



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT and 220 Victoria St, Hall ACT
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4-5 October 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

Office closed

7:00pm Christian Meditation

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

9:15am Mass

6:00pm Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

4:15pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass

9:00am Reconciliation

9:30am Mass

5:00pm Mass

From Small Seeds, Great Things Grow: Nurture faith, love and hope – watch them flourish! (Luke 17: 5 - 10)

In our busy lives, it can be easy to feel that faith has to be big, perfect, or heroic to make a difference. Yet, in this passage, Jesus reminds us that even the smallest amount of faith – “the size of a mustard seed” – is enough to transform lives.

For families, this is deeply encouraging. Parenting, relationships, and family life can feel overwhelming at times. We may worry that our efforts to love, guide, and nurture our children or family members are too small to matter. Jesus assures us that no act of faith, kindness, or love is insignificant. A gentle word, a shared prayer, a moment of patience, or a simple gesture of care can grow in ways we cannot imagine, touching hearts and strengthening bonds.

For parishes, this passage is a call to notice and embrace the small opportunities to live our faith in everyday life. Volunteering at your parish, checking in on a neighbour, listening to a friend in need, or praying intentionally at home are all ways that even “tiny” acts can bear great fruit. Faith isn't measured by grandeur – it's measured by love in action.

This Gospel invites us to approach life with hope and courage. Trust that God can take even our smallest acts of faith and multiply them. Together, as families and communities, we are called to plant these seeds of hope, patience, and love in the world around us.

Take heart today: small acts of faith make a big difference. Pray together, care for each other, and notice the ways God works through your daily life. Like a mustard seed, even the tiniest effort, nurtured with love and consistency, can grow into something beautiful.

Questions for Reflection

- ◆ Faith in Small Moments: What “small acts of faith” do you already practice on your family or daily life, and how have you seen them make a difference?
- ◆ Hope and Patience: When life feels overwhelming, how can you rely on even a tiny bit of faith to guide your decisions, words, or actions?
- ◆ Growing Together: How can your family or parish community plant “mustard seed” moments – small gestures of love, kindness, or prayer – that could grow into something meaningful for others?

Action Response

This week, look for opportunities to plant your own mustard seeds of faith. Share a kind word with someone who needs encouragement, pray together as a family, or reach out to a neighbour or friend in need. Remember: no act of love or faith is too small – God can take even the tiniest gesture and grow it into something extraordinary. Be brave, be generous, and watch the little seeds you plant blossom into hope, joy, and connection in your family, parish, and community.

Kids' Corner

Small actions can make a big difference. A steady drip of water over a long period of time can wear a hole through solid rock. One shovel full of dirt at a time can make a hole big enough to plant a tree. Everyday acts of kindness can soften the hardest hearts. Our faith might seem small sometimes. Our actions might not seem to matter. But God is great! God can draw together our everyday sparks of love into roaring flames that light up the world. Jesus, help me do small things with great love. www.gpbs.com.au



St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

Parish News and Events

- * **First Saturday Rosary**—4 October 2025 after the 5pm mass.
- * **7 October at 10:30am—St Francis Xavier Coffee Catch Up**— Our next Coffee Morning will be Tuesday at Daughters@Hall.
- * **St Francis Xavier Lunch**— Our next lunch gathering is at The Lakes, Gungahlin at midday on Thursday, 9th October. Please contact Tina if you would like to attend on 0412 171 722.
- * **Sunday 12 October at 8:50am**—Our Lady of Fatima procession: A short walk around the church and school grounds. Please join us as we pray the Rosary and carry the Our Lady of Fatima into the church.
- * **Parish Morning Tea**—Sunday 12 October after the 9:30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.
- * **MenAlive Weekend for Men**—What are you doing on the 18-19 October? Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now, Holy Spirit's menALIVE weekend is being organised at the parish conducted by experienced leaders from the Men Alive team. Enquiries: Matt 0423 958 915, or Steve 0421 635 675
- * **Transport to Mass request:** There are a number of elderly parishioners who are no longer able to drive and would love to come along to Mass. If you can assist with transport and you have a WWVP card, please email the Parish Office office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or call 6242 9622.

Thank you!!

A big thank you to the men at the Hall Men's Shed. Recently there was a break in at St Francis Xavier church in which the rear wooden door was severely damaged. The two toilet doors were also broken down. The men's shed were able to repair all three doors for us. The Parish Community, particularly those that attend mass at Hall, appreciate the great work they did in remedying this.



October is the month of the Holy Rosary

October is always a special month for devotions to Our Lady. This year there are several events that can help you celebrate with Mary.

First, there is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary, on Tuesday 7 October. On the following weekend, the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality will be held from Saturday 11 October through Sunday 12 October. It is one of a number of Jubilee Days in 2025 as part of the broader Jubilee Year of Hope.

In our own parish there will be an Our Lady of Fatima Procession on Sunday 12 October before the 9.30am Mass. So you can celebrate the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality by joining the procession. In Rome the Pope will celebrate a special Mass in St Peter's Square on Sunday 12 October as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality. Monday 13 October is the 119th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady at Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun.

There will be a special Marian Procession in Goulburn on Sunday 26 October and all are invited to attend. The procession and other events, including Mass, will be led by Archbishop Prowse.

Pope Leo has asked all Catholics to pray the Rosary as often as possible during October for the intention of peace in our world. The Rosary is a very powerful prayer, whether you say it alone, or with your family, or with some of your fellow parishioners. Even if you can't attend any of the events you can still dig out your Rosary beads and pray along with other Catholics throughout the world.

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



For those who are sick

Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Kwang Hui Lim
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Paul Johnston
Mark Bush
Vesna Ljubičić
Alonso
Sharni Laffan
Marc Darlington
Nancy Phillipps
Ashley
Ana Al-Adhami
Wigglesworth Family
Jeffrey Gonzalez
Mary Gardner
Marie Lincoln
Wongduean Sawasditas
Nook Sawasditas
Daranee Teapthong
Judeth Barrett
Mark and Debbie
Dee Pennay
Tom Nunan
Tim Mulcahy
Tatiata Tarazona
Adrian Mainwaring
Waine Summerfield
Alfred
Carol DeCruz
David Campbell
Brett Worth
Norberto Arqueza
Loretta Vandort
Manjula Perera
Melville Norris
Marc Bainbridge
Andre Swanepoel
Baby Langakali
Miriam Clancy
Alan Demascus
Nell Davis
Jones Velasco
Carmel Blake
Danilo Mallari
Phil Sobraty
Patricia Lebow
Jocelyne Sing
Stephanie Conroy
Glenn

Anniversaries

Wilfredo Baylin
Ernesto Mello
Juanita Montaos
Anthony Johnston
Basil Rose
Catherine Rose
Don Rose
Jess Samson

Recently Deceased

Simon Denilla

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Entrance Antiphon | Cf Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading | Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

- (R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.
1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
 3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading | 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that
God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift
was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and
love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed
of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being
his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the
sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have
heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ
Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something
precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who
lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation | 1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The
Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed
you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and
planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding
sheep, would say to him when he returned from the
fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"?
Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper
laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and
drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must
he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was
told? So with you: when you have done all you have
been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we
have done no more than our duty."'

Communion Antiphon | Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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**How many words can you make from the
letters in the words MUSTARD SEED?**



PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

“20 things you can do to help save the Planet”

For the past month Christians throughout the world, from all denominations, have been celebrating and giving thanks to God for the beauty of Creation. It's kind of appropriate that the Season of Creation coincides with the start of spring in our country. New life is sprouting, the blossoms are blooming all

around Canberra. It brings a sense of new hope after a long cold winter.

As we noted earlier Pope Francis called for us to transform our lifestyles. Here are some simple things you can do to help save the planet:

Waste less food – have a look at The Great Unwaste website, http://thegreatunwaste.com.au/ for tips on how to reduce food wastage;	
Support our parish Sustainability Sunday by recycling items at the end of each month.	
Compost any leftover products like food scraps;	Eat less meat, especially red meat;
Consume local products and eat seasonal fruit and vegetables;	Choose products made from recyclable materials;
Recycle wherever you can, including clothes;	Turn off the lights when you don't need them;
Carry your own water bottle (not plastic);	Use your car less, walk instead;
Take shorter showers to save water;	Use public transport – light rail is the least polluting means of transport;

You can probably add to this list, but these are just some practical things we can all do to make a difference.

Remember the theme of the Season, “**Peace with Creation**”. While we know there are threats to our planet that potentially could bring about the devastated cities and wastelands that Isaiah pictured, as Christians we can't give in to despair. We must have hope that the Spirit comes down upon us as Isaiah foresaw and justice and peace are restored. Remember that this is the special **Jubilee Year of Hope** and “Hope does not disappoint”.

We must always have hope in God, but we can't expect that God will do everything. I always remember a saying that my dear old grandmother told me – “God helps those who help themselves”. I think it means that we have to pray, but also act and do what we can to change things and God will help us along the way.

111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

This weekend also coincides with Migrants and Refugees Sunday. We can think and pray about people who are seeking refuge in our country, some of them because of the impacts of climate change. For instance, there are the people of Tuvalu, a small group of islands in the Pacific that are suffering from rising sea levels and which will eventually disappear. Australia is taking in 250 refugees each year from Tuvalu. But to get taken in the people have to go through a lottery and only 250 can win. Ten thousand remain. We must not forget them.



Mark Carter

HSP Social Justice Group



Call to Connect warmly invites you take time out,
to *Retreat*

Jesus heals the wounded heart

Date: Saturday, 25 October 2025

Registration and morning tea: 8.45am – 9.30am

Day concludes: 3.15pm

Address: Holy Spirit Parish Rooms and Church
93 Burdekin Avenue, Amaroo

Hosts: Call to Connect Leadership team supported by the
Missionaries of God's Love Sisters (MGL)

Cost: \$25.00 includes lunch and morning tea

RSVP: Monday, 20 October
No refunds due to costs incurred

Program includes short talks, prayer and private reflection, sharing in small
groups, adoration, reconciliation, prayer ministry

To register, go to <https://events.humanitix.com/jesushealsthewoundedheart>

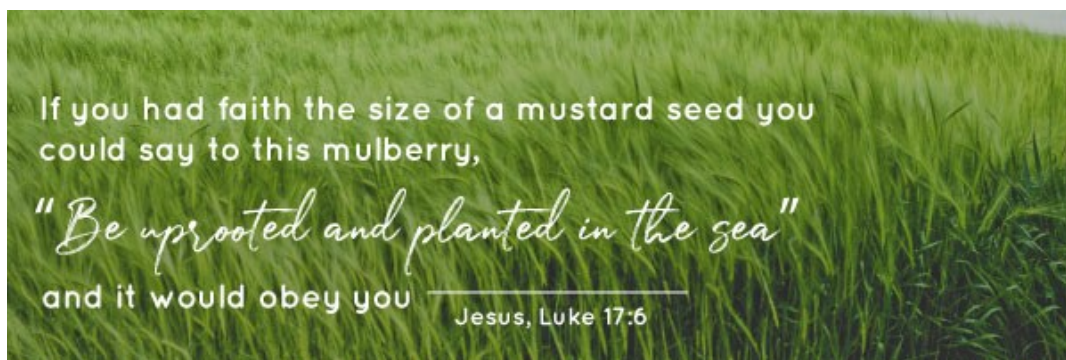
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"God heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds" Isaiah 61:1

Community Notices

- * **4 October | Songs of Open Country - choral concert | 6:00pm**
Canberra Choral Society (CCS) welcomes Spring with Songs of Open Country, to be presented in Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest on Saturday 4 October at 6 pm. This specially curated concert, under the direction of Dan Walker, CCS Music Director, with Dr Anthony Smith on piano, features beautiful choral music that evokes a sense of place, tells stories of vast landscapes, and celebrates the celestial forces that shape them. An uplifting and moving musical evening.
- * **14 October 10am—12pm | Royal Canberra Spring Morning Tea | 10:00am**
The Marymead CatholicCare Auxiliary warmly invites you to join them for their Spring Morning Tea at the Royal Canberra Golf Club. There will be a delicious food, craft, preserves and raffles.
Bookings close on 7 October 2025 Purchase your tickets here: <https://spring-morning-tea.raiselysite.com/>
Cost: \$45 per person
- * **16 October | Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House | 6:00pm**
At Archbishop's House: For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. RSVP: Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.
- * **19 October | 90th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church, Braddon**
St. Patrick's Church Braddon, the first Catholic Church on the North side of Canberra, was dedicated on 20th October 1935. This year marks the 90th anniversary of its consecration. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Prowse at 8am followed by refreshments. Contact Ray Toohey 0411182545 or Mary Boyle, maryeboyle8@gmail.com
- * **25 October | Jesus heals the wounded heart**
Women's Retreat day "Jesus heals the wounded heart" hosted by 'Call to Connect' and supported by the MGL Sisters. The day includes short talks, sharing in small groups, personal prayer and reflection, adoration, reconciliation and prayer ministry. Registration and morning tea 8.45-9.30am on: 25th October, at: Holy Spirit Parish to register, go to <https://events.humanitix.com/jesushealsthewoundedheart>
- * **26 October in Goulburn | Marian Procession 2025** Join us on for the annual Marian Procession.
For information visit www.mqagoulburn.com.au
- * **26 October | Bus trip to Goulburn for the Annual Marian Procession | 8:00am**
Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish warmly invites you to join us on a day trip by bus from Waramanga to Goulburn for the Annual Marian Procession. For details about the day's events, please visit the Goulburn Mission website: www.mqagoulburn.com.au. Cost is \$47pp. To reserve seats early, you may register via the Qkr! App under "Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish." Alternatively, you may register or enquire by emailing the parish office: westoncreek@cg.org.au.
- * **09 November | Br Michael Herry's Music Workshop | 2:00pm**
BR MICHAEL HERRY will present a free music workshop on Sunday 9 November at 2pm at St Matthew's Catholic Church, 12 Chewings St, Page. Come for a wonderful and joyful time of prayer and music and explore Br Michael's beautiful music for Advent and Christmas, his Psalm settings, and the excellent free music resource of the Marist Music website. All welcome! Free admission! Enquiries to belconnen-south@cg.org.au or Psalmist500@gmail.com



Our Lady of Fatima Procession

Sunday 12 October
8:50am

Join us for a Multicultural Rosary
Procession around the school
and church grounds.



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin



SYNODALITY SERIES

THREE PART FORMATION SERIES

Explore what synodality, evangelisation and charisms actually mean through an input from Archbishop Christopher, a panel of practitioners and a shared Conversation in the Spirit.

Where?

Haydon Hall | St Christopher's Pastoral Centre
Manuka, 2603
Each session will also be recorded and shared.

Who?

Anyone | Parish, school, ministry, movement and community leaders and members.
Hosted by the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn.

When?

18th September 5:30 – 8:30pm

Synodality | How can I grow in practicing synodality and share this with my community?

21st October 5:30 – 8:30pm

Evangelisation | How do we approach evangelisation in a synodal way?

20th November 5:30 – 8:30pm

Charisms | How can I grow as a missionary disciple, living and leading through my charisms?



Register

[www.cgevangelisation.org.au/
events/series](http://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/events/series)
evangelisation@cg.org.au

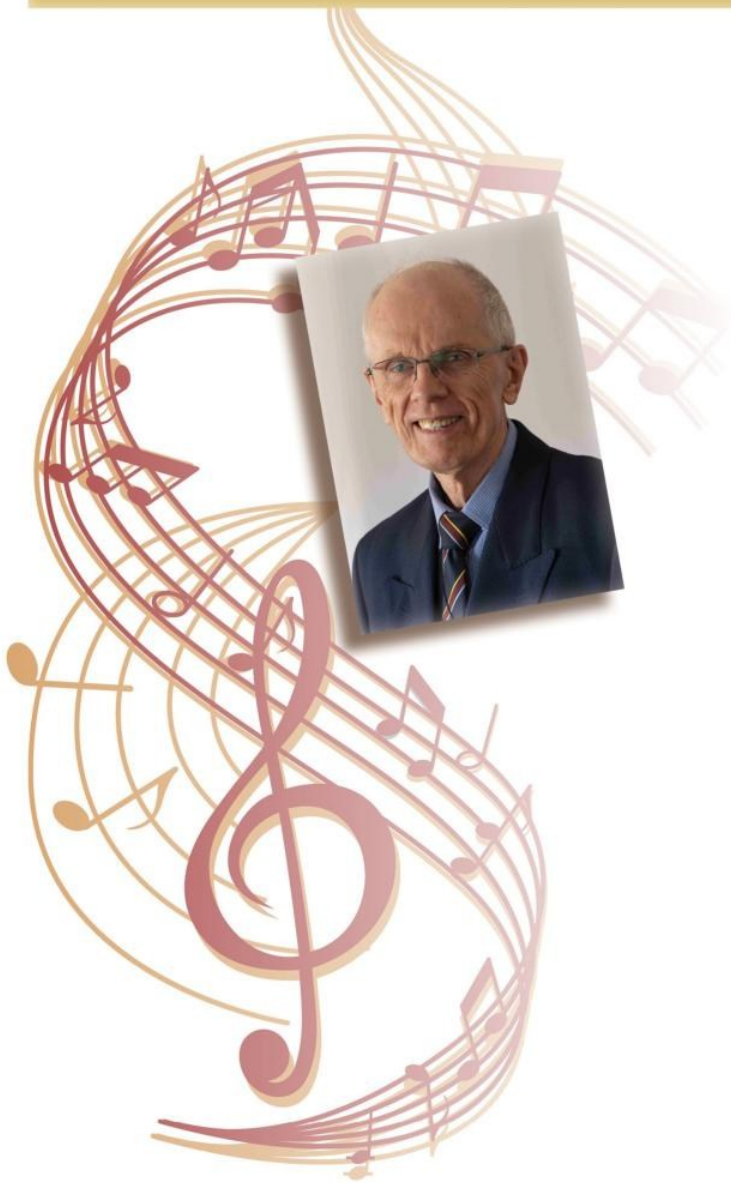


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If Today You Hear God's Voice

We like Jesus when he tells us we're guaranteed a seat at the banquet of God's kingdom. But we're troubled by the Jesus who tells us to wait on tables now. Being defined as a mere obedient servant seems a little cold, but it's a useful corrective to the notion that God owes us something special for all our hard work being the good guys. God is not, after all, our employer. God isn't obliged to put a little extra in the envelope when we put in over-time. God owes us nothing. It is we who are indebted for everything.

The disciples are obsessed with proportions nonetheless. They think "more faith" will make them more faithful! Jesus reminds them that God makes a lot with a little, as when the world was created from chaos, or humanity formed out of clay. A smattering of faith is enough – when it's used. But if we don't listen to God? All the faith and good works we can stockpile will be pitifully inadequate.

Think of the five biggest things you've ever done for God. Compare them with the five biggest things God has done for you. Does the story of the useless servant make more sense now?

Ask God today to speak to you: in Scripture, in the day's events, through other people. Listen for what God says to you today. Write down the words of God that comes to you, and pray over them tonight.

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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/>
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