



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

28-29 September 2024

26th 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

Unauthorised Goodness

Like the good citizens around Moses, the disciples around Jesus are jealous for the copyright to goodness. Anyone who teaches the ignorant, heals the sick, or feeds the poor without joining their Master's guild has got to be from the devil. Obviously it escapes the disciples that this is precisely the charge that's been levelled at Jesus by the religious leaders of the Temple. Righteousness is private property. Unauthorised goodness is strictly forbidden.

It may be natural to feel a twinge when, say, the Hare Krishnas open a soup kitchen in our parish, beating up the good witness. We feel embarrassed that it's come to this. But right is right, not matter what the source is. The proper response is to praise God, grow in humility, and persevere in our own attempt to support the cause of righteousness.

Where might you become a source of "unauthorised goodness" for others?

Pray

Strengthen us, God, to choose to live faithfully in all the situations we face. Make us bold and courageous advocates for those who are facing danger and risk. Help us be wise, persistent stewards of all that you entrust into our care. Amen.

Ponder

Be on the alert for agreement and common values between you and those who seem most alien: the younger/older generation, people of another race, tongue, religion or political persuasion. The stranger may be a friend. *"If you give one of these simple, childlike believers a hard time, bullying or taking advantage of their simple trust, you'll soon wish you hadn't".*

Kids' Corner

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." (Mark 9: 38)

Does it seem like the Apostles are being tattletales here? It does to me. But Jesus tells them not worry about people trying to do good in Jesus' name. He says, "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ ... will surely not lose their reward." God's people don't always agree about how to do things. Many Christians choose to worship in different ways, for example. Yet, all people everywhere have one important thing in common. We are all created in God's image. When we remember this, it's easier to look past our differences and see God's goodness in each person.

Loving God, teach me to respect all people everywhere. Amen.
www.gpbs.com.au



St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

Fr Eden on Vacation!

Fr Eden will be on leave from Monday 30 September to Tuesday 29 October. We pray that Fr Eden will have an enjoyable and restful vacation and return to us refreshed!



Parish News and Events

- * **Christian Meditation** | Tuesdays 7:00pm in the church
- * **Focolare Families Group Meeting** | Sunday 29 September at 10:45am—The group will meet in the Parish Rooms for about 45 minutes, all mums, dads and kids are invited. If you would like more information please contact Anna on 0416 668 985 or focolareamaroo@gmail.com.
- * **Sunday 29 September | Community Garden Tour**
A reminder that a member from the community garden will be available after the 8am and 9:30am Masses this weekend to show you around if you are interested. It will only take about five to ten minutes. Please meet outside the front door of the church after Mass.

COME and EXPLORE

Is there more to life than this?
Who is Jesus?

The Alpha Course is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. All are invited—bring a friend!

Date: 17 October 2024—Every Thursday (10 Sessions)

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Parish Meeting Room



RSVP or enquiries: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

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
Arlette Mootoosamy
Dinko Maricic
John Stanislaus Fish
Reynaldo Magada
Peter Hurley

Recently Deceased
Evangeline Sapon
Melquiades Balberona Jr
Margaret Madya
Angelina Polintan
Margaret & Neil Mackerras
Remigia Maga
Victoria Fajardo
Pat Weeks
Deirdre Mc Cullough
Ernesto Mello
Ken Rose

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 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



Readings for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon | Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.

First Reading | Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading | James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's

content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.



Gospel Acclamation | See John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Communion Antiphon | Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Or 1 John 3:16

By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Week 5: Season of Creation



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

20 things we can do to help save the Planet

This week is the final week of the Season of Creation which ends on Friday, 4 October, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of ecology.

Christians throughout the world, from all denominations, have been celebrating and giving thanks to God for the beauty of Creation. It's kind of appropriate that the Season of Creation coincides with the start of spring in our country. New life is sprouting, the blossoms are blooming all around Canberra. It brings a sense of new hope.

As we noted last week the Pope has called for us to transform our lifestyles. Here are some simple things you can do to help save the planet:

- ◆ Don't use plastic straws;
- ◆ Consume local products;
- ◆ Recycle wherever you can, including clothes – supporting Lids for Kids is a great start;
- ◆ Carry your own water bottle (not plastic);
- ◆ Choose products made from recyclable materials;
- ◆ Eat seasonal fruit and vegetables;
- ◆ Eat less meat, especially red meat;
- ◆ Take shorter showers to save water;
- ◆ Turn off the lights when you don't need them;
- ◆ Use your car less, walk instead;
- ◆ Use public transport – light rail is the least polluting means of transport.



You can add to this list and work on as many aspects as you can. All of these practical things can make a difference. Remember that your actions can motivate others, which may have an immediate impact or bear fruit over a longer period of time. One day our grandchildren will see how hard we tried in caring for Creation.

Remember the theme of the Season, '**To hope and act with Creation**'. As Christians we can't give in to despair. We must always have hope in God, but we can't expect that He will do everything.

I always remember a saying that my dear old grandmother told me – "God helps those who help themselves". I think it means that we have to act and do what we can to change things and God will help us along the way.

For further information contact Peter Peterson peterimantpeterson@gmail.com, Chair, Holy Spirit Social Justice Group.

Mark Carter

Parish Social Justice Group

PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU

- BIKE MORE DRIVE LESS**: Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R"s to conserve natural resources and landfill space.
- reduce REUSE recycle**: Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R"s to conserve natural resources and landfill space.
- choose sustainable seafood**: Learn how to make smart seafood choices at www.FishWatch.gov.
- PLANT A TREE**: Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.
- EDUCATE**: When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.
- CONSERVE WATER**: The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.
- SHOP-WISELY**: Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.
- Don't send chemicals into our waterways.**: Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.
- Volunteer!**: Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!
- Long-lasting light bulbs - ARE A BRIGHT IDEA**: Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!

oceanservice.noaa.gov



Sustainability Sunday (weekend)

It comes around very quickly – Sustainability Sunday (weekend) is **this weekend** – the last weekend of the month.


As we continue to support **Lids for Kids** <https://www.lids4kids.org.au/> and at the same time contribute to the reduction of landfill, please bring along your blister packs, milk, soft-drink and water bottle lids and e waste.

Thank you to everyone who remembered to **separate blister packs** that are 100% aluminum from the 50% aluminum/50% plastic.

Thanks too for remembering to take the foam insert out of the lids and who brought CLEAN lids. We appreciate your support for **Sustainability Sunday**.

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

Community News

- * **29 September | Respect Life Sunday | 11am Mass followed by brunch and expo**
Archbishop Christopher will celebrate Respect Life Sunday at the 11am Cathedral Mass followed by a Light Luncheon and Expo of groups supporting and advocating for human life at its most vulnerable. All welcome. Queries lara.kirk@cg.org.au
 - * **29 September | Respect Life Sunday | Speaker**
The ACT Right to Life Association is hosting speaker Monica Doumit, at 12:45pm in the Haydon Hall, Manuka. Monica has been influential in legislative battles on life, marriage, and family issues. As the ACT prepares to implement liberal euthanasia laws, she will share insights on the future of the prolife movement. Speaker, Q&A, Refreshments. Contact actrflassoc@gmail.com
 - * **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 or Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463
 - * **9 October | Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's house | 6pm**
Wednesday 9 October 6pm Evening Prayer and then 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 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
 - * **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.
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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

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- * **19 October | The Canberra Catholic Ball | 7:00pm-11:00pm**
Come along for a night of regally-themed fun with friends new and old! Open to all Catholic Young Adults in the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn, (Ages 18-35). Tickets are very limited so make sure you don't miss out on this fantastic event! Theme: A Royal Affair. Location: Juliet Room, Verity Lane Market, 50 Northbourne Avenue Canberra. Book your tickets [here](#).
Questions, contact catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com, or anucathsoc@gmail.com
 - * **23 October | Victory In Christ—Breakthrough with healing | 6.30pm**
23 October 2024 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Mary Help of Christians Church, Pearce. Conducted by Lalith Perera, Spiritual Director of the Risen Lord Community.
24 October 2024 6:30pm to 8:30pm at St Brigid's Church, Dickson. Conducted by Archbishop Christopher and Lalith Perera

Available at the Parish Piety Stall this weekend:

2025 Columban Calendars
Books by Pope Francis relating to Season of Creation



28 AND 29 SEPTEMBER VATICAN EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Experience the Miraculous!

Join us for the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles, a captivating display compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis, who began his work at just 11 years old. He completed it shortly before passing at 15, just days after being diagnosed with aggressive leukemia.

Tickets with available timeslots are available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/myevent?eid=1014183479087>

...or just turn up!

Exhibition Highlights:

144 Posters: Mounted on 24 boards, each showcasing a Eucharistic Miracle with engaging visuals and descriptions.

Relic of Blessed Carlo: A first-class relic available for veneration alongside the Exhibition

Cost: Free to exhibit; donations appreciated for upkeep and transportation



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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28 and 29 September
8:00 am to 5:30 pm daily

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 12th 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



SHRINES OF OUR LADY

FATIMA - AVILA - LOURDES - NEVERS -
PARIS - LISIEUX - MEDJUGORJE - ZAGREB

28TH Oct - 11TH Nov 2024

With
Fr Rembert Fernando MGL

HIGHLIGHTS

- Join the procession of Our Lady of Fatima
- Visit Avila, the home of St Teresa
- Pray at the Lourdes Grotto
- Visit the tomb of St Bernadette
- Visit Lisieux, the home of St Therese
- Climb the Cross Mountain, Medjugorje
- Follow the trail up to Apparition Hill

INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Class Airfare
- Accommodation in Premium Hotels
- Breakfast and Dinner
- Transfers on Deluxe A/C Coach
- Entrance Fees
- Services of Professional Guides



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(30+ PILGRIMS)
BOOK BEFORE
25TH SEPT 2024



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INSPIRATION IN TIMES OF CHANGE

“Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray”- Proverbs 22:6, NRSV -

In this time of rapid change, the strength of families has never been more critical. Our world spins with an unprecedented pace, bringing new challenges and opportunities. Amidst this whirlwind, the family stands as a beacon of hope and stability. It is within the family where bonds are nurtured, values are formed, and love is kindled. Family bonding is the art of weaving threads of trust, respect, and mutual understanding into an unbreakable fabric of love. It is this love that imbues us with courage, resilience, and wisdom. It is this love that guides us when the path ahead is uncertain. Our families can be a refuge of peace amidst the storm of change. We can cultivate this peace by spending quality time together, engaging in open conversations, and nurturing shared values. As it is written in Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NRSV), “And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.” As we navigate this rapidly changing world, let us remember to draw strength from our families, and in turn, contribute to their strength. Let us remember that sustaining strong family bonds is not merely a duty, but a joy and a blessing.

O Divine Creator, bless our families with love and unity. In this time of rapid change, may we find strength in our bonds, courage in our shared values, and hope in our collective resilience. Guide us to foster peace and understanding within our homes. Amen.

<https://majellan.media/>



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
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Parish Groups

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Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

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