



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

4-5 November 2023

31st 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 Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

Knowing Who's Boss

(Matthew 23: 1 - 12)

Rabbi, father, master. In the time of Jesus, there were terms of respect reserved for people in authority. Jesus was a controversial figure precisely because of his power to command. He seemed to have a natural authority expressed in his words and extraordinary works, whereas the leaders with lofty titles often failed to demonstrate any real signs of leadership. We can safely say this is a modern problem as well. The titles and trappings of leadership do not necessarily identify people with the ability to lead. Someone may be a president, prime minister, priest, or professor, but authority has to be earned personally and not simply academically or electorally.

We have to be careful in deciding whom to follow and how to lead. We choose the leaders, thinkers, and do-ers who will serve as our moral guides. Some we will outgrow, and some will continue to inform our consciences. In turn, we have authority over others around us – the young, the voiceless – and we have to use our power for their benefit. The way to make both choices well is to reflect on how Jesus is our ultimate master and teacher. Jesus is anointed with God's authority. All legitimate leadership imitates his example.

What kind of authority does Jesus wield in your life?

Pray

Gracious God, you have told us what is good. Jesus has shown us what you require of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Enliven our spirits with your Spirit to love you more dearly and to serve you more fully. Amen.

Ponder

Reflect on the most difficult situation you face in life right now, and surrender it into God's hands. Give God the authority to bring about the best outcome for you. *"Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant"*.

Kids' Corner

Jesus said, *"The greatest among you must be your servant"*. (Matthew 23: 11)

If I asked you to name three living people who are "the greatest," who would you think of? Celebrities? Athletes? World leaders? Okay, now try this. Think of the three kindest people you know – people who have helped you or someone else. Which people are really the greatest? Which list would you rather be on? You know the right answer. Jesus wants us to think differently about greatness. Jesus wants us to remember that loving others is more important than being famous.

Jesus, can you help me put other people first today? Thanks! Amen.
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Every positive thought is a silent prayer which will change your life.

Bryant McGill

This Weekend's Readings:

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10, 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13, Matthew 23:1-12



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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

Parish News and Events

- * **Tuesday 7 November 2023 5:30pm-7:00pm | Adult Faith Formation**
Topic for this week: A Love that Lasts: God's Plan for Sexuality
- * **The Chosen Discussion Group | Wednesday 8 November at 10:00am.**
All are invited to join Fr Troy to watch a few episodes of Season 2 of The Chosen followed by a discussion group.
- * **RCIA program and Alpha | Parish rooms on Thursdays at 7:00pm.** If you would like to find out more about the program please contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au
- * **Morning Beans for Young Adults | Friday 10 November at 7:30am-9:00am -**
Blossoms Café Ngunnawal —spill in at anytime!
- * **Car Boot Sale | Sunday 26 November 10:30am—2pm**
\$10 per spot—contact the parish office to book a spot.

Community Messages



Theme: "Living in the comfort of the Holy Spirit". Acts 9:31
Date: Saturday, 25 November 2023 (9.30am-4.00pm)
Venue: St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT 2604
Admission is FREE, BYO lunch. Boxed lunch available at nominal cost, RSVP by 22 November 2023 to p1.rebello@gmail.com
For enquiries please contact: Parveen: 0439642571; Winnie: 0451015527; Prakash 0406381446; Shan: 0412310364; Tom: 0434689957

A Retirement Celebration in Honour of Graham Pollard

In honour of Graham's contribution to our schools and parishes, we warmly invite colleagues, friends and parents, past and present, to join us for refreshments.

Date: Wednesday 6 December 2023

Time: 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Venue: St Matthew's Primary School

RSVP: 30 November 2023 office.stmatts@cg.catholic.edu.au or 6254 2653

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



For those who are sick

Jim Banks
Dorrell Hogan
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
Jaya Raghwan
Julie Mirfan
Paul Johnston
Edwin Joseph Dsouza
Alan Kay
John Sweeny
Sharron Davis
Michelle
Mark Bush
Salvacion Vargasž
Caroline Galea
Maria Stark

Anniversaries

Alan Sargent

Birthdays

Jahnvi
Corazon Singh
Lualhati Aquino

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 Spirit Parish Gungahlin

Car Boot Sale

Someone's trash can be your treasure!



\$10 per spot - contact the parish office to book yours.

Sausage sizzle, cakes and coffee available.



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6242 9622 or office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

A Prayer



Dear God,
I am full of wishes,
full of desires,
full of expectations.
Some of them may be realized, many may not,
but in the midst of all my satisfactions
and disappointments,
I hope in you.
I know that you will never leave me alone
and will fulfill your divine promises.
Even when it seems that things are not going my way,
I know that they are going your way
and that in the end your way is the
best way for me.
O Lord, strengthen my hope,
especially when my many wishes are not fulfilled.
Let me never forget that your name is Love.
Amen.—Henri Nouwen

Garden Pots and Saucers wanted!



Do you have any pots or saucers that you are not using? Let the community garden group take them off your hands. We are looking for pots of all sizes and particularly large saucers. Please contact Theivani at the parish office or Fiona at fionawilk62@gmail.com.



Vinnies Pantry Donations

Please continue help us to look after our most disadvantaged families by donating much needed food. Our supplies are depleting very fast lately with the increase in cost of living. Please follow [this list](#) for ideas on what to donate.

NGUNNAWAL COMMUNITY DAY
3pm onwards
18 November 2023
Ngunnawal Sports Ground
 (near Ngunnawal Primary School)
 Kids Activities Live Music
 Food Trucks Jumping Castle Lawn Games
 Performers Stalls Face Painting

GUNGAHLIN ARTS NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE GCC NPS IAACA
 Gungahlin Community Council
 INDIA AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION OF CANBERRA INC

Contact:gungahlinsepradeep@gmail.com



Alpha

**Explore
Life
Faith
Meaning**



Becoming Catholic and Questions about Life!

All are invited to join the RCIA candidates to explore our Christian faith through the Alpha program. If you are interested in coming along, please contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Sessions will be held on Thursdays at 7:00pm at the Parish Office rooms.

Holy Spirit Youth Group

Term 4 Dates

Week 2: Oct 22

Week 3: Oct 29

Week 4: Nov 5

Week 5: Nov 12

Week 6: Nov 19

Week 7: Nov 26

Week 8: Dec 3

Week 9: Dec 10

Nerf Gun/Water Fight- bring your friends

Hail Mary Who Does Art in Heaven

Where Art Thou Sport

Glory Be to our Creed for Speed

Craft and Furious

Fatima is a Crafty Place.

The Mystery Channel

Youth + Altar Server Christmas Party

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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Parish Groups

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

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Call to Connect | Maureen Hilton
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