



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



13-14 January 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



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

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

Good things take time

We need time for the best things in life to come to fruition. Love grows in marriage, friendship and family over many years. It has significant moments but often it cannot be rushed. Jesus' disciples were invited to stay with him the rest of that day to get to know him; it would not happen immediately at the river. 'Rest of the day' would mean a very long time.



How well do I know Jesus? How much do I know about him? These are two different types of knowledge, like I can know everything about a person and not know the person.

What do I find out in this reading about Jesus? He is one who does not force himself on people – he asks 'what do you want?' He likes an honest answer. He looks into people and sees more to them, like he did with Peter and gave him a new name. He saw faithfulness in Peter even though others would see weakness.

When we read a gospel story, we can pause here and there and ask, what is new in this story about Jesus? Or what is new about myself? The gospel is always new. It is a treasure chest to bring out new aspects of the truth of Jesus each time we read it.

In prayer he has time for each of us. They stayed with him for a long time and he does not seem to hurry them. The lord is not in a hurry with us in any way except to love us. – Donal Neary SJ

Let the words, 'Come and see'
echo in your mind and heart today and all this week.
Lord, thank you for calling me to the Eucharist;
and for calling me into prayer.

Parish Liturgy Committee

The Parish Liturgy Committee is a small and dedicated team that provides advice, guidance and prepares the church for our special Masses, significant feasts, and liturgical seasons. Under the direction of the Parish Priest, the team will meet a few times during the year to plan liturgies and implement these plans to provide meaningful environment for the Mass and liturgical seasons.

As the season of Lent approaches, we would like to invite people to be a part of this very important and exciting ministry.

All who are interested in being part of this team are invited to sign up. Please email theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or contact the parish office on 6242 9622.



St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

This Weekend's Readings:

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19, 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20, John 1:35-42

Email:

Parish News and Events

Children's Sacramental Program 2024



Sacrament of Confirmation

For children in Year 6 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024. Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 27 February** at the church.

Please select one of the following enrolment options:

- ◆ Children attending Mother Teresa, Holy Spirit and Good Shepherd Primary schools—enrolment letters were sent to your child or enrol via Compass
- ◆ Children **NOT** attending one of the parish Catholic Primary schools and wish to enrol in the parish program: <https://forms.gle/7Yiz8p5TCp7tjanQ6>

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated the week beginning 20 May 2024

For more details please contact:

Parish Program: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au
Parish Catholic Schools: mel.unwin@cg.catholic.edu.au

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



For those who are sick

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
Tony Johnston
Jaya Raghwan
Julie Mirfan
Paul Johnston
Edwin Joseph Dsouza
Alan Kay
Sharron Davis
Michelle
Mark Bush
Julie Morgan
Tim Watson
Jim Banks
Barbara Kirk
Vesna Ljubičić

Anniversaries

Chita Japa
Justina Balberona

Recently Deceased

John Sweeny
Rade Krile
Shirley Dunn

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Reflection

Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!
– Diane Bergant CSA

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
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Help us spread the word!

Do you know someone, friends, family or neighbours whose children attend non-Catholic schools? Please take one of our Confirmation business cards and pass it on to them. Cards are on the table in the foyer.

We need your help to get the word out! Thank you!