



# 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

14-15 September 2024

24th 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  
5:40pm Novena to Our Lady  
6pm Holy Hour and  
Reconciliation

### Thursday

9:15am Mass

### Friday

7:00am Mass

### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

### Sunday

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

## The Right Answer

We're attempted to applaud when Peter gives the right answer. The other disciples fumble around, giving Jesus the daily buzz about what people are saying about him. But when Jesus asks them what they personally think, only Peter has an answer. It's enough to make you want to cheer.

Especially because Peter is so often the gospel bungler, the guy who speaks first, thinks afterwards. He's the guy, not unlike ourselves, who defends Jesus with a sword one minute, denies him with a word the next. And unfortunately, the same holds true in this instance as well. Even as we're tempted to clap, Peter is already shooting himself in the foot. He knew the right answer, but he can't follow through on it. He knows Jesus is the Christ, but he still doesn't want him to get hurt.

And, the truth is, Peter doesn't want to get hurt either. If he accepts the teaching about the Son of Man being murdered, then he's got to wonder when they'll be coming after him. So Jesus calls him the Devil, which must have cut deep. And then advises that they too prepare to lose their lives if they're going to be his followers. Peter got the answer right, the first time. He, like the rest of us, just needs to work on the follow-through.

## Who do you say Jesus is?

### Pray

Teach us your names, O God, spoken acts of mercy and justice and grace. May we learn your names, O Jesus, by trusting who you are for us and for all. May we recognise your names, Holy Spirit, in the renewing of our lives and communities. Amen.

### Ponder

Do a little faith experiment. Trust God in every circumstance for one day. When things go awry, turn to God not to your usual saviour. Find out how deep the waters of your faith go.

### Kids' Corner

*If a brother or sister has nothing and one of you says, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? (James 2: 15 - 16)*

It's important to take part in the Mass and worship the Lord. But Jesus also calls us to act on our faith. We can bring groceries to church for the food pantry. We can put our own money in the collection basket for people left homeless by disasters, earthquakes and wars. We can also keep our eyes open for people in need all around us. Is there someone who seems lonely at school? Does a friend need someone to listen to them? In all these ways, we show our love for God and each other.

God living among us, help me take action for the good of others today. Amen.  
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## St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

# Parish News and Events

- \* **Christian Meditation** | Tuesdays 7:00pm in the church
- \* **TLIG PRAYER MEETING** | **Sunday 22 September at 3:30-4:45pm** in the Church meeting room. (Prayer & Fellowship followed by Mass). Bring your rosary beads. All are welcome. 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.
- \* **Junior Youth Group Years 4-6** | **Sunday 22 September 6:00pm-7:30pm**  
Book via Qkr \$5 for snacks.
- \* **Senior Youth Group Years 7-12** | **Saturday 21 September 6:00pm-8:00pm**  
Come along to the parish centre. \$5 donation for food and snacks. Contact Ashish and Shain 0491 122 203.

## Week 3: Creation Reflects Its Creator

We are privileged to live in a beautiful place like Gungahlin. Are we doing what needs to be done to keep it that way ie to preserve the beauty of creation?

According to the book of Genesis God created the Earth and everything on it and "God saw that it was good". The beauty of Creation reflects its Creator.

Then we are told that God made human beings in his own image. But we seem so often to be unlike God. We can be selfish and greedy, we can lust after material possessions and these and other human weaknesses can cause us to neglect our duty to care for Creation.

During the Season of Creation we have an opportunity to pray with our fellow Christians across the world for a change that recognises the Creator and the beauty of all of Creation. We can forget about our weaknesses and focus on the good things that can turn around some of the things that are holding us back.

We can create change as a community. As individuals we can do small things that contribute to a larger good. Remember that from little things big things can grow. We can pray for a different world, where everyone cares about the future of our planet. And we can do some practical things that will help make a difference.

Over the next two weeks we will suggest some things you can do to make a change.

For further information contact  
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Chair, Holy Spirit Social Justice Group.

*Mark Carter*

Parish Social Justice Group



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024



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



**For those who are sick**  
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell  
Kwang Hui Lim  
Adriano Cesar Junior  
Maria Teresa Meireles  
Theresa and Joseph Tan  
Tony Johnston  
Jaya Raghwan  
Paul Johnston  
Mark Bush  
Jim Banks  
Barbara Kirk  
Vesna Ljubičić  
Alonso  
Shami Laffan  
Marc Darlington  
Nancy Phillips  
Ashley  
Ana Al-Adhami  
Linda Dwyer  
Wigglesworth Family  
Alan Demascus  
Jeffrey Gonzalez  
Mary Gardner  
Marie Lincoln  
Wongduean Sawasditas  
Nook Sawasditas  
Daranee Teapthong  
Judeth Barrett  
Bill Honess  
Mark and Debbie

**Anniversaries**  
Peter Knight  
Wifredo Baylin  
Magdalena Alcalá  
Reynaldo Alcalá  
Peter Stubbs  
Arlette Mootoosamy  
Dinko Maricic

**Recently Deceased**  
Molly Whyte  
Mr A Kunda  
Gracia Lomo Jackson  
Jean Chesworth  
Evangeline Sapon  
Melquiades Balberona Jr

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

**Faith**  *daring the soul to go beyond what the eye can see*

## Readings for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### Entrance Antiphon | Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

### First Reading | Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

### Responsorial Psalm | Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. (R.)

### Second Reading | James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never  
done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will  
that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the  
sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to  
live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well;

keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving  
them these bare necessities of life, then what good is  
that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it  
is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say  
you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to  
you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds –  
now you prove to me that you have faith without any  
good deeds to show.'

### Gospel Acclamation | Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel | Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round  
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to  
his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told  
him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others  
again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who  
do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You  
are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to  
tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was  
destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the  
elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be  
put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he  
said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter  
started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing  
his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get  
behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not  
God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said,  
'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him  
renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.  
For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but  
anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake  
of the gospel, will save it.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your  
wings.

or

Cf 1 Corinthians 10:16

The chalice of blessing that we bless  
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;  
and the bread that we break  
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

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Holy Spirit Parish invites you to the

# Procession of Our Lady of Fatima

8:50am – Arrival at the church

9:00am – Multicultural Rosary Procession

9:30am – Sunday Mass

**Sunday 13 October 2024**  
93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

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Come join us for a  
talk given by the man  
responsible for the  
church investigation

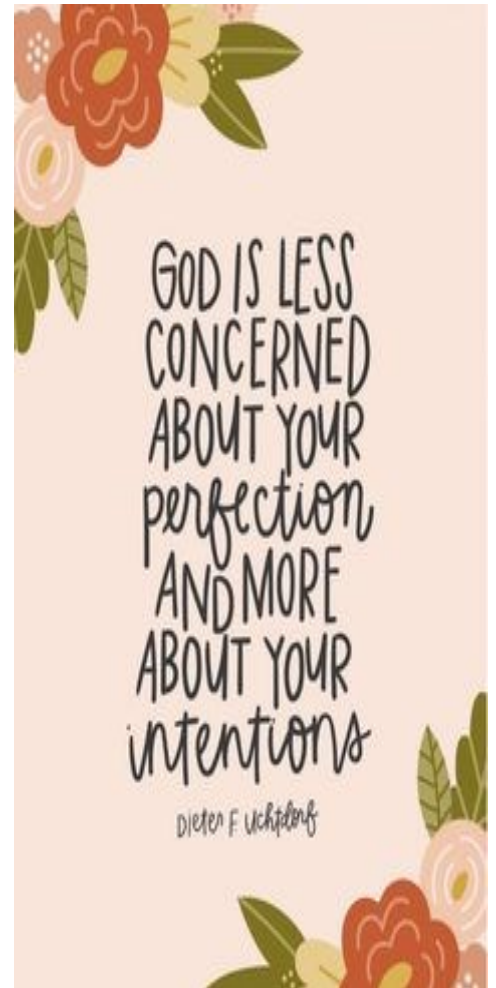
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3PM - 4.30PM

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CHRISTIANS - PEARCE



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**RON TESORIERO**

Author of  
My Human Heart - Where Science and Faith collide



# Community News

- \* **12 - 14 September | Season of Creation Convocation 2024 - Catholic Earthcare Caritas Australia**  
Catholic Earthcare Convocation 12-14 September 2024. 12-13 September online presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. Saturday 14 September in the Archdiocesan Hub to transform learning into action (online available). Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165>  
Contact: [catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au](mailto:catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au)
- \* **14 September | Marymead CatholicCare Spring Garage & Plant Sale | 9 am**  
Join us Saturday September 14 for a fun-filled Garage & Plant Sale where you can find everything from plants to home goods, and even some unique treasures you didn't know you needed!  
Where: 255 Goyder Street Narrabundah
- \* **21 September | PREPARED: CatholicPsych Institute Mental Health Crisis Response Training | 9AM**  
Join Dr Greg Bottaro from New York for exclusive training event in Canberra, tailored for educators, campus ministers, parish & diocesan staff, parents, and priests, addressing the urgent need to respond to the growing mental health crisis. Learn to identify and address mental distress through a Catholic lens. Register at [www.trybooking.com/CULHL](http://www.trybooking.com/CULHL)
- \* **23 September | CatholicPsych Being Human LIVE event | 6PM**  
Join Dr. Greg Bottaro live in Canberra for the Being Human Podcast! Connect for a discussion on integrating faith, science, and reason in psychology and mental health. Parish of Transfiguration, Curtin. Learn about the CatholicPsych Model and Dr. Greg's book, The Mindful Catholic. [www.trybooking.com/CUWCJ](http://www.trybooking.com/CUWCJ)
- \* **26 September | Encountering God in Lectio Divina**  
Lectio Divina is Sacred Reading. It is a way of prayer whereby we allow the Word of God to touch our hearts and change our lives. It is a dialogue of love between the person and God as heart speaks to heart through the Word. This weekend retreat focusses on the process of lectio divina by engaging participants in the ancient art of reading and praying with the Word of God in scripture. For more details ring 0242360011 Ext. 114 Cost: \$150
- \* **8 October | Marriage Preparation Courses**  
For engaged couples: FOCCUS - Tues 8th October 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you.  
For more information: [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) or Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**
- \* **13 October | Marriage Encounter Celebrating 50 years of growing great marriages**  
Are you married, religious or in Holy Orders? Have you attended Marriage Encounter weekend years ago or just recently? Are you looking to regain the sparkle in your marriage and vocation?. Join in the celebration, input and fellowship on Sun 13 October 2-4 pm at Haydon Hall, Manuka. Enquiries: Grace and Brendan Price [gracemaryprice@gmail.com](mailto:gracemaryprice@gmail.com)
- \* **17 October | Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mark Ha**  
Save the Date Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral Forrest, Canberra
- \* **18-20 October | Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly**  
All are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.' This will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.



**Where** Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn  
**When** Friday 18th October - Sunday 20th October 2024  
**Info** Detailed information, registration and formation materials available online at [cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly)



- \* **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](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au).

# Women's RETREAT

'Call to Connect' Catholic Women's Ministry warmly welcomes all women to a retreat day.

*God's love transforms*



Guest speakers:

Sharon Brewer & Rachel Fleurant MGL

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10am-3.15pm**

St Monica's Church and parish room

Cost: \$25 includes lunch and morning tea. No refunds due to cost incurred.

<https://events.humanitix.com/ctc-retreat-god-s-love-transforms-tn6sut93>



Program includes short talks, prayer and private reflection, sharing in small groups.

Visit us: <https://www.calltoconnect.org>

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God Ephesians.3:18-1

# HAVE *your say* ON HOW WE CAN IMPROVE YOUR PARISH EXPERIENCE



Please complete this short survey about you, our community and how we can plan to improve your parish experience. Your honesty and truthful insights would be highly appreciated.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/pXBzFdAQiinn48NG9>



**we want to hear  
from you!**

## 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 | 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

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