



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

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29-30 January 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C



Upcoming Events

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

7:00am Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass

Christian Love

'God, that's very true' - a remark at our liturgy meeting after the second reading. Jealousy kills, envy too, and isn't it great to rejoice in the good fortune of another?

Love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and far, for love in the gospel is more than love for just the family, the friend, the attractive one, the neighbour, for all.

There are different calls to Christian love - near and dear daily love, friendship, marriage, relationships. The wider world like in our job where we live in a loving way, in justice with all, not using others for personal gain; the wider world where a universal love makes me want to make a difference in the bigger world. Love carries us into wide seas and waters. It involves us with everyone. It obviously doesn't mean we relate to everyone - nor that we even like everyone. Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, family, and often friendship, others' lives become even more important.

Love changes - we look back and see how the people we loved make the difference. Life is too short to look love in the face and say no.' We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and though their love may pass, we are nevertheless their work' (F. Mauriac).

The second reading today is hard to beat! We see it in action when we look at the life of Jesus.

Jesus whose heart is wide enough to love us all, make our hearts like yours.

Donal Neary SJ—catholicireland.net



TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing of your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

- Liturgy Help



Vinnies Food Pantry Donations

Thank you for your generous support during our Christmas Appeal. The pantry is very low at the moment and our vinnies team would appreciate your generosity so that they can help the many families impacted by the current COVID wave.

Please donate non-perishable food items urgently.

Upcoming Events

- * **Teachers/School Staff Commissioning Mass**
Saturday 5 February at 5:00pm.
- * **Sacrament of Confirmation**
For children in Year 6 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022. Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 15 February 1:00pm or 6:15pm** at the church. For more details please contact Katrina Battilana: sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or 62429622

Time to reflect

Jesus' statement that no prophet is accepted in his home town reminds us that it is often difficult to hear a challenging message from those who know us best, even if it is true. Perhaps we remember and even regret this aspect of our childhood and adolescence. We may have overlooked the wisdom and guidance of our parents, while allowing the voices of others—teachers, friends, and counselors—to carry more weight, even when these people were telling us the same thing. Perhaps this developmental stage is unavoidable. Perhaps as we have matured, we have come to a new appreciation for our parents and others whose perspective and experience we once rejected. Today's Gospel provides an opportunity to talk about and to learn from such experiences.

As you gather as a family, consider proverbs or other wise sayings that are familiar to your family ("Blood is thicker than water;" "All that glitters is not gold.>"). Consider what these proverbs mean and whether you believe them to be true. Why or why not? Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth by reminding them of old sayings that seem to have a lot of truth in them. Let's listen to this Gospel and consider what these proverbs mean. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:21-30. Ask: **What were the proverbs that Jesus quoted?** (Physician, cure yourself; No prophet is accepted in his native place.) Consider the meaning of these proverbs and look for examples from your own family life that show their truth. Consider how your family might accept one another's wisdom and guidance and not reject the prophets in your midst.

- Loyola Press—Sunday Connection

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



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Katie Charlton
Ronald Robles
Patricia Lebon
Glenn Mowbray
Gabrielle Eagles
Roland Zocchi
Graham Seymour
Helen Morris
Mark Williams
Sr Marie
Laurie Hancock
Jasna Market-Simpson
Nikola Market
Kathy Morris
Heather Hickey
Fr Paul Uwedimo
Muhammad Redza

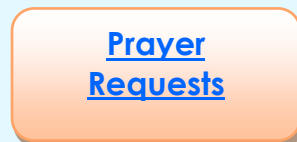
Recently Deceased

Brian Ware
Hetty Grimmon
Margaret Ord
Chita Japa

Anniversaries

Joan and John Cleary
Ronald Norman D'Cruze
Justina Balberona
Nola Newton

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



The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. In February the intention is: **Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,
For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector. Keep them free from danger and harm. Put our sons and

daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.

Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.

Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ. Amen

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