



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

22-23 June 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass
7pm Christian Meditation

Wednesday

8:20am John Paul II College
9:15am Mass
6pm Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass
No 12:00pm Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

God Unlimited

Some scholars are fishermen, but it doesn't follow that all fishermen are scholars. Certainly, the guys who followed Jesus since Galilee didn't betray hours of brilliant learning. If they'd studied Scripture much, they might have recognised in Jesus' absolute control of the waters the divine authority displayed in the Old Testament. God sets limits on the waters in Genesis, and ever after the waters are under heavenly control. Think Noah and the ark, Moses and the Red Sea, Elijah and the long famine without rain, Job and the Voice from the Whirlwind, Jonah and the great fish, to name a few. Only God can wield power over the forces of chaos represented by water. If Jesus could do it too, then logic would suggest that Jesus had a special relationship to God.



But we can't really blame the first disciples for not recognising the power of God when they were up to their necks in it. How often do astonishing events come into our lives, and we just say, "What luck!" or "How talented I am!" never acknowledging the true source of grace.

What events in your lifetime can only be attributed to the grace of God?

Pray

We are so often given over to fear, O God. Like the disciples we huddle together, swamped in spirit by the waves of life in their many different forms. For it is not as though there is nothing to be afraid of. And we need not pretend that faith puts an end to all doubt. It is simply that in those difficult and very human moments we do not reach out to you. We do not seek the reassurance and calm that you are so willing to give. Hear then our cry for healing; hear in our hearts our longing for calming peace. *(pause)* Amen.

Ponder

God makes all things possible: life, love, beauty, hope. Resolve to live more gratefully, giving praise and thanks to God for every good thing that comes your way. *He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life.*

Kids' Corner

So, whoever is in Christ is a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5: 17)

There's practically nothing better than waking up and remembering that it's school holidays. You've got a couple of weeks ahead of you. You can play with friends, go to the park, read books, go to the movies, ride your bike or just sit and do nothing. This is actually good for you because when you go back to school, you can feel refreshed – like a whole new creation. But don't think about going back to school just yet. Right now, think about the holidays ahead – and how you can keep Jesus by your side.

Jesus, let's have an adventure together! Amen.
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St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

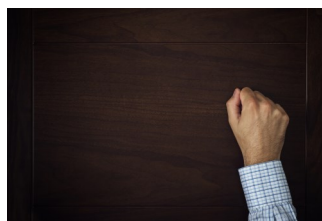
Parish News and Events

- * **Christian Meditation** | Tuesdays 7:00pm in the church
- * **Youth Group** | Fortnightly Sundays 6:00pm-7:30pm
Last one for Term 2, 30 June 2024. Book via Qkr—\$5 for food and snacks.
Contact Theivani at the Parish office.
- * **TLIG PRAYER MEETING** | Sunday 7 July at 3:30-4:45pm
Prayer and fellowship in the Parish Office meeting room. Bring your rosary beads. All are welcome. The 5:00pm Mass will follow immediately for those interested in attending this Mass. 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.
- * **Parish Games Night**. Saturday 17 August 2024. Start gathering your table of 10 friends. Donations of wine, chocolates and gift cards Welcome!

Pastoral Visits to the Sick and Housebound

Fr Troy and Fr Eden are keen to know of people in the Gungahlin area who are sick and/or housebound and who may like to receive a home visit and/or Holy Communion.

Please let us know if we can help you, or pass this information onto family, friends or neighbours and encourage them to contact the Parish Office on 6242 9622 or office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



Starting Friday 21 June, there will be no Friday 12:00pm Masses for the remainder of the year. All are welcome to attend the 7:00am Mass plus the additional Mass at St John Paul II College at 8:20am on Wednesdays.



Attention: Contributors who use envelopes

Please note that **Envelopes for the 2024-25 Year** are now available for collection in the church foyer.

Please also note that **the envelope for Sunday 30 June 2024 does not** have your **envelope number** on it as there are 53 Sundays this financial year. Please write your number on the top right-hand corner.

St Francis Xavier Church:

The monthly luncheon will be held on Sunday 30th June at The Lakes, Gungahlin at 12.00 o'clock. Everyone is welcome. For enquiries, or to book please contact Kate on 0415 787 880.

During the winter months when it is too cold to chat after Mass if you wish to meet for a coffee and chat, please join us at Daughters@Hall on every second Tuesday. The next get together will be Tuesday 2nd July.



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



For those who are sick

Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Kwang Hui Lim
Elizabeth
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Tony Johnston
Jaya Raghwan
Paul Johnston
Mark Bush
Jim Banks
Barbara Kirk
Vesna Ljubičić
Gaudencio Montaos
Alonso
Rosalind Murphy
Sharni Laffan
Marc Darlington
Liam O'Brien
Nancy Phillips
Daranee Thepthong
Ashley
Ana Al-Adhami
Linda Dwyer
Carmen Azzopardi
Rudy Mercado
Wigglesworth Family
Brigitte Gurtler
Pedro Avines
Joseph Crnjac
Alan Demascus
William Peele
Jeffrey Gonzalez
Rita Looney
Mary Gardner
Marie Lincoln

Anniversaries

Joshua Stewart

Recently Deceased

Rita Davids

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Holy Spirit Parish

Invites Everyone to Come for...

youth group

MOVIE NIGHT

\$5
for food and
snacks

Sunday 30 June

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Years 4-6

Book via Qkr!
(search Holy Spirit Parish)



Bring a Cushion or Bean Bag
to sit on

more info: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au
93 Burdekin Avenue, Amaroo



Community News

- * **21-23 June | Consecrated Life Retreat Weekend**
Come and discover more about the gift of consecrated life. The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters invite young women (18+) to a weekend of prayer, input, sharing and sisterhood to help you discern your life direction and vocation. 21st-23rd June. For more information or to RSVP please contact Therese on 0432 228 250 or mgl sisters@gmail.com
- * **7 August | Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 | 6PM**
We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University
Q&A: Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter **For more information & tickets visit** www.tfo.org.au
- * **18 July | Poetry, Presence & Payday: Aquinas on the Eucharist | 7:00PM**
To mark the occasion of the 750th anniversary of the death of St Thomas Aquinas and to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish of St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood, a commemorative talk will be presented by Rev Dr Joseph Vnuk OP.
July 18, 2024 7:00pm St Thomas Aquinas Primary School Hall, 25 Lhotsky St Charnwood

Cultural Competency Course

The Catholic [Women's Taskforce, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn](http://www.womenstaskforce.org.au) has a workshop on 22 June.

Kylie Shea, a Ngunnawal woman will facilitate the sessions where we will learn about Ngunnawal culture. It is best if you complete the online training first <https://natsicc.org.au/cross-cultural-training.html> Sponsored by the [Women's Taskforce, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn](http://www.womenstaskforce.org.au), the workshop costs only \$20!!!

Ideal for everyone who wishes to increase their knowledge and appreciation for one of the oldest living cultures, work effectively alongside Aboriginal people and make respectful, informed decisions across cultural boundaries. Scan the QR code for enrolment details or visit cgwomen.org.au Limited places available. Don't delay! 10 am to 2 pm.



Updated Date and Time



The Roundtables

Join others from across the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on how faith can intersect and influence public and professional life, especially as an entry point for evangelisation.

Leading into our Archdiocesan Assembly (2024), this Roundtable will provide a forum for discernment and discussion on the realities, challenges and hopes of the public and professional sphere.

Where Online (Zoom) and In-Person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher's, Manuka)
When Tuesday 9 July | 6:30pm - 8:00pm
What Prayer + Discernment + Panel + Discussion + Contribution
How cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables



Come prepared – next weekend is Sustainability Sunday

Remember, the **LAST weekend of the month is Sustainability Sunday** (weekend).

Please bring to any of the Masses NEXT weekend the following items and place them in the tubs at the entrance of the Church:

- ◆ **Clean** plastic milk/UHT, water and soft drink bottle **lids**
- ◆ Plastic and foil medicine blister packs
- ◆ Old mobile phones



A member of the Friends of the Social Justice Group will be there to help you, and children are invited to stay for 5-10 minutes after Mass to help sort plastic lids, blister packs etc.

As we don't have room in the Church foyer for tubs to be left there permanently for collection of the above items, we ask that you **only bring recyclable items on the last weekend of each month**.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to increasing the range of recyclable items over the next 12 months.

For more information, please contact Maureen Hilton at maureenhilton@gmail.com or Hamish McNeice at hjmcneice@gmail.com



Recycling tip!

Did you know that you can **Return** pre-loved quilt covers, sheets and towels, of any brand to a Sheridan shop and they will **Recycle** those items and convert them back into their individual raw materials to be re-purposed. This reduces land fill and contributes to the circular economy. [Sheridan | Recycling Program](#)

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No foil in the soil. If you have used kitchen foil, scrunch it up, along with aluminum pot lids and wrappers, to form a ball – the bigger the better because it's easier to recycle. Place the ball into your recycling bin.

Note: aluminum takes 200-500 years to break down – that's a l o n g time, so do the right thing and recycle thoughtfully.

LIVING AS AN ADULT CATHOLIC IN TODAY'S WORLD

Information Night Wednesday 10 July at 6.30 in the Parish Centre

In late 2023, the Canberra Catenians conducted an Archdiocesan survey to find out what adult Catholics needed to help them live out their faith in contemporary society. Among other things, our parishioners who responded told us that:

- ◆ An overwhelming majority were looking for closer connections within the Parish;
- ◆ Almost everyone wanted activities in which both men and women participated equally; and
- ◆ Most are looking for ways to achieve a better understanding of their faith and how to live it.

So, now is the time to put words into action. All parishioners are invited to an Information Night as above:

- ◆ To hear a detailed summary of the survey's findings; and
- ◆ To discuss and offer ideas on ways of responding to the survey's findings in our Parish.

Please come along to hear what others have to say and to contribute your own ideas.



CATENIANS



Potluck Lunch or Dinner With Our Priests

Fr Troy and Fr Eden would like to invite interested parishioners to join them for a meal. These lunch/dinners will be held on Thursdays at 12:30pm and 6:30pm respectively on the dates specified in the form below and they will be potluck style.

The lunch/dinner group will consist of about 10-12 parishioners plus our priests and will take place in the parish rooms.

The dates will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please get in there quick to secure your preference.

Please complete this [online form](https://forms.gle/Zrmp3Q8PBoQxqTot6) to register your interest. <https://forms.gle/Zrmp3Q8PBoQxqTot6>

If you have any questions, please contact: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

A Day To Recognise Widows

Losing a spouse or partner can be devastating. For couples that have been together for many years the loss of a loved one can be especially painful.

In recognition of widows, International Widows' Day is held each year on June 23. It is a day of action to address the poverty and injustice faced by millions of widows and their dependents in countries around the world". The United Nations says the main goal of the day is to create awareness about the condition of widows and protect their rights.

However, we can all play our part when dealing with someone who has lost their soulmate.

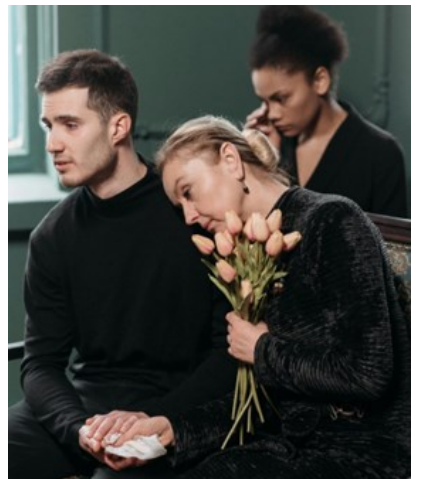
Things to remember when dealing with someone's grief. Widows needs a space to freely express their emotions, fears, and memories, so it is important to avoid offering unsolicited advice or attempting to "fix" their grief. Instead, be encouraging and ask them to share their thoughts and experiences. You can be a listening ear and be a big support.

Avoid judgment but validate the grieving person's emotions and experiences, acknowledging that the sadness is valid.

The United Nations has observed International Widows Day since 2011, to "draw attention to the voices and experiences of widows and to galvanize the unique support that they need".

The UN website claims there are about 258 million widows around the world, and nearly one in ten live in extreme poverty. In some parts of eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, for example, it is reported that a staggering 50 per cent of women are widows.

The UN remembrance for widows began with the work of Rajinder Paul Loomba, a philanthropist, founder and executive chairman of clothing company Loomba Group. He is recognised for his fundraising on behalf of widowhood in the developing world. His mother, Shrimati Pushpa Wati Loomba, was widowed at the age of 37 in India.



Readings for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon | Psalm 27:8,9

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

First Reading | Job 38:1. 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. (R.)

Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation | Luke 7:16

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

Gospel | Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

Communion Antiphon | Psalm 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Source: Liturgy Help © 2024

Join Our Team

Administrative Assistant | Casual 3-5 hours per week
Tuesdays – 9.00am start

The position of Administration Support Officer at Holy Spirit Parish has become available. This role has responsibility for preparing the monthly ministry rosters, organising training sessions for ministries, maintaining the parish database, recording Copyright information, conducting Working with Vulnerable People checks and providing administrative support as required.

Knowledge and experience with MS Office Suite especially Excel. Experience with client management systems. Have a friendly and welcoming attitude towards people and a pleasant telephone manner.

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

Applications

To apply please provide a covering letter 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).



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 in **mid August**.

To register your interest, please contact Theivani on theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or 0472921518

Children's Sacramental Program 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation

For children in Year 3 and above who are baptised Catholic wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2024. Parent Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 30 July at 1:00pm and 6:00pm** at the church.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in September 2024

For more details please contact:
Parish Program: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au
Parish Catholic Schools: mel.unwin@cg.catholic.edu.au

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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Parish Groups

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

St Vincent de Paul | Drazen Roginic President
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Holy Spirit Prayer Group | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028
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