



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

5-6 October 2024

27th 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

From Dividing to Uniting

There are all kinds of ways to divide up the people of the world. We can divide them in half by gender or into a handful of races and colours. Or we can divide them into countries, ethnic groups, or languages. We can divide them by class, sexual orientation, political party, or aesthetic sensibility if we prefer. We can slice up the world according to economics: rich and poor works well in most places. There are the happy and the unhappy; this generation or that; saints or sinners. Or we can just use the simple compartments "us" and "them," and add whoever we want to each box.

We can, and do, divide the world's people into lots of little categories, each of which contains an implicit judgment on who they are. Jesus represents the opposite impulse. He doesn't dismiss children as irrelevant. He doesn't champion a man's rights over a woman's in marriage. He doesn't put religious people in one corner, and sinners in another. Jesus presents love as the binding force which holds everyone together, rich and poor, men and women, slave and free. Can we change our way of thinking, from dividing to uniting?

Pray

Sacred Presence, from a world of injustice and pain, brokenness and frailty we come seeking your grace, longing to be enfolded by love. We seek to be challenged by Jesus' teachings and the faithful witness of our ancestors in faith. We long to be shaped and formed into a compassionate faith community. Amen.

Ponder

Practice interrupting your life for the children in your midst. Treat the opposite sex with patience and openness. Prepare a place in your life for those who are different from you. *"Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in".*

Kids' Corner

Ben's older sister Linda is always on her phone. So, when her mum asked Linda to sprinkle lots of cinnamon on the sliced apples they were baking, Linda was still looking at her phone as she mumbled, "Sure." Later, everyone tasted the baked apples. Yuck! Linda used lots of red pepper, not cinnamon!

When we're careless and make mistakes, no one is happy. God wants us to care about the work we do – our handiwork. Today, do small chores carefully. You'll be helping your family in big ways!

God living among us, help me in my work and play. Amen.

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St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

Wine and Cheese Get Together

On Saturday 12 October St Francis Xavier church at Hall will be holding a wine and cheese get together after 5pm Mass. All are invited to attend.



Parish News and Events

- * **Christian Meditation** | Tuesdays 7:00pm in the church
- * **Sunday 6 October 3:30-4:45pm | TLIG Prayer Meeting**
Prayer & Fellowship in the church meeting room, bring your rosary beads. All are welcome. The 5:00pm Mass will follow immediately for those interested in attending this Mass. Contact: Tom Kalliath: 0434 689 957 or Tony Cassar: 0497 804 676 for more information.
- * **Saturday 12 October 10:00am-3:15pm | Call to Connect (CTC) Catholic Women's Retreat** – God's love transforms. At St Monica's, Evatt . Guest speakers Sharon Brewer and Rachel Fleurant MGL will lead participants throughout the day with short talks, sharing, reflection and prayer. An enjoyable lunch and morning tea is guaranteed and all women who would like a day to nourish their souls are welcome. Cost is \$25 -please register at <https://events.humanitix.com/ctc-retreat-god-s-love-transforms-tn6sut93> For further information contact Maureen Hilton at maureenhilton@gmail.com RSVP Tuesday, 8 October 2024.
- * **Sunday 13 October 8:50am— Procession of Our Lady of Fatima** - Arrival at the church at 8:50am followed by a Multicultural Rosary Procession and 9:30am Sunday Mass. All are welcome to join in this short prayerful walk.



Women and Children Rate

(Mark 10: 2 - 16)

Jesus put the Pharisees and his own disciples on notice that women and children rate full attention, dignity, and respect.

It is impossible to imagine a time in history when one group or another wasn't being abused, exploited, or denied the rights and dignities deserving of any human being – think of our own Indigenous sisters and brothers, Africans and the slave trade, Native Americans and land grabbing, sick and disabled people and unregulated medical experiments, women and lack of access to power, and children and forced labour.

Whole economies have been and continue to be built around the buying, selling, or exploiting of human beings – think of Afghani women in their burkas denied an education and very young Burmese children working in shoe factories all day.

Jesus addressed such abuse in this week's gospel. He put the Pharisees and his own disciples on notice that women and children rate full attention, dignity, and respect. Men cannot toss off their wives like unwanted chattel, and parents cannot deny their children opportunities for knowledge and joy.

Indeed, all of us are accountable for the ties we form with other human beings. We must cherish our roles as spouse, parent, child, sister, brother, neighbour, friend, employer, and employee, and do our best to keep those relationships strong. www.gpbs.com.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
Sue Aston

Anniversaries

Gwen Rose
Don Rose

Recently Deceased

Margaret & Neil Mackerras
Remigia Maga
Victoria Fajardo
Pat Weeks
Deirdre Mc Cullough
Ernesto Mello
Ken Rose

Birthday

Jesus Ma. Samson

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Readings for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon | Cf Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading | Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)

Second Reading | Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation | cf 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

or

Cf 1 Corinthians 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

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Community News

- * **8 October | Government House Spring Morning Tea | 10am**
The Marymead CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn Auxiliary invite you to be their guest for a unique morning tea experience on the beautiful grounds of Government House.
Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased here: <https://revenue-aus.keela.co/government-house-2024>
- * **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.
- * **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**
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
- * **27 October | The Marian Procession | 10:00 am**
An Ecumenical Rosary Procession, with Mass Celebrated At Goulburn's iconic Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul's by Archbishop Prowse.
- * **1 November | Catholic Women's Taskforce Annual Fundraising Dinner**
The 2024 Catholic Women's Taskforce annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House, Lyneham will take place on 1st November 2024 at the Canberra Southern Cross Club from 6.30 pm. For more information or to register go to <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/cwtad/> Enquiries: Monica Phelan on **0413 315 486**
- * **9-10 November | ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT**
How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose any of the Weekends: Nov 09-10, Feb 22-23, May 17-18, Aug 16-17
- * **10 November | ST THOMAS AQUINAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**
You are welcome to join St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Charnwood 50th Anniversary on the 10th of November 2024. 10 am mass will be held at the church followed by celebratory BBQ. To register for catering purposes: www.stthomassquinascharnwood.com



Where
When
Info





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)
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25TH SEPT 2024



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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

Alpha

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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