



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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1-2 October 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

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

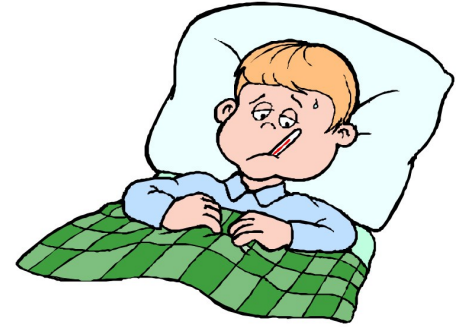
8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

Time For A Change...

Dear Parishioners

After a cold, wet holiday in outback Queensland, a short hospital stay in Canberra and now house arrest to recover from pneumonia, I am slowly gaining strength and getting back to my normal self. (Wine and beer still not tasting the same though!) I would like to thank everyone who sent me well-wishes, prepared meals, bought groceries, fruits, baked delights and wines; these were much appreciated and very much needed. I especially would like to thank Fr Thonn for managing the big workload of the parish in my absence and I am grateful for the parish office team for keeping everything running so smoothly and working under a lot of pressure. You have all helped with my speedy recovery.



Yesterday the Archbishop announced that there will be big changes across the archdiocese over the coming months with a number of parishes being advertised for new priests. Following that announcement, I would like to let you know that Gungahlin has been advertised and once all the deliberations are complete, I will be moving to a different parish (yet to be determined) straight after Christmas.

It was also announced that Fr Tony Percy will step down as Vicar General and Fr Richard Thompson will take on the role in early January 2023.

I appreciate that this will be a time of uncertainty for a short while and I will continue to provide updates about the changes as I receive them.

Yours in Christ

Fr Mark



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

8:30am

2nd and 4th Sunday of
each month

TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4, 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13:14, Luke 17:5-10

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him. - *Liturgy Help*

Season of Creation

1 September—4 October

An Integral Ecology

This is the last week of the Season of Creation, during which we have been reflecting on some of the major issues facing our planet, the land, its oceans, its flora and all the creatures living on it. We have looked at aspects of the Pope's encyclical **Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home**.



Pope Francis describes Creation as an “integral ecology” which is made up of multiple elements: environmental, economic, social, ethical, human and cultural. All these different elements are intrinsically connected. Integral ecology is not only concerned with the environment but also humanity in creation, such as the poor and marginalised.

Any solutions to the issues we face must take into account the complex relationships involved. As the Pope notes, “Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.”

What kind of a world do you want to leave for your children and grandchildren? As Pope Francis notes, “Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us.”

Doing nothing is not an option. Anyone can make a contribution to the changes needed to make a difference. Did you know that the Holy Spirit Parish has a Social Justice Group that is looking at things that can be done at a local level? You can find out more about the Group by contacting Peter Peterson at peterimantpeterson@gmail.com.

If you are interested in further exploring the Pope's encyclical **Laudato Si** just google it. You will find the full document and various summaries. Copies are also available at the piety stall in the foyer of our church and at the Catholic Bookshop.

- *Holy Spirit Social Justice Group*

Double or Nothing

In recent years celebrity poker games from Las Vegas have become popular on TV. The famous and well-to-do gamble with somebody else's money. The winner has a big donation made in their name to a charity of their choosing. You be the judge of the morality of all this.

The drama occurs when a bet forces a player to bet all of his or her chips. That means they'll win a large hand or be out of the game completely. If you watch it long enough, you learn that it's easy to bet everything when you have a great hand, much harder if you are struggling. Or if you think your opponent is bluffing, you have a tough decision to make. But quite often, skill has nothing to do with the outcome. Everything depends on the draw of the cards.

We have done nothing in and of ourselves to deserve the faith that God has given us. It is a true gift and blessing from God. We are supposed to play the hand that we are dealt. The prophet Habakkuk cries out for more faith even though he has enough. The apostles ask for an increase in faith, and Jesus tells them that they have more than enough.

When the chips are down (so to speak), do we believe our faith is strong enough to win or do we back off, asking for more? It is precisely when we are “all in” and place our trust in God that our faith makes us a winner, no matter the outcome.

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Upcoming Events

- * **Saturday 1 October 10:00am—12:00pm—Community Garden Planting Day.** We are ready for planting!! The garden beds have been prepared and it is now time for the fun part. There will also be time to chat over a morning cuppa so please come along - invite your friends - everyone is welcome and especially the children.
- * **Tuesday 4 October 10:30am—12:00pm—Ecumenical Prayer Service and Tree Planting** to mark the end of the Season of Creation on St Francis of Assisi's feast day. In the grounds of St Peter Chanel's Yarralumla—public entry at 2 Loch Street. Email: LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com
- * **6-24 October—Fr Thonn on leave to the Philippines**
- * **Saturday 8 October 6:30-9:30pm—East Hotel Kingston**
Meet other young Catholics (18-40) and support Good Shepherd Seminary by attending the **Under the Stars** Charity Event. Tickets can be purchased on TryBooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/CCFTY>) and follow the *Canberra Cathedral Young Adults* Facebook group for event details. If you have any questions, please email catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!!
- * **Tuesday 11 October at 7:00pm (fortnightly) - Reflecting on the Sunday Gospel.** You are invited to join parishioners who are gathering to reflect on the Sunday readings on in the Parish meeting room. Everyone is welcome. We will share together our inspirations and ideas in a respectful, supportive environment. Contact Alison on: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com or Jim on: mjet@grapevine.com.au
- * **Sunday 16 October at 8:50am—9:30am—Legion of Mary Procession of Our Lady of Fatima.** Meet at the front of the church.
- * **Saturday 22 October 2022—9:30am-4:30pm—One Day Retreat in Canberra with Fr Roni George and Fr Joby George VC**
St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT
Admission is FREE, BYO lunch. Boxed lunch available at nominal cost, RSVP by 18th October, 2022 to p1.rebello@gmail.com
For enquiries please contact: Parveen: 0439642571; Winnie: 0451015527; Prakash 0406381446; Shan: 0412310364; Tom: 0434689957
- * **Thursday 27 October 2022—9:15am Anointing Mass**

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



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Jan Hancock
Jim Banks
Diego Castaneda
Dorrell Hogan
Rhonda Lipton
Antonija Pavlovic
Adrian Lim
Paz Pinilla
Carol Ooi
Agustin Fernandez Alarcon
Grant
Alan Demascus
Gowri Shivasabesan
Charlie Prasad
Sandra Cortes
Kathy Morris
Sr Carmelita RSM
Susan Metcalfe
Don Rose
Carmen Degabriele

Recently Deceased

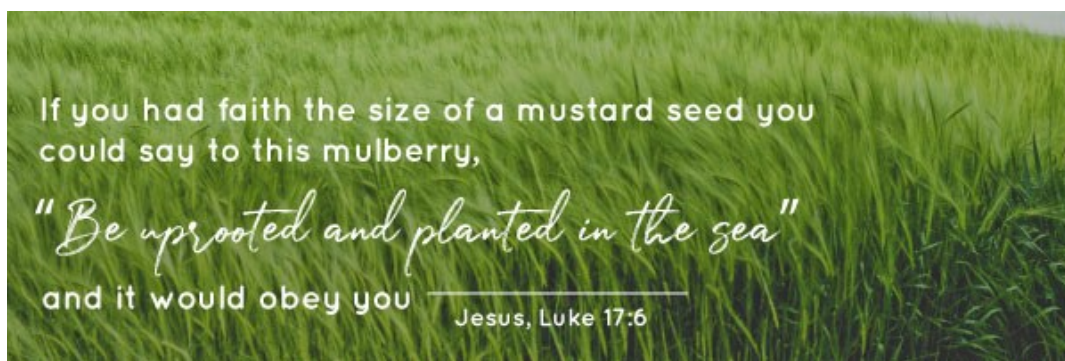
Kerry Glover
Eduardo Robles Jr

Anniversaries

Valda Pearl McCabe

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

[Prayer Requests](#)



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 overtime. 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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