



# 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

11-12 November 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday—Thursday

9:15am  
Communion Service

### Wednesday

No Holy Hour

### Friday

7:00am Mass  
7:30am Morning Beans  
12:00pm No Mass

### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

### Sunday

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

## Keeping Vigil

(Matthew 25: 1 - 13)

For a few years I worked in downtown San Francisco. It's a lovely city by every standard, but it has one drawback that gives newcomers pause: it's located on an earthquake fault line. When you ask long-term residents how they cope with the idea that at any moment, without warning, their entire world could collapse under their feet, they look at you with the amusement of experience. "You get used to it," they tell you.

Most people who live on fault lines dismiss the odds. They don't have the emergency supplies on hand that local phone books recommend: enough bottled water for several days, torches, spare batteries, a transistor radio. To non-residents, this seems like madness. But consider all the things you may not be prepared for. How many people go through life without health insurance? Who prepares for divorce, disability, or unemployment? In some ways, we all go about without oil in our lamps, like the five in the story, playing the odds that we won't come up short.

One way to be prepared for any eventuality is to ground our lives, not in fluctuating circumstances, but in Christ. Though the earth shiver and crack open beneath us someday, we won't be lost if Christ is the bedrock upon which we stand.

**What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded? Will that truth support you "come hell or high water"?**

## Pray

Grant us, O God, life in the light of faith, that we may be enlightened within, and bright and lively beacons without; that we may give illuminating and truthful witnesses to the brilliance of your grace and justice. This is our choice. Amen.

## Ponder

Keep vigil for wisdom. Make time for spiritual reading regularly, as well as prayer, solitude, and worship. Get into the habit of discerning God's will as you make decisions regarding relationships and resources. "So stay alert. You have no idea when he might arrive".

## Kids' Corner

*Therefore stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.* (Matthew 25: 13)

Do you know what integrity is? Integrity is doing the right thing all the time, even when nobody is watching. It's doing the right thing simply because it's the right thing. That's not always easy. But God sees everything. God sees when we act with integrity and when we could do better. God isn't watching just so God can catch us slipping up. God really wants us to live with integrity. And God wants to help us, especially when it's hard.

Loving God, please help me live with integrity all of my life. Amen.

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## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

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

## This Weekend's Readings:

Wisdom 6:12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, Matthew 25:1-13

# Parish News and Events

- \* **Tuesday 21 November 2023 5:30pm-7:00pm | Adult Faith Formation**  
Topic: Catholic Social Teaching
- \* **The Chosen Discussion Group | Wednesday 22 November at 10:00am.**  
All are invited to join Fr Troy to watch a few episodes of Season 2 of The Chosen followed by a discussion group.
- \* **RCIA program and Alpha | Parish rooms on Thursdays at 7:00pm.** If you would like to find out more about the program please contact [theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)
- \* **Morning Beans for Young Adults | Friday 17 November at 7:30am-9:00am -**  
Blossoms Café Ngunnawal —spill in at anytime!
- \* **Car Boot Sale | Sunday 26 November 10:30am—2pm**  
\$10 per spot—contact the parish office to book a spot.



## Anointing Mass

**Thursday 30 November at 9:15am**  
**Followed by Morning Tea.**

**All Are Welcome!**



- \* **12 November:** Glory Be to our Creed for Speed
- \* **19 November:** Craft and Furious
- \* **26 November:** Fatima is a Crafty Place
- \* **3 December:** The Mystery Channel
- \* **10 December:** Youth and Altar Server Christmas Party

## Volunteer Opportunity – Parish Finance Council

The Parish is looking for a person to fill the role of Treasurer on the Parish Finance Council. The role of the PFC is to monitor the finances of the parish and advise the Parish Priest and Parish Pastoral Council on budgets, income, expenditure, future trends, and financial requirements.

This involves attending four meetings per year (roughly every three months). The meetings generally last about one and a half hours. There is a small amount of reading and email correspondence. Someone who has an understanding of income and expenditure statements and balance sheets would be desirable.

Please note that the role of Treasurer is assisted by the parish finance officer. He prepares the monthly financial statements, quarterly BAS, annual financial reports, annual budgets, meeting agendas and deals with various financial issues.

For applications or enquiries, contact Tony Rose at the office on Tuesdays or Fridays or by email [gungahlin.finance@cg.org.au](mailto:gungahlin.finance@cg.org.au)



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



### For those who are sick

Jim Banks  
Dorrell Hogan  
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  
Ghlyianne Chelmiah  
Tony Johnston  
Jaya Raghwan  
Julie Mirfan  
Paul Johnston  
Edwin Joseph Dsouza  
Alan Kay  
John Sweeny  
Sharron Davis  
Michelle  
Mark Bush  
Salvacion Vargasž  
Caroline Galea  
Maria Stark

### Anniversaries

Geraldine Crane  
Walter Burke  
Mary Lewin

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

[Prayer Requests](#)



# From the Council Chair - November Report

Let me begin by thanking all the parishioners for their commitment and contributions to the massive week of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Without the full support of the parish, especially its volunteers, we would not have been able to mark this significant occasion.



As usual the Parish Pastoral Council met this week on Wednesday to discuss the Parish's next steps and oversee the operation of the Parish.

At the top of our issues was the recent advice from the Archdiocese that Parishes can recommence offering both forms of communion: the bread and the wine. The advice did not include the latest clinical advice from ACT Health and the Council agreed to source this advice before making any decisions. In the meantime, we would welcome the parishioners' views on introducing both forms of communion back in the parish to help inform any decisions.

We took the time to get an update from our Saint Francis Xavier community. The update was overwhelmingly positive from the small community. They have very proudly announced they will be celebrating Saint Francis Xavier's Feast Day in early December with a mass and twilight Parish picnic. There are more details on this event in this bulletin. I ask everyone in the Parish to save the date in the calendar and really think about joining our Saint Francis Xavier family for a twilight picnic. Also, you may wish to know that Saint Francis Xavier Church is the original location of the Gungahlin Parish dating back to 1910.

As many in the parish will know Christmas and the beginning of the liturgical year is upon us again. One minor complication for our Parish this year is the Good Shepherd School hall will be closed for renovations very soon. However, never fear Fr Troy and the Parish Office team are on to it and we will have a fantastic venue for Christmas Eve celebrations. More on this will come out in the next few weeks. It should be grand. Otherwise, Advent will again be a great Christmas preparation period for the Parish with the normal preparatory activities of lighting the church, activities for the kids to help decorate, and carols from our cultural communities. Your support and a little volunteering would be appreciated for these preparatory activities. Watch out in the bulletin for more information.



The Parish Council received a proposal to uplift and recognise our Altar Servers and recruit more from our most recent 1<sup>st</sup> communion flock. After discussion, the Council agreed to the proposal to launch that Guild of St Stephen and offer exclusive membership to the guild to our Altar Servers and new recruits. The Guild will offer training, fellowship and support for our Altar Serving community. In the coming weeks, this important sector in the Parish will receive exclusive invitations to the Guild.

The last item on our agenda was an update on our website and mobile app. Some interesting statistics from the discussion showed that our website has been visited over 16261 times in the last year and on average our app is being used 3.8 times a week by users. In the coming weeks, the Parish Council will be reaching out to collect your thoughts on the website and mobile app to gauge how best to refresh them both. Please have a think about how the website and mobile app work for you.

Finally, it is with sadness the Council said farewell and thank you to Jossy Rappai from the Council. After some time with the Council, she is standing down. We are grateful and thankful for her contributions to the Council, especially her keen intellect and vibrant approach to business. Thankfully, she is staying with us in the Parish where her enthusiasm will help light up our Church. Thank you, Jossy, for listening to the call to serve.

*Sean Ryan*

## St Francis Xavier Church Feast Day Mass and Picnic

To celebrate the feast day of St Francis Xavier, Hall parishioners are having a Mass and a picnic in the church grounds at Hall on **Saturday 2 December at 5pm** (weather permitting). Please bring everything you need for a picnic and you may like to bring a plate of food to share with others. Parishioners from Amaroo are very welcome to us. The rural atmosphere and views from the church grounds will make it a special experience for many.



# Social Justice Matters



## Social Justice Group Newsletter available this weekend

Read about tips to **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** to expand our recycling habits, especially as it's National Recycling Week from Monday, 13 November to Friday, 17 November.

**World Day of the Poor** is on Sunday, 19 November 2023. In his message for the 2023 World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis quotes from the Book of Tobit - "**Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor**" (**Tob 4:7**)

**Climate change** and us. To find out more read 'Is our world under threat from climate change and what should we do about it?'

Social Justice Group members will be in the Foyer to hand out SJG newsletters this weekend. Please take a copy.

## Community Messages



### "Living in the comfort of the Holy Spirit". Acts 9:31

**Date:** Saturday 25 November 2023 (9.30am-4.00pm)

**Venue:** St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT 2604

**Admission is FREE, BYO lunch.** Boxed lunch available at nominal cost, RSVP by 22 November 2023 to [p1.rebello@gmail.com](mailto:p1.rebello@gmail.com)

**For enquiries** please contact: Parveen: 0439642571; Winnie: 0451015527; Prakash 381446; Shan: 0412310364; Tom: 0434689957

## A Retirement Celebration in Honour of Graham Pollard

In honour of Graham's contribution to our schools and parishes, we warmly invite colleagues, friends and parents, past and present, to join us for refreshments.

**Date:** Wednesday 6 December 2023

**Time:** 4.00pm - 5.30pm

**Venue:** St Matthew's Primary School

**RSVP:** 30 November 2023 [office.stmatts@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.stmatts@cg.catholic.edu.au) or 6254 2653



Mother Teresa School Community Council

# Paint & Sip Evening

A step-by-step group painting experience where you will create a beautiful artwork. Your very own masterpiece to take home!

## Date

**Saturday 18 November 2023**

## Time

**Doors open 5.30pm**

**Painting Session 6-9pm**

## Location

**Mother Teresa School Hall**

## Cost

**\$65 per person**  
plus 50 cent booking fee



**BYO**

**Drinks & Nibblies**



Please bring your own glasses/cups.  
Alcohol is permitted.

**BOOK NOW**

**[WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CMMKU](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CMMKU)**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE 5PM ON 13 NOVEMBER**

This is an over 18's event and a chance to meet other MTS parents, carers and friends.

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# Car Boot Sale

**Someone's trash can be your treasure!**



**\$10 per spot -  
contact the parish  
office to book yours.**

**Saugage sizzle, cakes  
and coffee available.**

**Sunday  
26 November  
10:30am to 2pm**

**93 Burdekin Avenue, Amaroo  
6242 9622 or [office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)**



# NGUNNAWAL COMMUNITY DAY

3pm onwards  
18 November 2023

## Ngunnawal Sports Ground

(near Ngunnawal Primary School)

Kids Activities Live Music  
Food Trucks Jumping Castle Lawn Games  
Performers Stalls Face Painting



Scan to like and follow the Facebook event page and for all the latest information on activities, stalls and performers.



**NORTHSIDE**  
COMMUNITY SERVICE



Contact: [gungahlinsepradeep@gmail.com](mailto:gungahlinsepradeep@gmail.com)

## Priests on Clergy Retreat

Fr Troy and Fr Eden will be away on Clergy retreat from Monday 13 November to Friday 17 November.

Please pray for them over this time.

Communion Services will be held in place of Mass during the weekdays. There will be no holy hour, faith formation, Chosen discussion group or RCIA during this week.



## Actual Excerpts From Church Bulletins



1. "This evening there will be a meeting in the north and south ends of this church. The children may be baptized at both ends."
2. "Thursday at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Mothers' Club. All those wishing to become little mothers, please meet with the minister at 7:00 p.m."
3. "Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk, please come early."
4. "Wednesday, the Ladies' Aid Society will meet and Mrs. Johnson will sing 'Put Me in My Little Bed' accompanied by the minister."
5. "Sunday being Easter, will Mrs. Thomas please come forward and lay an egg on the altar?"

<https://www.almanac.com/extra/funny-church-bulletin-bloopers-and-more-humor>

*Lord,*

Holy my family in Your strong hands. I trust You with their hearts, their thoughts, their futures, their very lives. Guard them and lead them!

## 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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### Parish Groups

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

**St Vincent de Paul** | Drazen Roginic President  
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**Call to Connect** | Maureen Hilton  
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**Holy Spirit Prayer Group** | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028  
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