



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

20-21 January 2024

3rd 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
12:00pm Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

The Ordinary Things

There's something very ordinary for a fisherman about washing nets. Daily work, done with some drudgery but knowing that it is essential for a good catch of fish which would feed the family at this time Jesus called his first apostles.

There is something sacred about the ordinary. About bathing a child, loving a spouse, daily employment, family time and all that goes to make up our days.

In the middle of all this God can surprise us and call us into his service. Our expectation is sometimes different – that we need long times of prayer to find God, or read about him, or do big things for him just as the smallest things are done out of human love, God is found in the ordinary.

The old Irish spirituality had blessings for everything – for milking a cow, cleaning and dusting a room, visiting the sick and many more. There were prayers for meals, for a safe journey and a happy death. Our Irish spirituality found God as much in mountains and people as in the church, and often more so.

Maybe the disciples remember in difficult times the way they were called in their ordinary work, and found their ongoing call to follow the Lord in the ordinary of their lives for the rest of their lives.—Donal Neary SJ



*Give me O Lord a love for the ordinary;
remind me often how 'ordinary' you were for so much of your
life. Amen.*

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:

Jonah 3:1-5,10, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Email:

Parish News and Events

◆ The Chosen Discussion Group—Wednesday 24 January 2024 10:00am

All who were part of this discussion group are invited to come along to watch the last two episodes and have a cuppa with Fr Troy.

Watch The Chosen on the big screen with parish friends!

Hoyts Belconnen will be screening Season 4: Episodes 1 and 2 of The Chosen series on 1-4 February at 12:15pm and 6:00pm. Fr Troy will be attending the following sessions:

- ◆ Thursday 1 February at 12:15pm
- ◆ Friday 2 February at 6:00pm

If you would like to join Fr Troy and attend as a parish group—please contact the parish office by phone or email to register your details.



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
Gaudencio Montaos

Anniversaries

Romeo Cabardo
Arthur Gallagher

Recently Deceased

John Sweeny
Rade Krile
Shirley Dunn
Gloria Collins

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

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

Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things,
but doing ordinary things with love and faith.

Pope Francis

ENROLLING NOW



CONFIRMATION
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Call 6242 9622
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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!

Social Justice Matters



This Sunday is Aboriginal Sunday – 21 January 2024

On 26 January back in 1938 Aboriginal leaders, including William Cooper, met for a *day of mourning*. They sought equality and full citizenship for Aboriginal Australians. It would take another 30 years for that to happen. Why a day of mourning?

For most Australians 26 January is our national day, but for our First Nations people it is the day when their land was taken from them, after over 60,000 years of occupation. And they were not even accepted as citizens in their own land.

Australian Churches were asked to set aside the Sunday *before* 26 January as Aboriginal Sunday, as a day for Christians to act in solidarity with Aboriginal peoples and the injustices they were experiencing. Even today we know that our indigenous Australians are behind the eight ball compared to others. They have a lower life expectancy than other Australians. They are more likely to be unemployed. Their children are less likely to finish their schooling. The rate of suicide among Aboriginals is twice that for other Australians. They are much more likely to be incarcerated, often for petty offences.

So this Sunday, let us pray for our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, especially those doing it tough in remote communities, that the gap between them and other Australians is finally closed.



Expressions of Interest for Parish Lenten Programs:

Program 1—Wednesday mornings:

Wednesdays 10:00am (first session will be on Thursday 15 February followed by Wednesdays thereafter) — Lenten group using Archdiocese of Wollongong Lenten Guided Program **Pietà**

If you would like to be a part of this Lenten group, please contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au so that we can order the right amount of resources.

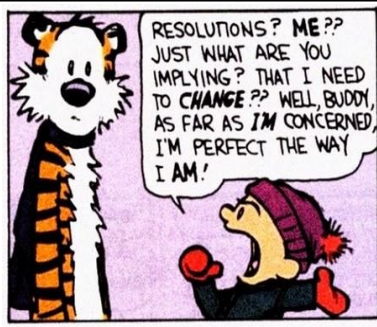


Program 2—Thursday evenings:

Fr Troy would like to invite interested parishioners to watch a season of *The Chosen* (8 episodes) during lent. The idea is to get together, share a meal, watch two episodes and then discuss the key themes in each episode. The evening would run on Thursdays during lent from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

6:00pm – Pot luck dinner and watching one episode.
7:00pm - get a cuppa / dessert (maybe) and watch second episode
8:00pm - group discussion
9:00pm - close

Please contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au if you are interested in joining this lenten group. Fr Troy is very excited to share this with as many parishioners as possible, so we would like to hear from you soon.



New Year's Resolutions

We still have a couple of wonderful weeks before school returns for the new school year, parents, young and old adults who have been on holidays think about returning to work or getting back into the swing of their casual work.

So what better time to reflect on some broader New Year's resolutions to add

to your list:

1. Take the newsletter home and put it on your fridge
2. Come to Mass on time
3. Stay in the Church until Fr Troy and Fr Eden walk out of the church
4. Introduce yourself to those around you in the Church
5. Read, consider and fill in a 'Helping at Mass' form – the smallest contribution is valued. Let's all do what we can, not what we can't.

If you can think of other New Year's resolutions you'd like to add, please let us know!



Haircut

A Franciscan gets a haircut, and then asks how much he owes. The barber says he never charges clergy. The Franciscan

thanks the barber and goes home. The next morning the barber finds a big basket of fresh bread from the Franciscans' kitchens.

An Augustinian gets his hair cut by the same barber. The barber also tells him that he never charges clergy. The next day the barber receives a nice bottle of wine from the Augustinians' wine cellar. A Jesuit gets his haircut, and the barber again says that he never charges clergy. The next day, when the barber opens his shop, there are twelve other Jesuits already waiting for him.

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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