



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

30 September –1 October 2023

26th 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

Is God Fair?

I have an employee who drives me really crazy. He does nothing I ask him to do; is always late, leaves early, takes endless breaks, follows my directions only when it suits him. Most of the time he does just what he wants to do and is completely ungovernable.

Why don't I just fire this guy? Because, although he does nothing that I ask him to do, he does everything well. He does what needs to be done, and sometimes more than I would ever expect of anyone. Though I tear my hair out about his blatant disrespect for my wishes, I have to admit he's the best I've ever seen. He's like the first son in the parable: he says *No* but does *Yes*.

Lots of people say *No* but do *Yes* in the reign of God. They don't go to church, baptise their babies, or live by the Book in the way we would like. They don't seem to worship the same God we do, or any God at all. Yet God has a very different abacus than ours, and the tally may come out better for them than for faithful churchgoers who live by the Book but have no love in their hearts. Is this fair? Not while we are pushing the beads, perhaps. But God doesn't stoop so low as fairness, and all kinds of unlikely people are making their way toward the Kingdom.

Conquer judgmentalism! Whenever the little judge pops up in your mind and condemns a fellow traveller, retire it promptly. Watch out for the way the little judge accuses YOU. Show mercy to all, including yourself. "Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand".

www.gpbs.com.au



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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



We Need You!

The 30th Anniversary will soon be upon us, and **WE NEED YOU** to join us to celebrate this momentous occasion. From Mass in the living room to our dynamic and multicultural parish in 2023, we have an epic past, a dynamic present, and a bright future. Please mark your

calendar with all the events and **book your table or seat** now for the celebration on 14 October 2023. Book your table and seat [here](#).

Also, we need a little help on 8 October 2023 to dress the Church for our anniversary week, on 14 October 2023 with set up and running the Mass and celebration, and a few helpful hands with the family Mass on 15 October 2023. Please reach out to Matt via email to matthew.modun@gmail.com to register your support to help with the events.

Parish News and Events

- * **Morning Beans for Young Adults | Friday 6 October at 7:30am-9:00am** - Blossoms Café Ngunnawal —spill in at anytime!
- * **No Adult Faith Formation session until 10 October**
- * **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

October the Month of the Rosary



A great opportunity to commit to daily prayer and praying the Rosary everyday. The Rosary is a very powerful instrument and will bring a peace and calmness to your life. It is also the best method of honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless saints and encouraged by the magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness' (Pope St John Paul II).

Please join in the Rosary after each Saturday 5pm Mass for the month of October.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation Program



Will you take me to your home?

Hosted by: Legion of Mary
please call Peter @ 0437 672 069
for your booking.



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
Ghylianne Chelmiah
Tony Johnston
Brianna Alter
Joyceline Radjam
Jason Yeh
Jaya Raghwan
Julie Mirfan
Paul Johnston
Edwin Joseph Dsouza
Alan Kay
John Sweeny
Siew Yeoh
Sharron Davis
Michelle
Don Rose
Mark Bush
Flavia Santon
Rob Fitzgerald
Sharon Soon
Tayla, Lachlan and George
Salvacion Vargas
Dinesh Silva

Recently Deceased

Peter Knight
John Bicket
Herlof (Hal) Nerdal
Peter Stubbs
Susan Metcalfe
Reynaldo Magada

Anniversaries

Wilfredo Baylin

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

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 [Matthew Modun](mailto:matthewmodun@gmail.com) to offer your help.

30th Anniversary Celebrations Update

The 30th Anniversary celebrations is upon us 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 15 Oct** 9:30am Mass - 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** 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.



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.

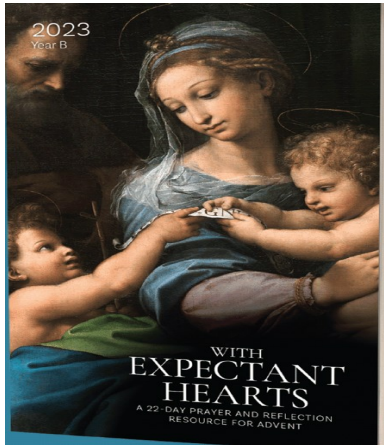
There are a minimum of four volunteers in our cleaning teams who clean our church from 8am on Saturday mornings.

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 \(ncregister.com\)](#)

The final week of the Season of Creation

What should Christians do about the issues facing the Earth?



Over the past few weeks we have been looking at some of the big issues facing our world.

Some of these matters are dealt with in the Pope's encyclical **Laudato Si'**. Pope Francis in **Laudato Si'** teaches that our faith conviction should motivate us as Christians to assume our responsibility as caretakers of creation.

We all know that people nowadays can be time-poor, with work, schooling and parenting obligations, among other things. We can also feel that we don't have the power to do anything about the world's problems. What can one person do? This is kind of the view adopted by certain climate change deniers in our country, who

argue that nothing Australia does about carbon emissions will have any impact in the greater scheme of things. This isn't true. Big things can grow from small things.

In chapters 5 and 6 of **Laudato Si'** Pope Francis outlines concrete steps and opportunities for dialogue which "can help us escape the spiral of self-destruction. But change is required at personal, community, national and global levels."

Remember the 3 levels of transformation we have mentioned over the past 3 weeks. They can make a difference.

At a personal level you can think about things like: considering solar panels for your home, turning off the lights and heating when you don't need them, recycling as much as you can, thinking about eating less meat, cutting back on food wastage, driving your car less and maybe walking more (apparently walking is actually good for you). All of these things can also add up and make a difference.

I will leave you with a quote from a speech Pope Francis made on 21 August, where he signalled his intention to update **Laudato Si'** to cover current issues. The Pope is quoted as saying "We must never forget that younger generations are entitled to receive from us a beautiful and liveable world and that this invests us with grave duties towards the creation we have received from God's generous hands".



think
GLOBALLY,
act
LOCALLY

Community Messages

◆ 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

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.

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

Parish Priest: Fr Troy Bobbin

Assistant Priest: Fr Eden Langlands

Parish Office and Presbytery

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo Ph: 6242 9622

Website: www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Parish Manager: Theivani Evers

E: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

P: 0472 921 518

Parish Secretary: Magda Baraniecki

E: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Office Support: Anne Smart

E: officesupport@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Finance Officer/ Planned Giving: Tony Rose

E: gungahlin.finance@cg.org.au

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): Sean Ryan

E: sean.ryan.cdss@gmail.com

Parish Groups

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

St Vincent de Paul | Drazen Roginic President
P: 0401 669 301
E: Drazen.Roginic@vinnies.org.au

Call to Connect | Maureen Hilton
M: 0431 123 465

Holy Spirit Prayer Group | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028
Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church

Social Justice Group | Peter Petersen
E: socialjustice.hsp@gmail.com

Legion of Mary | Grace Magbutay
E: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Youth Ministry | Matthew Allen
E: youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Young Adult Ministry | Fr Eden Langlands
E: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Care Group | Sonja Vocisano
P: 0438 699 591

Community Garden Group | Parish Office
E: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Download our parish app: **Pocket Parish** from App Store or Google Play.