



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT and 220 Victoria St, Hall ACT
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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

2-3 March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent | 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
6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

The Holy Anger of Jesus

Why does Jesus lash out in the temple? Because he was mad? Many sermons we hear about the cleansing of the temple are about the holy anger of Jesus. But the remarkable violence Jesus unleashes – destroying property, whipping men and animals out of the temple – is about more than righteous anger. Jesus is establishing his claim on God's house.



Who lives in God's house? That's like asking who's buried in Grant's Tomb. When Jesus throws everybody else out (in Mark's gospel story, Jesus blocks the entrances and won't let anyone pass through), Jesus is saying that he alone has a right claim to his Father's house. Jesus acts like any homeowner who discovers squatters in his living room. He forcibly ejects them.

John's gospel is told as a book of signs, pointing to the full divinity of Jesus. If the other three gospels show us intimate details of Jesus' humanity, John focuses primarily on Jesus' divine identity. The taking of the temple is a powerful display of sovereignty that's unmistakable. In the end, it's Jesus' claims about the temple that are raised at his trial and lead to his death.

Jesus claims God's house. As a child of God, how do you stand in relationship to God's house?

Pray

In the noise of the Temple, **Jesus made a holy place**. In the pushing and the shoving, **Jesus made a holy place**. In the busy times at school, **Jesus, make a holy place**. In the bustle of my home, **Jesus, make a holy place**. In the quiet of my heart, **Jesus, make a holy place. Amen.**

Ponder

Consider aspects of your life that contradict the idea that Jesus is your Lord. Invite Jesus to cleanse the temple of your heart, so that his claim on you is absolute.

Kids' Corner

... and to those who sold doves Jesus said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house into a marketplace." (John 2: 16)

I bet it was frightening to be in the Temple when Jesus drove out the money changers. Jesus was angry because the Temple was for worshipping God, not making money. We call the emotion Jesus experienced "righteous anger" because it's anger about something that isn't right. You might feel righteous anger when you see someone being hurt or bullied. It's different from anger that comes from hatred, jealousy or selfishness. (Remember Joseph's brothers from a few days ago?) Wherever anger comes from, it can be scary. But you know who isn't afraid of anger? God. Whether you're experiencing your own anger or someone else's, take it to God. Let God help you.

Loving God, help me today. Amen.

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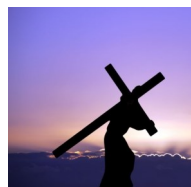


St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

Parish News and Events

- * **Fridays During Lent | 6:00pm**— Stations of the Cross
- * **Wednesdays during school term 8:20am** | JPC Community Mass—parishioners and school families welcome.
- * **Wednesdays 10:00am** — Lenten group using Archdiocese of Wollongong Lenten Guided Program Pietà
- * **Thursday 7 March 6:00pm**—The Chosen (8 episodes) during lent with pot luck dinner.
- * **Sunday 10 March at 6:00pm** | The Congregation of Mary Queen of Peace— Mass will be celebrated by Fr Troy Bobbin followed by dinner at 9 Lucy Beeton Crescent, Bonner. RSVP Sr Kim: queenofpeace.nvhb@gmail.com or kimhoa30@hotmail.com
- * **Saturday 16 March 2024** | The Loreto Canberra Chapter's annual reunion: Mass - 11am at St Francis Xavier Church, Victoria St, Hall, followed by lunch at 1882 Restaurant, Hall. RSVP by 8 March to loreto.canberra@gmail.com



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
Alonso
Rosalind Murphy
Frances Miley
Sharni Laffan
Marc Darlington
Liam O'Brien

Anniversaries

Scarlett Abigail Scott
Bibiana A Lejano
Raf Bainbridge

Recently Deceased

Ante Tony Tokich
Stjepan Cirjak
Shirley Clifford

Birthdays

Agnes Boakye

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

International Women's Day Breakfast

Our Archdiocese's Women's Breakfast is on 7 March at the Ainslie Football Club at 7.30am. Celebrating women of faith, the Breakfast builds friendship and community. Listen to the inspiring ACT Local Hero, Selina Walker, a respected indigenous elder who will speak about her care for vulnerable children, her First Nations leadership experience and her faith and church perspective. We also raise funds to support MacKillop House in Lyneham, a CatholicCare Marymead place of safety and shelter for homeless women and their children. Register through: <https://www.cgwomen.org.au/> Contact: Maureen Hilton at maureenhilton@gmail.com and Alison Weeks at alisonmweeks@bigpond.com



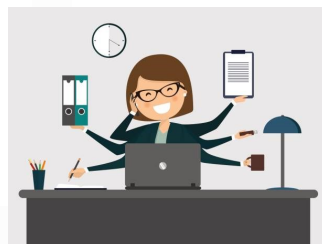
JOIN OUR TEAM

Secretary/Administration Officer Position - Holy Spirit Parish

Permanent Part-time – Four days per week (23 hrs)
Tuesday to Friday – 9.00am to 3.15pm

For the full job description and selection criteria, please [click here](#) or visit our parish [website](#).

Applications: To apply please provide a covering letter along with your Curriculum Vitae to Fr Troy Bobbin at recruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au. Contact Theivani on 0472 921 518 or 6242 9622 (Tuesday to Friday).



Third Sunday of Lent —Mask of Circumstance

Let's Contemplate: Recall what are you gifts and talents?

Let's Consider: Think about the role of friends in helping us become aware of our gifts. Consider the purpose of giftedness: for our own benefit, for the benefit of others, for the benefit of the world.

Let's Connect: Prayer Journal: Write a prayer of thanks for your gifts. Write a prayer of petition asking for guidance in using your gifts for the benefit of others.

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading | Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)

4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. (R.)

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation | John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only

Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel | John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.'

Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Communion Antiphon | John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

Your invitation to
Holy Week
2024



— AT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CHURCH, AMAROO —

- **PALM SUNDAY 23/24 MARCH -**
Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am & 5:00pm
- **RECONCILIATION 26 MARCH -**
Tuesday 7:00pm

— AT ST. JOHN PAUL II COLLEGE, NICHOLLS —

- **HOLY THURSDAY 28 MARCH -**
Thursday 7:00pm
- **GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH -**
Friday 9:00am Walking Stations of the Cross
Friday 11:00am Stations of the Cross
Friday 3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion
- **HOLY SATURDAY 30 MARCH -**
Saturday 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass
- **EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH -**
Sunday 9:30am Only (No 8:00am or 5:00pm Mass)

For information
about Holy Week visit



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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KIDS

LENT PROGRAM

How much: Free

Day 1 : Sunday 10 March 4-6pm
at Catherine's house (Forde)

Day 2 : Monday 11 March 9.30-11.30 am (Canberra Day)
at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Amaroo)

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Kids meditation on Gospel readings
- Games
- Friendly environment
- Parallel program will run for younger kids (K-y3), bigger kids (y4-y6)
- Teenagers and parents are welcome
- Organisers with WWVP card

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- Family
- Snacks and drink bottle

RSVP BY FRIDAY 1 MARCH
TO ANNA 0416668985 OR
CATHERINE 0401073955

Third Sunday of Lent | 2-3 March

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**. You can



donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Lenten Prayer

Loving God, I pray my prayer life to become vibrant and strong in this season of Lent. I pray that Your voice, even though a whisper, would ring loud and true in my life.

I pray for the courage and boldness to follow wherever You lead me, to love and serve whomever and however you invite me. Amen.



*Parish Morning Tea
after 9:30am Mass on
Sunday 3 March.
Please bring a plate to
share.*

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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