubai. We can lobby our Australian representatives to listen to science and pursue a rapid and equitable transition to end the era of fossil fuels.

World day of Migrants and Refugees

Pope Francis' theme for this year's **World Day of Migrants and Refugees** is 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay'. In [his message for the day](#), the Pope says eliminating the causes of forced migration needs a "commitment on the part of all" and also "we are called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant (in) a community ready to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate everyone."

For a decade Australia hasn't heeded the Pope's message to 'welcome and protect' refugees who came by boat. There have been recent improvements, [but there is still more to do](#). Of urgent concern are:

- about 15,000 people who are **not** 'free to stay' safely in Australia, as they live in destitution, unable to work but denied a financial safety net; and
- the people still held in PNG, whom the Australian Government has abandoned in unsafe conditions, with many **not** 'free to leave' there for a safe country.

In the official [Australian booklet](#) for the Day, Archbishop Prowse suggests we reflect on our understanding of refugees and migrants, drawing on the flight of Jesus and his family into Egypt. Vinnies calls on Catholics to use the information in this booklet to pray for all migrants and refugees on 24 September.

As well, Vinnies calls for action to help the vulnerable people in our community and those in PNG for whom Australia still bears responsibility.

For the destitute please sign [a letter to your MP](#) and help Catholic charities leading support to these people in [Sydney](#) and [Melbourne](#), where the numbers are largest and the needs are greatest.

For those abandoned in PNG, please sign [a letter from people of faith](#) and [a letter to your MP](#).

The above is written by Tim McKenna and was printed in the August printed edition of the Catholic Voice.



Food for thought

Here's a Tip About God

"He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?' Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first". (Matthew 20: 13 - 16)

When visiting Paris for the first time, I found one custom so different from here or other places I had visited that it made me genuinely uncomfortable: It was tipping. My guidebook told me not to tip the staff that cleaned my hotel room. They would take it as an insult that they were not doing their job well enough and needed further incentive. The same went for taxi drivers and to the infamous French waiters. An English-speaking waiter explained that the French do their job and leave you to eat, not hovering around the table working for a larger tip. That is why we often consider them to be aloof or inattentive, when in fact they are neither.

We cannot possibly reach the standards of perfection we sometimes think God places on us. We fail to realise how generous God is with us. God's ways remain a mystery to us. So we need merely to accept the generosity of God as God chooses to share it with us. We cannot work harder trying to impress God to get a bigger response from God who is already totally generous. We need instead to be accepting of what God chooses to give to us, grateful and humble.

The Commissioning

Go from here with generous hearts: share your gifts widely.

We will use them creatively.

Deepen your faith.

We will learn joyfully and pray constantly.

Build up your faith community.

We will work with others freely and support them continually.

Serve the needy as Jesus Christ would serve.

We will serve compassionately.

Receive help graciously.

We will give thanks appropriately.

Love your enemies, love your neighbours.

We will trust God's love absolutely.

Go from here with generous hearts: God will go with you.

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Community Messages

- ◆ **Against the Grain; Father and son talk and footy!** Please join Father Ben Saliba and Anthony Eltarraf as they discuss the results of Week 1 of the NRL finals, the NRL journos covering the bulldogs training chaos, and why have they started a podcast about faith and footy [here](#)



- ◆ **1 October | Respect Life Sunday Mass & Luncheon**

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will celebrate Respect Life Sunday Mass at 11 AM on October 1st at St Christopher's Cathedral. Following will be a light luncheon in the Haydon Hall including brief inputs from those working at the coalface in caring and advocating for human life in its most vulnerable stages. RSVP for luncheon @ www.cgatholic.org.au/respect-life/ Enquiries: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

- ◆ **Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House | Thursday 5 October at 6pm**

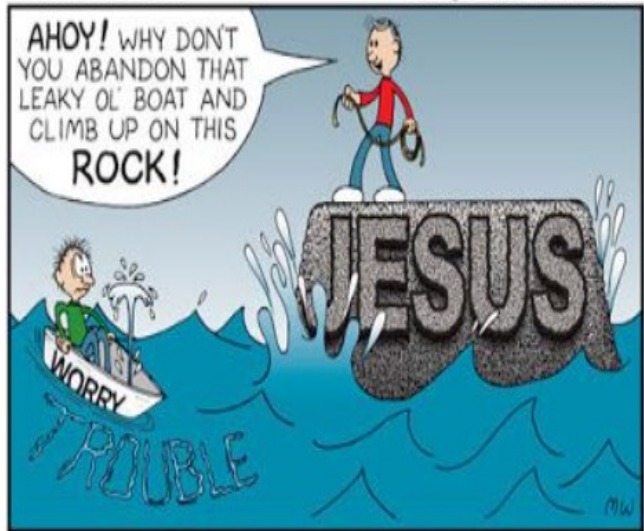
For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

- ◆ **Marian Procession | 22 October**

This year the Marian Procession will take place at the beautifully restored and rededicated Sts Peter and Paul Old Cathedral in Goulburn. 10.00am | Morning tea, 10.30am | Cathedral guided tour +children's activities, 10.30am - 11:45am | Penance, 12.00pm | Mass, 1:00pm | BBQ fundraiser, 1:30pm | Cathedral guided tour, 2:00pm | Rosary

PEACE ROCK

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
- JOHN 16:33 NV



Australian Red Cross

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. Contact us on 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.

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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Download our parish app: [Pocket Parish from App Store or Google Play.](#)

Parish Groups

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

St Vincent de Paul | Drazen Roginic President
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E: Drazen.Roginic@vinnies.org.au

Call to Connect | Maureen Hilton
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Holy Spirit Prayer Group | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028
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Young Adult Ministry | Fr Eden Langlands
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Care Group | Sonja Vocisano
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