



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

9-10 September 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass
5:30pm Faith Formation

Wednesday

9:15am Mass
6pm Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

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

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

Special Agent of God

(Matthew 18: 15 - 20)

If we are special agents of God, then we serve as agents of grace for one another. I am, in a real sense, at your service, as you are at mine. Together, we invite the kingdom of God into our midst. It's not the sort of commission one can achieve alone.



Of all that we do together to promote God's reign, the hardest may be our gentle mutual correction. Unlike yourself, I'm sure, I dislike being told I'm wrong. When I respond in anger and treat someone unfairly, I want to be justified, not reproved. But some of my friends love me enough to tell me when I'm way off base and need to examine my motives. Sometimes it's enough to hear it from one person. Sometimes, I need to hear it from every direction before I'm ready to change. I value this honesty in my life because I can't always punch my own way out of ignorance. My friends know how dearly I want to hear yes in heaven, so they're willing to say no to me in the here and now.

Have you ever corrected someone you love when they're in error? How do you respond to such correction?

Pray

Compassionate, loving God, every day we see and hear the misery and suffering of oppressed people. Too often, we do not allow ourselves to be your partner in their liberation. Call us. Empower us. Consecrate us. Send us. Amen.

Ponder

Spend a week mindful that you're God's special agent of grace for others. Wear a cross or display a Bible phrase on your desk to act as your badge of commission. Let love be the goal of your words and actions.

Kids' Corner

Jesus keeps his promises. So, when Jesus tells us he will be with us, we can depend on Jesus. That's good to know, isn't it? As Jesus' followers, shouldn't we try our best to be with others too? Especially those in need? Maybe you're wondering how you can do that. Here's one way. Is there someone you know who needs Jesus' help? Maybe they are sick, sad, lonely or even angry. Find a friend or family member and invite them to pray for this person with you. Pray together in Jesus' name and remember that Jesus is there with you.

Jesus, be with us as we pray for others. Amen.

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This Weekend's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9 , Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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

Social Justice Group Message

Introducing the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation commenced on 1 September – the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation – and ends on 4 October – the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration of God's creation. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home.

This season is a time for prayer and contemplation about the issues facing our planet and everything that lives on it. The Vatican is asking us to use the Season of Creation to increase understanding of the challenges facing our world, most critically in impacts on our climate, on biodiversity, on water supply and pollution.

Pope Francis sees that there is now an urgent challenge for humanity to look after the earth, the poor and the next generation.

This year's theme for the Season of Creation is Let Justice and Peace Flow. Its image is of a mighty river and is inspired by the words of the prophet Amos – "Let judgement flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (Amos 5:24).

In his message about the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation the Pope says that we need to *make 3 transformations* if we are to join the mighty river that allows justice and peace to flow. Over the next 3 weeks we will look at these transformations to see what we can all do to be a part of the change that is necessary.

The first of these transformations is to *transform our hearts to join the mighty river*. The Pope quotes Saint John Paul II, who said that we need to embrace the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator.

We hope that parishioners will join us in celebrating the Season of Creation. One practical way of doing that is to join in a **Community Planting day next weekend, 16/17 September, in the Parish Community Garden**, where you can join with other parishioners in learning about some practical things that will care for creation.



God of the faithful, God of the great congregation,
you are amongst us as we do your work.

**You are amongst us as we stand with the sick,
the troubled, and the downhearted.**

You are amongst us as we meet needs in the neighbourhood.

You are amongst us as we stand with the tested of our community.

You are amongst us as we comfort the dying and the bereaved.

You are amongst us when we challenge our despair and apathy.

**You are with each one of us in the darkest moment,
with each of us when our joy cannot be restrained.**

God of the faithful, God of the great congregation,
you are with us for the long haul, and our thanks is profound.

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
Elizabeth
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Cyril Jolicoeur
Bill Honess
Ghylanne Chelmiah
Tony Johnston
Brianna Alter
Joyceline Radjam
Jason Yeh
Jaya Raghwan
Julie Mirfan
Paul Johnston
Edwin Joseph Dsouza
Alan Kay
John Sweeny
Siew Yeoh
Sharron Davis
Michelle
Don Rose
Mark Bush

Recently Deceased

Anniley Lazaro
Grace Falzon
Peter Knight

Anniversaries

Rosine Cortese
Jagjet Darra Singh
Gaudencio Alcalá
Magdalena Alcalá
Albert Alcalá
Reynaldo Alcalá
Ellen Barnes

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

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Requests](#)

From the Parish Council

The Parish Pastoral Council met this week for the monthly meeting. The agenda covered the Parish Finances, Youth and Young Adult Programs, and the planning for the 30th Anniversary celebrations.

Peter from the Parish Finance Committee spoke to the Council about the Parish's financial position from last year and what it looks like in the coming year. The figures we discussed were presented in the Parish Bulletin on 29/30 Jun 2023. It was an insightful discussion. Key in the discussion is we have predicted an about \$20,000 reduction in income for the coming year compared to last year. We are managing expenses at the moment but increasing costs for our large parish and changes in diocese insurances are creating additional pressures on our Parish budget. In the coming year we will be monitoring our financial progress and probably looking to refresh our fund raising efforts. Please stay tuned.

We have made remarkable steps in connecting and fostering the youth and young adults this year. Through Fr Eden's drive and leadership, we have four programs in the Parish. Morning Beans, an early morning Mass and coffee catch up each Friday for young adults. A monthly men's group for young men looking for spiritual and personal connection as they navigate the highs and pitfalls in life. A young adults Alpha group to promote faith and reach those who have not connected with church or looking to reconnect. The last initiative is the youth group which continues to be refreshed, not only by Fr Eden but by Matthew Allen and Frances Dinn. Each of these programs are growing and like the mustard seed will continue to grow with your prayers and support. These programs give us a head start in getting more pilgrims to World Youth Day 2026. So this weekend please pass on your words of support to Fr Eden, Frances, Matthew and Malwyn our youth minister.

The finally and most significantly the Council discussed and committed to a plan for the 30th Anniversary celebrations. We are pleased to announce the following program of events and activities to celebrate this significant milestone for our Parish in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.



◆ **Sunday 8 Oct - 30th Anniversary Youth Mass and post Mass youth celebration** (marking the beginning of a road to WYD 26). We hope to have this Mass and celebration supported by our Catholic schools.

◆ **9 -15 Oct** - Starting on Monday 9 Oct 23 we would have a week long effort to support businesses in our local community, especially parishioners owned and operated businesses. I look forward to hearing from parishioner's who own businesses in our local community.

◆ Saturday 14 Oct -

* **5pm Multicultural Mass** to showcase our evolution as a Parish over the last 30 years. We are looking for our various parish community culture groups to reach out to express their support to participate in this Mass.

* **6:30pm - Parish 30th Anniversary party.** More information on the party will come out in the next week or so. The information will include timings, catering arrangement, and ticketing arrangements.

◆ Sunday 15 Oct -

* **8am Mass - Seniors Mass** and special blessing

* **9:30am Mass - Children and families Mass** supported by our Catholic primary schools followed by a whole of Parish morning tea.

* **No 5pm Sunday Mass** as we would like to see all of you at the other Masses over the weekend.

Its a full program but one worthy of our 30 years. Please mark these events in your diaries and stay tuned on the Parish website, bulletin, Pocket Parish app or on the Parish social media channels. It will be a great time.

Your Parish Pastoral Council remains committed to making this Parish a Beacon of faith in the North. Please connect with us during and after Masses to have your say.

News and Events

- * **Morning Beans for Young Adults | Friday 15 September at 7:30am-9:00am** - Blossoms Café Ngunnawal — spill in at anytime!
- * **Tuesday 12 September 2023 - 5:30pm-7:00pm | Adult Faith Formation**
Topic for this week: A Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy
- * **RCIA program - Becoming Catholic** | The first session of the program will be held in the Parish rooms on Thursday 19 October 2023 at 7:00pm. If you would like to find out more about the program, please see Fr Troy or Fr Eden or contact Theivani on theivani@holyspiritungahlin.org.au

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH

Year 5-8 Youth Group

August
Saturday, 26th (wk 6)
Family Games Night - Gold coin entry.

September
Sunday, 3rd (wk 7)
Youth Series
Sunday, 10th (wk 8)
Fun Night
Sunday, 17th (wk 9)
Youth Series
Sunday 24th (wk 10)
Fun Night

24th - 27th
EXPLOSION Youth Conference (ACT)
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Register →



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Vinnies Pantry Donations

Please continue to donate generously so that we can fill our pantry!

There is a [helpful list](#) of items you can donate if you are stuck for ideas.

Donations can be brought to:

Weekend Masses, the parish office or [Stonehouse Amaroo](#).



Community Garden

If you would like to see what is happening in the Community Garden, please come and join us on **Saturday 16th of September** between 10am - 12:30pm.

For more information please contact Fiona on fionawilk62@gmail.com

Time to reflect

Two or more

If your sister or brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the error, but keep it between the two of you. If she or he listens to you, you have won a loved one back; if not, try again, but take one or two others with you, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses. (Matthew 18: 15 - 16)



Jesus tells us that there is strength in numbers. Instead of stewing over the wrong someone did to you, you should meet with the person and discuss the problem. This advice applies to situations at work, at home, at school, or among your neighbours. One is not only a lonely number but a dangerous number because the more you replay perceived wrongs in your head, the easier it is to lose perspective and make matters worse by blowing up at someone.

Many managers (including a few parish/school leaders) seem to have the "if I just ignore it, it will go away" approach to problems. But how many of us have ever seen that approach actually work? Problems are meant to be solved and relationships reconciled. If two people can't do that, the next step is not to retreat but to try to advance with the aid of others (co-workers, family members, friends). If that fails, then it's time to call in the wider community for help: the human resources department, the entire family, the parish council. These are difficult steps, but they are meant to make rare a step that is all too common: complete disassociation from the offending party.

Two or more working together toward reconciliation discourages obstinate, isolating behaviour that leaves no room for anyone, not even God. Join the crowd today.

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Red Cross**

The Red Cross is working in communities across Australia. We want Australian communities to be strong and for the people in our communities to feel included and able to take part.

You can be matched one-on-one with a friend, receive regular caring welfare calls, be driven to appointments, be provided with a personal alarm or be delivered a healthy meal.

We can also support you to access appropriate housing and care. You can access many of these services through the Federal Government's [My Aged Care portal](https://www.myagedcare.gov.au). For more information please visit www.redcross.org.au. Contact us on communityconnect@redcross.org.au

If you are interested or know someone who will benefit from these services, please see the printed brochures in the church foyer.

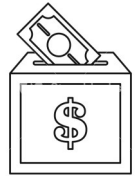
WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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!



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