



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT and 220 Victoria St, Hall ACT
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15-16 July 2023

15th 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

Blessed Eyes, Blessed Ears

(Matthew 13: 1 - 23)

My Dad's hearing started to fail. My vision has gotten to the point where I need two kinds of glass in my glasses. Our senses have a built-in obsolescence that we ignore till they balk and we find out there's no warranty.

Seeing and hearing are gifts not to be taken for granted, but understanding with the heart is greater still. Jesus never blames the blind man for his blindness, nor a deaf person for not responding. But he does have a lot to say about people who walk wide-eyed into episodes of sin. Jesus is blunt with religious people who refuse to change their hearts. They (we!) enjoy the advantage of having God's word sown like seed in our soil, and yet nothing is cultivated and nothing grows. No plot of ground is responsible for its barrenness if the seed never arrives there. But woe to the ground that's planted and yields dust! Far better to stop going to church and stop calling ourselves Christian, than to adopt the name and go on, deaf and blind to Jesus.

Pray

Ever-present God, bless us now as we open ourselves to these stories – stories that are sometimes difficult and which hold tensions, lies, and rivalry. May we wander through them with a heart open to the ways that your presence, truth, and love is near. Amen.

Ponder

Make a commitment to God's word. Get a readable Bible – it may not be the big leather one in the living room. Spend ten minutes a day, on one passage or even one verse. Make a commitment reasonable enough to see through. *"That's why I tell stories: to create readiness, to nudge the people toward receptive insight"*.

Kids' Corner

Seeds grow best in rich soil. Yet, the sower in this story doesn't just plant in good ground. He flings seeds into rocks, thorns and right on the path where travellers walk. Instead of waiting for a just-right spot, he scatters his seed everywhere. God's love is a little like that. God doesn't wait for us to be perfect. God pours love into us just as we are, ready or not.

God of love, thank you for loving us as we are! Amen.

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St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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



Prayer Requests—for World Youth Day Pilgrims to take to Portugal and pray for you.

All parishioners are invited to write down their prayer requests on cards provided in the foyer for our pilgrims to take to World Youth Day and pray.

Blessing of World Youth Day Pilgrims—Sunday 16 July 9:30am followed by morning tea. Please come along and bring a plate of yummys to share.

This Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

Upcoming Events

- * **Fridays 7:30am-9:00am | Morning Beans for Young Adults (18-30)** Blossoms Café Ngunnawal —spill in at anytime!
- * **Sunday 16 July 9:30am | World Youth Day Pilgrims Blessing Mass and Morning Tea** Join us to pray for our WYD Pilgrims.
- * **Wednesday 19 July 7:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council Discernment Evening**
If you are still considering about becoming a member, please come along to the discernment evening or contact Fr Troy during office hours to discuss.
- * **Saturday 26 August at 7:00pm | Parish Family Games Night**
Save the date! Tickets to go on sale soon.
- * **8-15 October | Parish 30th Anniversary Celebrations**
Save the date for this week long celebration of various events.

Becoming Catholic



Interested in finding out about the Catholic faith or interested in becoming a Catholic?

If you, or anyone you know, would like to become a Catholic or to simply learn more about the Catholic faith, this process is a good place to start.

An introduction evening will be held in the Parish rooms on **9 August 2023 at 7pm.**

If you would like to find out more about the program, please see Fr Troy or Fr Eden or contact Theivani on theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Plastic Free July

Let's think of a couple of ways we can change old habits re the use of plastics. Sometimes it's not easy because we are often time poor but with a little bit of thought and creativity, we can change our behaviour and recycle, re-use and reduce our reliance on single-use plastic. Here are just a couple of ideas....



Beeswax wraps.

They are eco-friendly food covers available from craft markets, health food shops and if you are interested, a couple of parishioners make them for sale. They last up to about 12 months and are biodegradable and compostable.

Lunch wrap and paper bags

It could be called 'old fashioned' but if you're not using beeswax wraps, why not use paper lunch wrap (comes in a roll) and place sandwiches for work in a brown paper bag. Question – does anyone take sandwiches to work anymore?



If you have any suggestions to help reduce the use of plastics, please let us know at maureenhilton@gmail.com
With thanks and together let's try to Reduce, Recycle and Re-use wherever we can.

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
Jan Morris
Bill Honess
Ghylianne Chelmiah
Mon
Tony Johnston

Recently Deceased

Kristian Metcalf
Mate Babic

Anniversaries

Jim Newell

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Youth Group for Term 3!

Sunday 23 July 2023m
from 5pm-7pm.

The Youth Group will start with the 5pm Mass followed by a gathering afterwards.

Invitation to Become A Mentor

You are invited to express an interest to become a RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) mentor.

A mentor serves as a guide and example to someone seeking to become Catholic by accompanying them in friendship and with prayer, the mentor introduces the person to how Catholics live and practice our faith. The primary role of a mentor is to offer a welcoming spirit by:

- ◆ Inviting the candidate to sit with you and your family at Mass
- ◆ Showing them around the parish
- ◆ Introduce them to your parishioner friends
- ◆ Encourage them to get involved in ministry and parish life such as morning teas, events etc.

Mentors are not expected to have theological knowledge to provide the candidate with any teachings.

Mentors will be paired with someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic at our Parish.

No prior training or experience required as mentors will receive ongoing support and formation from Fr Troy.

Who can be a mentor?

- ◆ Anyone who has been fully initiated in the Catholic Church; and be a practicing and participating member of the parish community.
- ◆ Singles, Young Adults, Couples, Seniors or Families are all invited.

Information session for Mentors:

An information session will be held **on Wednesday 16 August 2023 at 7:00pm** at the parish office for all who would like to become a mentor.

For more information, please contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

FAMILY Games Night

7:00PM - 9:30PM
SATURDAY 26 AUGUST
HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH & GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL HALL
93 BURDEKIN AVENUE, AMAROO

TRIVIA ROUNDS!
PRIZES FOR BEST THEMED TABLE GAMES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

\$10 per person
Gold Coin Entry for under 12 years old

FIND OUT MORE @ WWW.HOLYSPIRITGUNGAHLIN.ORG.AU

HELP US WITH OUR GAMES NIGHT

We are seeking donations for our prizes for adults and children. Please bring these along to Mass or you can drop them off at the parish office.

We are happy to receive any of the following:

- Wines
- Boxed Chocolates
- Gift Vouchers
- Small Toys or Games
- Colouring Pencils/Crayons and Colouring Books
- Pre-packed gift hampers (non-perishable)
- Money for us to purchase prizes



We also need volunteers to help us run a few things. If you would like to be involved, please contact Theivani: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or 0472921518.

Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday 18 July at 5:30pm

Parish Office – all are welcome

Topic:
The Mystery of the Catholic Church



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin



WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

First Collection (Supporting all priests of the Archdiocese)

1. BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00029248 Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund Ref: Gungahlin and Surname
2. Tap and Go machines or Qkr!

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/>
2. Direct Credit: BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish
3. Tap and Go machines or Qkr!



CONNECT WITH US

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Download our parish app: [Pocket Parish from App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Parish Groups

Craft Group | Beth Forshaw
Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

St Vincent de Paul | Drazen Roginic President
P: 0401 669 301
E: Drazen.Roginic@vinnies.org.au

Call to Connect | Maureen Hilton
M: 0431 123 465

Holy Spirit Prayer Group | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028
Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church

Social Justice Group | Peter Petersen
E: socialjustice.hsp@gmail.com

Legion of Mary | Grace Magbutay
E: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Youth Ministry | Matthew Allen
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Young Adult Ministry | Fr Eden Langlands
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Care Group | Sonja Vocisano
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