

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

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B

## July 2024



### 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

4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass

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



St Francis Xavier Hall Saturdays 5:00pm

### Offended by Jesus

Jesus had the opposite problem to the one Paul laments in Corinthians. Paul faces rejection because he's a flawed person. Jesus is rejected because he's not flawed enough. How can the local kid be such a font of wisdom and grace? Where are the warts? Must be a scam, they reasoned. He looks too good.

The hometown folks fall victim to an old sin, and of the most unattractive: envy. The crowds in Nazareth were jealous that someone from their midst seemed to have a rare gift that put him beyond them. It's a familiar near-sightedness; they were staring right at Clark Kent and had no idea he was Superman, even though the difference was only a cape and a pair of glasses. You can only see Superman in Clark if you can get past the mental obstacle that says Clark can't possibly BE that special. Then it's obvious that he is.

In the same way, we can only see Christ in others when we drop the blinders of our envy and start looking for him. Out of the mouths of babes comes wisdom, and from the most unlikely sources, fountains of grace.

### When has "the wrong person" turned out to be Jesus in your life?

#### Pray

Merciful God, when we experience moments of weakness and rejection in your name, help us recall not only your power and might but your compassion for your people. Grant us the courage and the faith to continue our fight against suffering, injustice, and hatred in our world. Amen.

### Ponder

Jesus showed up in the wrong places for a saviour to be: in a manger, in Samaria, on the cross. Reflect on the "wrong" places in your community where Jesus is waiting to be revealed. Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer. I just let Christ take over!

### Kids' Corner

My grace is sufficient for you ... (2 Corinthians 12: 9)

Before her basketball game, Kelly prayed for a win. But even though her team played a great game, they lost in overtime. At first, Kelly couldn't understand why God hadn't answered her prayer. Then Kelly's coach told them that one of the kids on the other team had a sister who was in hospital. The whole team was playing for her. When Kelly saw how happy everyone on the other team was, Kelly felt a joy deep inside her that she couldn't explain. She also felt sure that God had answered her prayer and gave her something much greater than a win. What do you think Kelly received?

God living among us, your grace is all I need. Amen. www.gpbs.com.au



Join us for Rosary after 5pm Mass this Saturday.

# **Parish News and Events**

\* Christian Meditation | Tuesdays 7:00pm in the church

### \* 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.



### Ministry Rosters! We Need You!!

We invite parishioners to join our Mass ministries and other support ministries in the parish. In particular we currently need:

- Mass Coordinators (help priests by setting up for Mass) - we especially need volunteers for Saturday and Sunday 5pm Masses
- PowerPoint operators (all Masses but especially Saturday and Sunday 5pm)



Further information can be found <u>here</u>. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the form in the foyer and place it in the box for the Parish Office, or use this link and please <u>sign up here!</u>.

Or you can email officesupport@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

If you have any questions about the roles please contact the parish office. Full training is provided so do not need any prior knowledge. Many thanks for supporting our parish community and generously sharing your time and talents through ministry.

### St Francis Xavier Church:

The next monthly luncheon will be held on Sunday 21 July at The Lakes, Gungahlin at 12.00 o'clock. Everyone is welcome. For enquiries, or to book please contact Kate on 0415 787 880.





To celebrate and remember NAIDOC week, the Parish Social Justice Group has prepared a newsletter that will be available and handed out at all Masses this weekend. Please take a copy and have a read over a cuppa.



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 **Rozalind Murphy** Sharni Laffan Marc Darlington Nancy Phillips Ashley Ana Al-Adhami Linda Dwyer Wigglesworth Family **Brigette Gurtler** Alan Demascus Jeffrey Gonzalez Rita Looney Mary Gardner Marie Lincoln Joy Newell Paloma Crowley

#### Anniversaries

Joseph Rayapu Vittoria Teuma Mary Rose Nell Conway Greg Smith Prisca Law-Kwang John Byrne David Kelly

#### **Recently Deceased**

Candace Diumanay Erin Halligan Matthew Palmer Michael Taylor Richard Smart Liam O'Brien Alaire Samantha Mannette

> **Birthday** Ranjet Singh (D)

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



### 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: <u>theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au</u> Parish Catholic Schools: <u>mel.unwin@cg.catholic.edu.au</u>

## **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

### 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 <u>office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au</u>





### **Good Shepherd Mini Vinnies Sleepout**

Last Friday night (28 June) was the annual GS Mini Vinnies Sleepout. We were overwhelmed and inspired by the number of students who signed up to participate along with the amount of money that was raised for St Vincent de Paul through the event. Thank you to those fabulous 77 students who slept out as well as the 7 staff who braved the occasion and slept out. Our thanks also goes out to those staff members who did the evening shift or the breaky shift to ensure the event ran smoothly. We also had generous parents supporting us and helping us out during these shifts too.

Together we raised: \$9927.35 with many individuals raising hundreds of dollars each and one individual raising \$1000.00. Every dollar raised all contributed to us being able to make such a large donation and we are grateful to every single donation, no matter the size. Thank you for following Jesus' New Commandment to love one another and to treat your neighbour as yourself. You should be proud of being the Good Shepherds you have been called to be.

This invaluable event could not have gone ahead without each of you and the enormous amount of money raised and the profound difference it will make would not have been possible without you. Thank you for being remarkable individuals and for the difference you made to those in our community in most need!!!

## **Community News**

- 11 July | Vocations Dinner at Queanbeyan Presbytery. Thursday 11 July 5:30pm Mass and then 6pm dinner. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.
- \* 13 July | Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples

FOCCUS - Evenings for the Engaged- Sat 13 & 20 July. SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text 0405440463

### \* 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

19 July | Vocations Dinner & Lunch with the Archdiocese seminarians at Pearce Presbytery. Friday 19 July 5:30pm evening prayer in Sacred Heart Church 115 Hodgson St Pearce and 6pm dinner with our three seminarians- sharing their experiences. Then Saturday 20 July 12 noon talk by Fr John Armstrong Spiritual Director of Homebush seminary followed by a light lunch. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

### \* 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** 

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- 8 August | Save the Date: Archdiocesan Women's breakfast with Dr Helen Alvare Thursday, 8 August, 7.30 - 9.00am Join us as we explore meaningful connections, marriage, family, career, mission and community-building. More details to come! Contact: <u>communications@cg.org.au</u>
- \* Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House Second Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.





## **TheRoundtables**

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.

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



## The Marymead CatholicCare Auxiliary

warmly invites you to the

# Winter Warmer Luncheon

with special guest speaker 2024 Canberra Citizen of the Year, Roundabout Canberra Founder and CEO Hannah Andrevski

### JULY

MONDAY



11.30 for 12**p**m

### 2024

Enjoy a winter buffet style lunch with a glass of wine. Craft stall and raffle prizes will be available for purchase on the day.

Royal Canberra Golf Club 71 Bentham Street, Yarralumla

### \$75 per person



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## **Vinnies Pantry Donations**

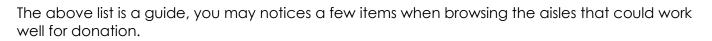
Dear parishioners—our pantry is getting low again. We need your help to fill the pantry with nonperishable grocery items to help our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you so much for always

responding generously to our pantry call-out. Your continued support helps our Gungahlin Vinnies Conference to service our local families.

When it comes to donating to stock our pantry, please note that SIZE MATTERS... Our Vinnies team have put together a list to help us donate what will help the grocery recipients best:

- 500g Dolmio Pasta Sauce (or similar)
- 1kg Rice
- 1kg Weetbix
- 750g Cornflakes
- 250g Rolled Oats
- 200g Instant Coffee
- 50 bags Black Tea
- Sugar
- 420g Baked Beans
- 420g Spaghetti
- ♦ 425g Soup
- 420g Peas
- 420g Peas and Carrots
- 420g Corn Kernels

- 420g tomatoes
- 420g Legumes
- 420g Creamed Corn
- 420g Beetroot
- 425g Tuna
- 410g Tinned Fruit
- Hard Taco Shells
- Bottle of Pancake Mix
- Muesli Bars
- Instant Noodles
- 1 litre Long Life milk
- Jam and spreads
- Sweet and Savoury Biscuits



We want to ensure vulnerable families receive food that is nutritious and easy to access in a difficult situation. Therefore when purchasing pantry items please try to avoid the following:

- Junk food
- Items with packaging, which can be broken in transit
- Items that need can openers or special equipment (pop-top cans-whether for veggies, meat or fruit-are a plus)

# Thank You!!



Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. Isaiah 58:10







Celebrate NAIDOC, a time to see, the beauty of First Nations, proud and free.

With open hearts and hands we meet, in unity, our spirits greet. We dance and sing, we learn, we share, in stories told with love and care.

From Dreamtime lore to modern day, we honour in the olden way. Through art and craft, we weave the past, in vibrant hues, these memories last.

With painted faces, hearts alight, we celebrate in full daylight. In every step, respect we show, for cultures rich and histories flow.

NAIDOC week, a time to stand, together strong, across this land.

With pride and joy, we mark this week, in every voice, the future speaks.

Let's walk as one, hand in hand, in celebration, we understand



Lord, help us open our hearts and minds to learn about and respect our Indigenous people's cultures. Let us listen to their stories, appreciate their strength and celebrate their contributions. Guide us to walk together in peace and understanding, building a future of respect and unity. Amen."

## **Future Planning Update**

Dear people of Holy Spirit Parish

You may be hearing some whispers about a few things relating to our church building, including renovations, improvement and a potential new building.

So, I wanted you to hear from me, that you can be assured that at this stage, they are just whispers. This is your parish and your community; and if anything major were to happen you WILL BE THE FIRST TO KNOW and FIRST TO BE INVITED TO HAVE YOUR SAY.

Just like anyone who comes to a new place, I too have come with ideas and thoughts about improvements and what could be good for our parish community. With that thought, I have been looking into the future; well into the future with an open mind.

Good Shepherd School, like a few other schools in Canberra is going through a Future Planning Audit, FPA. The FPA has identify that Good shepherd needs an Early Learning Centre (ELC) to ensure its long term sustainability.

I met with the Director of Education, Ross Fox, and the new principal of Good Shepherd, Trazel Scott, during his visit to the school. A key discussion was to look at the possibility of building an Early Learning Centre (ELC). Two major areas of concern were where the ELC could be built onsite and the other was the replacement of the demountable building into new permanent classrooms.

This meeting led me to discuss with the Archbishop about his future plans for the Gungahlin area. The Archbishop indicated that he was guided by the signs of what is happening within the Parish and the schools. So, based on this, I have been doing some fact finding exercises for myself. Looking at different ideas and options that could potentially arise, including investigating potential sites where a new Church could be built.

As you are aware Gungahlin is growing rapidly, so we have to be on the front foot with our future planning. It is also very likely that a new catholic school will need to be built in the area within the next eight to nine years. So, in conclusion, as Parish Priest of this large area, to get my thoughts together, just for my information, I am looking at future options – which are many!

Please be assured, I will keep you informed and invite you for comments if and when we need to progress any of this further. God Bless

Fr Troy PP

### Entrance Antiphon | Cf Psalm 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### First Reading | Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

### Responsorial Psalm | Ps 122. R. v.2

- (R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
- To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
- Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
- Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

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### Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

### Gospel Acclamation | See Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

### Gospel | Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### Communion Antiphon | Psalm 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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### 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.





# BOOK NOW !

Gather a few friends or let us place you on a table with other.

Book your tickets now via Qkr! (preferred) search Holy Spirit Parish



Or via this link online

Please contact the parish office if you have auestions.

# ELP US WITH OUR GAMES

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: <u>theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au</u> or 0472921518.

















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 <u>online form</u> to register your interest. <u>https://forms.gle/Zrmp3Q8PBoQxqTot6</u>

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

### WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**CONNECT WITH US** 

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!

Parish Priest: Fr Troy Bobbin Assistant Priest: Fr Eden Langlands

### **Parish Office and Presbytery**

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Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): Alison Weeks E: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com

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

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Youth Ministry E: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Care Group | Sonja Vocisano P: 0438 699 591

**Community Garden Group** | Parish Office E: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

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