



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

21-22 January 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



Love and Call

We notice a big change of Life for the disciples – they leave the past to follow the Lord, leaving behind their old jobs and roles but also what might block them from living fully. To follow the Lord joyfully we need to believe in ourselves as valued in the sight of God. We pick up messages about ourselves from significant people and we have to let them go.

A child whose parents separate often feels unloved and needs the care and love that shows they are okay, Many addicted people have, deep down, a sense of not being loved. Every child coming into the world deserves to know that he or she is loved. We believe that the first gift of our faith is the love of God, the humble God who became one of us in love. In religion we need to touch into the love and the call of God, by gradually letting go of the things in the world that prevent from knowing God's love. The first of the apostles had something new. Each of us, week by week can get this new thing, the love of God.

Everything else flows from that. To know the love of God is a huge gift, and to know the love and acceptance of another or a few others in life is also a huge gift. Both are one, in every love and friendship we have.

Is there anything keeping you from living in God's love?

Ask his help in this.

Lord, Let me know your love day by day and share with all I meet.

Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

7am Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7am Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

8:30am
2nd and 4th Sunday of
each month



This Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 8:23-9:3, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17, Matthew 4:12-23

Upcoming Events

* **Pray the Rosary with Legion of Mary**
Please join our Legion of Mary group on the first Saturday of each month after 5:00pm Mass.



* **Sunday 29 January 2023 at 6:00pm—Mass followed by dinner the Congregation of Mary of Peace.**
You are invited to attend and celebrate the Mass of the Presentation of the Lord - which is the Feast Day of our Community, The Sisters of Mary Queen of Peace in Canberra. The Mass will be celebrated by the Nuncio, His Excellency Most Rev. Charles Daniel Balvo who will concelebrate with Monsignor John Baptist Itaruma and other Priests.
Address: 9 Lucy Beeton Crescent, BONNER, ACT 2914
RSVP to Sr Kim: queenofpeace.nvhb@gmail.com or kimhoa30@hotmail.com or Mobile: 0434173479.



* **Thursday 26 January 2023 at 9:15am—Anointing Mass**
Mass followed by Morning Tea. All are welcome to attend.

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



For those who are sick

Jim Banks
Diego Castaneda
Dorrell Hogan
Rhonda Lipton
Grant
Alan Demascus
Gowri Shivasabesan
Kathy Morris
Juana Iris Gvevara
Sandra Cortez
Priscila Adriano
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Alex Yap
Caitlin Wigglesworth

Recently Deceased

Earle Maher
Ros McGovern
Cardinal George Pell
Jerry Maguire
Sybil Maguire

Anniversaries

Phillip Dodds
Justina Balberona
Chita Japa

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](#)



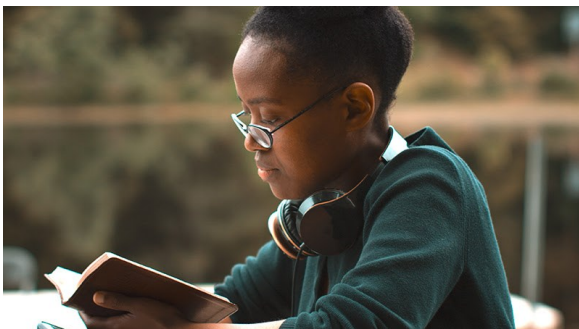
Community Garden Planning Meeting

Saturday 21 January 10:00am
at the gardens. Follow the signs from the church.

We are very proud of how our little garden is going and would like to welcome anyone interested to come along and be part of it.



Let God Be the Master of Your House



It strikes me increasingly just how hard-pressed people are nowadays. It's as though they're tearing about from one emergency to another. Never solitary, never still, never really free but always busy about something that just can't wait. You get the impression that, amid this frantic hurly-burly, we lose touch with life itself. We have the experience of being busy while nothing real seems to happen. The more agitated we are, and the more compacted our lives become, the more difficult it is to keep a space where God can let something truly new really take place.

The discipline of the heart helps us to let God into our hearts so that God can become known to us there, in the deepest recesses of our own being.— <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/>

Parish News and Activities



Volunteer Opportunity—Church Window Display Decorator

After 14 years of beautifully preparing our window display to mark the different liturgical seasons and themes, Veronica Davis formally finished up in this role at the end of December. We thank Veronica for her beautiful and meaningful work and her commitment to the task.

An opportunity now exists for someone who would like to use their creative flair to decorate our church window display and continue on from Veronica. All the materials will be supplied, all you need to do is bring your creativity and time to prepare the windows. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please email theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or call 6242 9622.

Children's Sacramental Program 2023

Sacrament of Confirmation

For children in Year 6 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023. Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 14 February** at the church.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated **9, 10, 11 May 2023**.
Enrolment link: <https://forms.gle/oGMZ2GXVxi477pos9>

Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation

For children in Year 3 and above wishing to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2023. Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 20 June** at the church.

Celebration of First Reconciliation

Week of 21 –24 August

Celebration of First Eucharist

At Masses on weekends
9-10 September and 16-17 September



For more details please visit our **website: www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au** or
Contact the REC at school.

St Francis Xavier Hall Choir



We are sad to inform parishioners that the SFX Hall choir is no longer going to be in operation. Our Choir Director, Nikki Carson, has given us very professional direction and instruction since 2006, and in the last few years travelled up to Canberra monthly to oversee practices and conduct at Mass. She is now no longer able to do this.

In addition, our numbers have declined due to ill-health, and other members are using their retirement to travel.

The choir has a rich history, beginning under the baton of Irene Pellegrino in 2000. We would like to thank Irene, Nikki, Mary our organist, and stand-in conductors Carmel and Brenda for the opportunities they have given us to enrich the Mass experience through singing.

Judy Smith

- ◆ What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.
- ◆ I was going to give up all of my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that no one likes a quitter.
- ◆ At the beginning of the year, I made a resolution to lose 5 Kilos. Only 8 more to go!
- ◆ **Q:** How can you keep a New Year's resolution to read more while never opening a book?
A: Watch TV with subtitles.
- ◆ **Q:** What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar?
A: He got 12 months!
- ◆ An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in, A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves
- ◆ I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?
- ◆ I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised to hear it.
- ◆ In 2023 remember: In any argument, a wife has the last word. Anything the husband says after that last word is the beginning of a new argument.



WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Online Mass Contribution (First and Second Collections combined)

We encourage you to continue to support our parish by making contributions to our First and Second Collections online. Follow the steps below to make a secure online donation.

1. Click on <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/donations-payments/secure-online-payments/>
2. Select Biller Code 1002872 – Mass Contribution
3. Enter your payment details.

Parish Bank Account Details

BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish



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Parish Groups

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Mondays 1:30pm Parish Office

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