



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

1-2 July 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

9:15am Mass
6:00pm Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass
7:30am Morning Beans
12:00pm Mass

Saturday

4:15pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

Welcome, Prophet

(Matthew 10: 37 - 42)

Something needs to be said about the flip side of receiving a prophet into your home. Yes, you may receive a prophet's reward. But you also have to listen to the prophet and the prophecy. This may be why prophets aren't swamped with invitations when they come to town.

When Jesus came to town, sinners and religious folks alike vied for his presence in their homes – at first. But Jesus had a way of criticising his hosts, even berating the manner in which he was received by them, that made a second invitation unlikely. Only those willing to take his words to heart and repent were glad that Jesus came under their roof.

Prophecy is by its nature a challenge to the way things are. If we don't want to change, then prophets will always seem like threatening characters. They don't come to affirm us, but to invite us to come closer to the will of God. Receive a prophet if you dare but be prepared to do more than rearrange the furniture in your world.

Pray

Hospitable God, we offer our thanks and praise for the welcome you extend in friendship and forgiveness. Guide us to welcome others through our relationships, our forgiving and accepting forgiveness. Help us grow in the joy of offering and receiving love. Amen.

Ponder

Have you ever received a prophetic person into your life? How did he/she challenge you? Find the corner of your life where the irritability factor is high. Chances are this is the very place where prophecy is trying to speak. Listen to the challenge being offered to you, and reply.

Kids' Corner

Jesus tells us that giving someone even just a cup of cold water is a good thing. When was the last time you can remember being really thirsty? Why were you so thirsty? What happened? How did it feel when you finally got a drink of water? Do you think Jesus only wants us to help one another by giving cups of cold water, or would he like us to help in some other ways? What are some simple things that you might do every day that can be compared to giving someone a cup of cold water? What kind of reward do you think comes to someone who serve another?

Jesus, help me do small things with great love! Amen.

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The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service of others.

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This Weekend's Readings: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16, Romans 6:3-4, 8-11,
Matthew 10:37-42



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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

Upcoming Events

- * **Sunday 2 July 3.30-4.45pm | True Life in God (TLIG) Prayer Meeting**
(Prayer & Fellowship). Bring your rosary beads. For further information on the True Life of God Messages visit the Parish website. Contact: Tom Kalliath: 0434 689 957 or Tony Cassar: 0497 804 676
- * **Friday 7 July 2023 - 7:30am-9:00am | Morning Beans for Young Adults (18-30)**
Blossoms Café Ngunnawal —spill in at anytime!
- * **12 July | CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program | 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**
Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple. **Information and registration -** www.marriagefamily.org.au
Enquiries: Helena Zobec marriage.preparation@cg.org.au OR 0405 440 463

Up For A Workout?

I once ran with the Olympic torch.

Before each new Olympic Games, runners carry the torch from Athens, Greece, to the Olympic site. They pass it from runner to runner for thousands of miles. I joined the relay for about a mile when it came through where I was living at the time, though I carried the torch only briefly.

I trained as a runner before the day the torch came through. Nothing would be more embarrassing, I thought, than huffing and puffing with the torch in my hand. At first I hated running, and my body seemed to hate me for doing it. But over time it got easier and easier.

Here's how this all connects with this week's Gospel. Jesus tells us that discipleship requires serious sacrifice. It costs to follow Jesus. You have to forgive, to care for your enemies, to give your time, to share your money, to do the right thing when it's not popular. Discipleship might even seem like an impossible challenge at times.

But living as a disciple is like training for a race. Little sacrifices help train you for bigger ones. Practice as a Christian builds up your strength. Give a little time regularly to others. Forgive people for little hurts. Be honest in small matters. The more you make little sacrifices, the easier it will be to make bigger ones in the future – sacrifices that might make a big difference in the world. Don't get discouraged when you seem to fail. Just keep training. And look to your loving, forgiving coach – Jesus – who wants to guide and encourage you.

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



For those who are sick

Jim Banks
Dorrell Hogan
Alan Demascus
Kathy Morris
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Caitlin Wigglesworth
Kwang Hui Lim
Grant
Maria Therese Cummins
Gail
Peter Knight
Elizabeth
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Cyril Jolicoeur
Richard Smart
Sean Burke
Jan Morris
Bill Honess
Ghlyanne Chelmiah

Recently Deceased

Rhonda Lipton
Witold (Victor) Sulkowski

Anniversaries

Nell Conway
Elizabeth Pulle
Mary Rose

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

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prayers.

THANK YOU!

Thank you Holy Spirit Parish for supporting our recent craft and succulent stall, raising \$1130, with all proceeds donated to the Vinnies CEO Sleepout. It was a great event, with Vinnies exceeding its overall donation target for the night! I would also like to thank the generous and hardworking parishioners who donated the "hand made" craft items and succulents for the stall, some amazing work! All the support was greatly appreciated. Vinnies will continue to accept donations for the CEO Sleepout until the end of July <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/keith-cantlie-cantlie/act>

Thank you and kind regards *Keith Cantlie*



NAIDOC WEEK 2023

In 2023 NAIDOC Week will be held from Sunday 2 to Sunday 9 July. This week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is celebrated by people from all walks of life, Indigenous and non-Indigenous. There are a range of activities across Australia that people can participate in. Canberra will be hosting a special event called 'MEGAfauna: a walk through time'. The event will be held at the Australian National Botanic Gardens from 1 July to 30 July. Visitors will travel back in time for a family-friendly outdoor discovery trail combining nature, science, art, culture, history and fun. And entry is free.

The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week is 'For Our Elders', recognising the pivotal role played by Aboriginal Elders as leaders and teachers, and as holders of the culture and the lore of Indigenous Australians, which stretches back over a period of over 60,000 years.

NAIDOC week is also an appropriate time to consider the upcoming referendum on the introduction of a Voice to Parliament for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. The referendum will be held later this calendar year, possibly in October or November.

The Voice will be a body made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who will give advice to Parliament on issues that will affect their communities. For instance, if there is legislation coming before Parliament on an issue relating to Indigenous Australians, like food security or housing in remote Australia, the Voice will be a source of advice on that matter. Linda Burney, the Minister for Indigenous Australians has given three succinct reasons why voters might consider supporting the Yes case for a Voice to Parliament. First, giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities a say in the matters that affect their communities will mean better policies that get better outcomes.

Secondly, the Voice referendum will be a unifying moment for Australia – by recognising in Australia's Constitution the 60,000 years of continuous connection that Indigenous Australians have to this country.

Thirdly, the Voice will empower communities to take control of their own destinies and future, by allowing local voices to be heard that allow government to make policy with Indigenous Australians, not for Indigenous Australians.

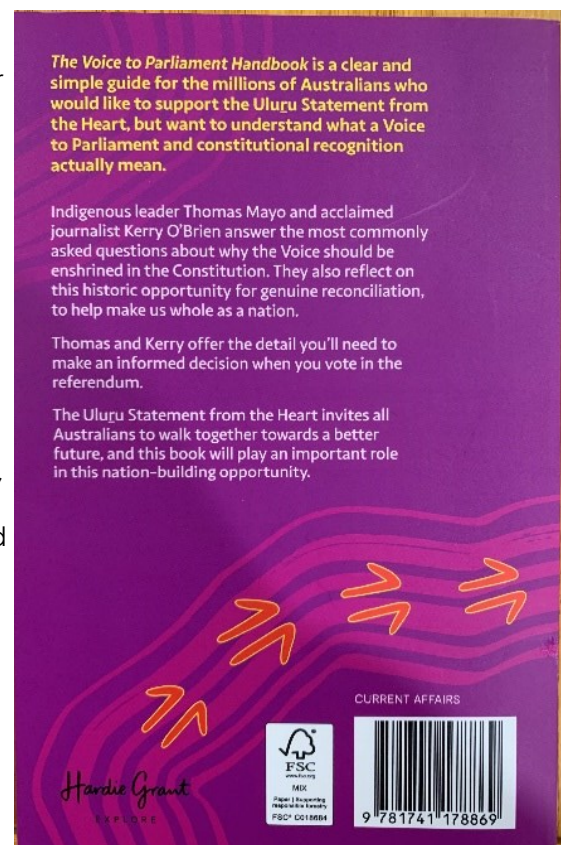
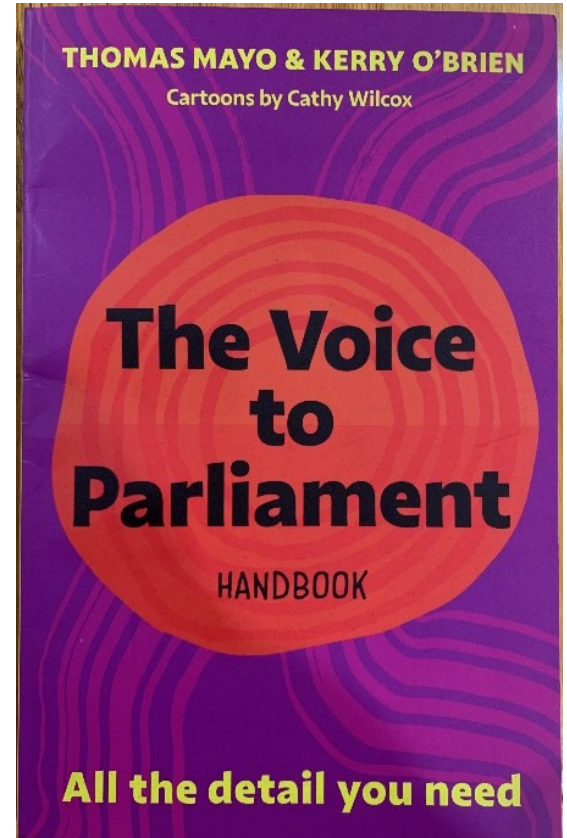
The Australian government has funded an education campaign about the proposed Voice to Parliament, which provides cases both for and against the Voice. People will have to make up their own minds after considering the merits of those cases.

Nonetheless, it is worth noting that the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the recent Australian Plenary Council and social justice advocates like the St Vincent de Paul Society are backing the Yes vote as a further step towards reconciliation with our First Nations Peoples.

To help us all understand the significance of The Voice to Parliament, the Social Justice Group will hold information sessions over the coming months so that together we can learn about the impact and importance of The Voice to Parliament for our First Nations people. The following book comes highly recommended, is easy to read and is available at local retail stores.

Mark Carter and Leanne Johns

On behalf of the Social Justice Group



Everything is Connected and Sustainable Lifestyle



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Thank you to everyone who took a few moments to look at the displays we had last weekend. We hope you enjoyed the first of many opportunities to share information and we look forward to hearing from you with your hints and discoveries. For those people who put their name down in their area of interest, we'll be in contact soon. If you would like to know more about ways you can participate, please email theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



Pope's monthly intention for July:

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Trivia Challenge

Which saint is celebrated the day after Christmas on the Church's universal calendar?

- A. St. Stephen
- B. St. John the Apostle
- C. St. John the Baptist
- D. St. Thomas Becket

2. Which of the following saints is a patron of bakers?

- A. St. Lawrence
- B. St. Anthony of Egypt
- C. St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- D. St. Nicholas of Tolentino

3. Which of the following Christians celebrate all seven sacraments?

- A. Methodists
- B. Lutherans
- C. Baptists
- D. Orthodox



WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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1. BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00029248 Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund Ref: Gungahlin and Surname
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