



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

10-11 February 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Ash Wednesday

9:15am Mass
6pm Reconciliation
6:30pm Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass
12:00pm Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

Reflection on the theme of Masks

Lent may be seen as a time for reflecting on the masks we wear and the reasons we do so! It is also an opportunity to reflect on Scripture and identify the masks worn by certain characters in an effort to examine both the motivation and the consequence of wearing masks. (The question of whether or not Jesus wore masks is one worthy of contemplation throughout this season of Lent.)

Traditionally, Lent is a time for transformation and conversion. Lent provided the Sabbath time we need to stop, reflect and ponder life's mysteries – a time in fact, for entering the desert and there seeking God. Lent provided the breathing space for self-examination and for renewal.

One way to approach Lent is through the symbol of masks. Masks, like myths, both reveal and conceal realities. Masks can give the illusion of power and mystery. Masks can also empower by reducing self-consciousness through anonymity. Masks can provide a clear indication of reality or they can distort that reality.

MASKS are used to fulfil a variety of purposes:

- to cover up defects or inadequacies
- to disguise or hide emotions / feelings
- to show difference
- to portray a particular character or aspect of a character
- to conceal a true identity
- to create an element of mystery
- to exaggerate emotions
- to protect the body
- to make non-verbal statement
- to celebrate a particular cultural or religious festivity

Lent is a time to take off our masks and look at who we are – a time to reveal our true selves to others. We strive for authenticity.

—Rina Wintour-Sacred Celebrations for Lent



St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm



Parish Morning Tea

Sunday 11 February after 9:30am Mass
Please bring a plate to share!

Parish News and Events

- * **Rosary After Mass | Saturday 10 February after 5:00pm**
All are invited.
- * **Parish Morning Tea | Sunday 11 February after 9:30am Mass**
Please bring a plate to share.
- * **No holy hour** on Wednesday 14 February, Reconciliation available from 6:00pm



Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation Program

Will you take me to your home?
Hosted by Legion of Mary—please call Peter 0437 672 069 to make a booking.

Funeral Service

Parishioners are invited to attend a funeral service for **Charles Paul Falzon** on Friday 16 February 2024 at 10:00am.



LENT

Lent is a time when we accept the 'face' of others - in a spirit of openness and acceptance. We strive for tolerance.

Lent is a time for taking risks - accepting who we are and being willing to share with others. We strive for courage.

Lent is a time to reflect on the journey of Jesus and his complete freedom and authenticity. We strive to imitate the authenticity of Jesus.

Join one of our programs:

- * **Wednesdays 10:00am** (first session will be on Thursday 15 February followed by Wednesdays thereafter) — Lenten group using Archdiocese of Wollongong Lenten Guided Program Pietà
- * **Thursdays 6:00pm starting 22 February**—The Chosen (8 episodes) during lent with pot luck dinner.
- * **Tuesdays 7:30pm at Joe and Irma Jambor's:** If you are interested, please contact Joe: irmandjoe@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday—Reflection

Let's Contemplate: Imagine you are about to set out on a long and difficult journey.

Let's Consider: During Lent, we think about the masks we wear to protect us or disguise ourselves from others. Consider Lent as a time to take off our masks and reveal our true selves to others.

Let's Connect: Quiet time. In a Prayer Journal, draw yourself and the mask you usually wear (friendliness/grumpiness/easy to get along with/stubborn).

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



For those who are sick

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
Tony Johnston
Jaya Raghwan
Julie Mirfan
Paul Johnston
Edwin Joseph Dsouza
Alan Kay
Sharron Davis
Michelle
Mark Bush
Julie Morgan
Tim Watson
Jim Banks
Barbara Kirk
Vesna Ljubičić
Gaudencio Montaos
Alonso
Rosalind Murphy
Frances Miley
Sharni Laffan
Marc Darlington

Anniversaries

Antonio Banhara
Greg Smith
Maria Pia Dobrigna
Megan Schulze

Recently Deceased

Charles Falzon

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

[Prayer Requests](#)





Thank You &

Best Wishes

After over seven years serving as our Parish Secretary, we wish Magda Baraniecki all the best as she ventures on to bigger and better things. Magda brought much kindness and warmth to our office and will always be remembered for her helpful nature. We thank Magda for her dedication and great service to our parish and offer her our prayers and well wishes for the next journey in life. Whilst Magda will no longer be in the parish office, we will see her and her family, Andrew, Daniel and Matthew at weekend Mass as usual. Thank you Magda!



Parish Pastoral Council Update

The Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council met this week. The first meeting for 2024.

At the heart of the meeting was the reflection and rejuvenation of the Parish Pastoral Council role and responsibility in carrying out God's mission for the Church. Fr Eden led us in prayer and thought on the importance of the three interconnected missionary activities of the Church: worship and liturgy, service and evangelisation and how they are carried out in the parish. The discussion spoke to the important role of the laity and the priests in working interdependently to advance our mission and emphasised the important co-responsibility of all the baptised in building up our parish together. The Council aims to build on this faith formation across the Parish with a journey of listening through prayer, a survey, meetings and ultimately a Parish Assembly to build with the parish plan. A journey that should see Holy Spirit Parish worship, serve and evangelise to achieve God's mission for the Church. We seek everyone's contribution to these activities to both personally enrich everyone's life in Christ and build a parish in communion with the Church.

Further the Parish Pastoral Council spoke about the important Lenten and Easter seasons ahead. As the Good Shepherd School hall re-development will not be complete, Holy Week will be split with Holy Spirit Parish holding Palm Sunday masses, 2nd rite of reconciliation and Holy Thursday Mass, and John Paul College hosting the Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter masses. More news on all Holy Week activities, including St Francis Xavier church involvement, will come out during Lent.

We will also be using Palm Sunday for winter coat collection as we did last year. Please look through your cupboard for coats you think will make a difference and bring them along to celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem the same way it occurred over 2000 years ago.

During the Lenten period we will also be hosting a Call to Ministry weekend seeking parishioners support for the various ministries needed to support the enriching experience of the Mass. Please keep an eye out in the bulletin for more details on when the Call will be.

Finally, as some of you will know the Diocese has been on a journey to hold a Diocesan assembly on 19-20 October 2024. Councillor, Jim Corrigan, has kindly taken on the role to keep the parish informed on the developments as we near the assembly. We aim that our own assembly will be informed by and inform the Diocese Assembly. Your contributions to the assembly is warmly welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all on Ash Wednesday to start our Easter preparations through prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Sean Ryan

Chair

JOIN OUR TEAM

**Secretary/Administrative Officer | Permanent Part-time – Four days per week (23 hrs)
Tuesday to Friday – 9.00am to 3.15pm**

The position of Secretary/Administration Officer at Holy Spirit Parish has become available.

This role has responsibility for a wide range of administrative and organisational activities in a busy Catholic Parish in the Gungahlin area and to ensure the smooth and effective operation of the parish office. The Secretary/Administrative Officer is often the first point of contact for people connecting with the parish and therefore is required to have an understanding of parish functions and groups, be able to answer a variety of general questions relating to parish life; be able to show compassion, understanding and patience when dealing with a wide range of people.

Applicants are required to be enthusiastic and have the ability to contribute to building community, have excellent administration skills, be able to self-manage work priorities and projects and to work effectively within a small team.

For the full job description and selection criteria, please visit our parish [website](#).

Applications

To apply please provide a covering letter which includes your response to the Selection Criteria along with your Curriculum Vitae to Fr Troy Bobbin at recruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au. For more information, contact Theivani on 0472 921 518 or 6242 9622 (Tuesday to Friday).

Parish Youth Coordinator

If you are a young adult in our parish (18-35yrs) who is passionate about building community and sharing your faith, we invite you to apply to be a Parish Youth Coordinator here in Holy Spirit Parish. You would work 3 hours per week in a paid capacity, running a weekly/fortnightly Sunday night youth group (yr 4-7) after the Sunday evening Mass, as well as helping us start a group for teenagers (yr 8-12). There are also opportunities to support our young adult ministry in the parish. Additional to this, you will become part of a broader community of Parish Youth Coordinators and Volunteers in the Archdiocese, in the Apostolate Formation Program. Your time commitment attending formation will be paid by the Archdiocese, in addition to your parish hours. The formation provides you with catechesis, especially in the sacraments, prayer, Christian life and mission.

Our desire is to start as soon as we can. We look forward to seeing your application here: cgevangelisation@cg.org.au/parish-youth-coordinator

Community News

Our Archdiocese's Women's Breakfast is on 7 March at the Ainslie Football Club at 7.30am.

Celebrating women of faith, the Breakfast builds friendship and community. Listen to the inspiring ACT Local Hero, Selina Walker, a respected indigenous elder who will speak about her care for vulnerable children, her First Nations leadership experience and her faith and church perspective.

We also raise funds to support MacKillop House in Lyneham, a CatholicCare Marymead place of safety and shelter for homeless women and their children.

Register through: <https://www.cgwomen.org.au/>

Parish contacts:

Maureen Hilton at maureenhilton@gmail.com and Alison Weeks at alisonmweeks@bigpond.com

February | Marriage Preparation Course

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 13th Feb 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged* - Sat 10th & 17th Feb 9-3pm. *Engaged Encounter* - Sydney, Sat 24 & Sun 25. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information contact marriage.preparation@cg.org.au To register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Contact Lara Kirk on lara.kirk@cg.org.au or Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

Readings for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon | Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading | Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11, R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation | Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

or

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

Source: Liturgy Help © 2024

Parish Library

Now available! Books are located in the glass cupboard in the church foyer meeting room. To borrow one, simply grab a book and see someone at the Piety stall counter.





Holy Spirit Social Justice Group

YOU are invited to become a Friend of the Parish Social Justice Group

Some of you would know that there is a Social Justice Group in our parish. But you may not know why it exists or very much about what it does.

The group was formed about seven years ago by a small group of parishioners who are passionate about social justice issues. The group aims to raise awareness of social justice issues and to suggest ways that we, as a Catholic community, might take action.

The group draws on Catholic social justice teachings that promote human dignity and the common good in society. **The World Day of Social Justice is coming up on 20 February.** It is a day for remembering the various social justice issues affecting our world today.

Why should you care?

It is the responsibility of all Christians to care about their fellow human beings and about our common home - the planet.

So we all need to care about things like:

- ◆ People suffering from poverty and homelessness;
- ◆ The impacts of climate change, which impact on the poor more than anyone else;
- ◆ The refugees and asylum seekers of the world;
- ◆ Modern day slavery and oppression;
- ◆ Our aboriginal brothers and sisters who are still not benefiting from the Closing the Gap policy agreed to by all Australian governments.

When the time comes Jesus will ask every one of us:

- ◆ When I was hungry did you feed me?
- ◆ When I was thirsty did you give me a drink?
- ◆ When I was naked did you clothe me?
- ◆ When I was a stranger did you welcome me?
- ◆ When I was sick or in prison did you visit me?

How will we be able to answer?

So what can you do?

During the coming year the Parish Social Justice Group will continue to remind you about social justice issues and small things you might do to help address them. It might be that you support organisations who advocate for social justice, like the St Vincent de Paul Society, Caritas Australia, Catholic Missions, the Salvation Army, Red Cross, or similar organisations. Or there might be a local project that you can contribute to.

You may not have the time to join the Social Justice Group and attend its meetings. We understand that people have other obligations and families to look after. But if you have an interest in social justice issues you may be able to find the time to help with particular projects that the Group sponsors.

On the weekend of 17/18 February we invite you to register your interest in particular activities or issues that you might get involved in. We are hoping to build a register of parishioners who are willing to help us in raising awareness of social justice issues and doing something about them.

We would love you to consider joining us in some of our activities this year.

Mark Carter

On behalf of the Parish Social Justice Group





Join our new community

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Serve Jesus - Serve Your Church

Are you interested in serving the Lord?

If you are in grades 4 to 8 and have received the sacrament of First Communion, we need you! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to serve Jesus and serve your Church.

Come and find out what it's like to be an Altar Server for Holy Spirit Catholic Parish.

It will be a fun event with games, food and much more.

Sunday 18 February 2024

3pm-5pm at the Church.

RSVP by Friday 16 February for catering purposes
by calling the Parish office on 6242 9622
or email office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

For children in Year 6 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024. Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 27 February at 1:00pm and 6:00pm** at the church.

Children **NOT** attending one of the parish Catholic Primary schools and wish to enrol in the parish program: <https://forms.gle/7Yiz8p5TCp7tjanQ6>

For more details please contact:
Parish Program: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



Mass Times 14 February 2024

9:15am
6:30pm

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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