



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

19-20 October 2024

29th 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

Ransom for Many

While Jesus is talking about becoming ransom, his followers are looking for glory. No wonder Jesus groans that they don't know what they're talking about. Of the four gospel writers, Mark is most likely to draw the disciples as out-and-out dumbbells. Since it's the first of the gospels to be written down, Mark's depiction is likely closer to the truth than the other evangelists cared to be.

Alas, these dumbbells are closer to revealing our natural inclinations than we care to admit. We step up to drink the cup of Christ in our Eucharist without much fuss, but when it comes time to share his passion in even the smallest sense, we don't respond to roll call. We're willing to take part in the rituals of religion, but we're nowhere to be found when it's time to be ransom. Servant-hood has little appeal. Still we're prepared to join in the finger-pointing at James and John seeking credit. We, at least, cover our aspirations a little better than they do.

When was the last time you paid the price, so that another could go free?

Pray

Patient God, we have so many questions. We demand things, and often want to know where the path will lead before we set out. Set our hearts to rest and remind us that life is made up of more questions than answers, and that's okay. Amen.

Ponder

Choose to be the servant who lifts up another. Avoid the limelight. Seek the dirty job. Give anonymously. Be generous with credit. Crave humility. *"The Son of Man came to serve, not to be served – and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage."*

Kids' Corner

He came to serve, not to be served – and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage. (Mark 10: 45)

Lisa likes to be first: first in line, first to be picked for teams and first to take a turn. As long as she is first, she doesn't really care who is second, third or last. But Jesus teaches us that greatness isn't about being first; it's about serving others. If we focus less on ourselves, we will see more ways to help others.

Jesus, show me how I can put someone first today. Amen.

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St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

Parish Morning Tea

Sunday 20 October after the 9:30am Mass

Please bring a plate to share.



Parish News and Events

Parish Bilingual Mass Dates

- ◆ Urdu-Hindi—Saturday 19 October 2024 at 5:00pm
- ◆ Filipino—Saturday 26 October 2024 at 5:00pm
- ◆ Sinhala — Saturday 9 November 2024 at 5:00pm

We are locking in dates for our 2025 Bilingual Masses. If you would like to have a Mass in your language for your cultural community, please email theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au.



Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation Program for 2025

For Parents of Year 2, 3, and 5 Students

We invite all parents of children in Year 2, 3, and 5 who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation to attend an important **Parish Sacramental Preparation Meeting**. This meeting is essential for understanding the preparation process and requirements for these significant spiritual milestones.

Date: Tuesday, 12 November 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: Holy Spirit Church, Burdekin Avenue, Amaroo

Please make it a priority to attend as we will be discussing important details regarding your child's sacramental journey.



SAVE THE DATE

Holy Spirit Parish Christmas Fete
Saturday 7 December 2024
Details to follow.



A Reminder - Sustainability Sunday is next weekend – the LAST weekend of the month

Thank you to everyone who continues to support **Sustainability Sunday** – (weekend) and Lids for Kids. This is our way of contributing to minimising waste going into landfill. It's been heard on the grapevine that people are nervous about what lids to bring and what is recyclable and what is not. We are ALL on a big learning curve and together, we can do it. So let's continue to support **Lids for Kids**, the best way we can, and remember – no question is a silly question – we'll try to get an answer!

Next weekend bring your:

- ◆ **Medicine Blister packs** – please separate the 100% aluminium from the 50% aluminium/50% plastic.
- ◆ **Lids** – CLEAN, DRY milk bottle tops and remember to remove the foam insert. Soft-drink and water bottle lids too.
- ◆ **E-waste** – old phones, cords etc.

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

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
Jaya Raghwan
Paul Johnston
Mark Bush
Jim Banks
Barbara Kirk
Vesna Ljubičić
Alonso
Sharni 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
Bernie Rogers

Anniversaries

Bozo Ikic
Kerry Bartlett
Teresita Villena

Recently Deceased

Tony Johnston
Veronica Isigbo

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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon | Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading | Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

- (R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.
1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
 2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
 3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading | Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation | Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Communion Antiphon | Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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FINISH



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be great you must be the servant of all the others."

Community News

* **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

* **26 October | HOLY TRINITY SHOW 'N SHINE | 9-3pm**

HOLY TRINITY SHOW 'N SHINE (CAR SHOW) organised by the ACT Street Machine Association will see beautifully restored cars in the carpark and church surrounds of Holy Trinity Church, 3 Strangways Street Curtin, 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday, 26 October. Gold coin donations gratefully received for the support of 'The Farm',

* **27 October | The Marian Procession | 10:00 am**

The Rosary will start at St Saviour's Anglican Cathedral, proceed along Bourke St, and arrive at the Our Lady of Mercy Chapel. The pilgrimage will conclude at the newly renovated St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral.

Please bring along your own lunch or purchase food at the event. Tours exploring the rich history of Sts Peter and Paul's will also be available.

⇒ **MARIAN PROCESSION:** Begins 11am at Anglican Cathedral of St Saviours, Goulburn

⇒ **RECONCILIATION:** Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral and Our Lady of Mercy Chapel 12:30 – 1:30 pm

⇒ **MASS:** 2.00pm Mass with main celebrant, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral. (Mass will include the installation of the reliquary with relics from Sts Peter and Paul, St Brigid, St Charbel and St Therese Lisieux) CONTACT: goulburn@cg.org.au

⇒ **YOUTH RALLY (YR 6-12)** 12pm – 1:45pm Begins at St Saviour's Anglican Cathedral Hall CONTACT: christopher.gilroy@cg.org.au

* **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**

* **3 November | All Saints Party**

Dress up as your favourite Saint and join us to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints at St Christopher's Cathedral! There will be activities for all the family, snacks, and a costume parade straight after the 11am Mass at the Haydon Hall (55 Franklin Street, Forrest). We hope to see you there!

* **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 CHARNWOOD 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

All are invited to a 10:00am Mass followed by BBQ— please register:

www.stthomassquinascharnwood.com



Save the date!

All Saints Day Party

Sunday, 3 November 2024

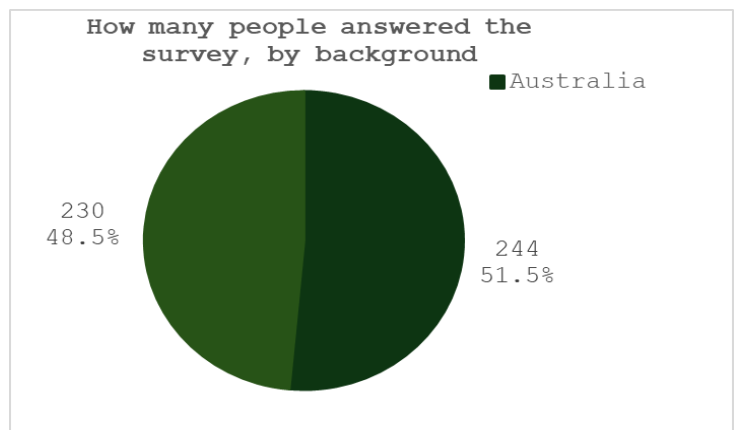
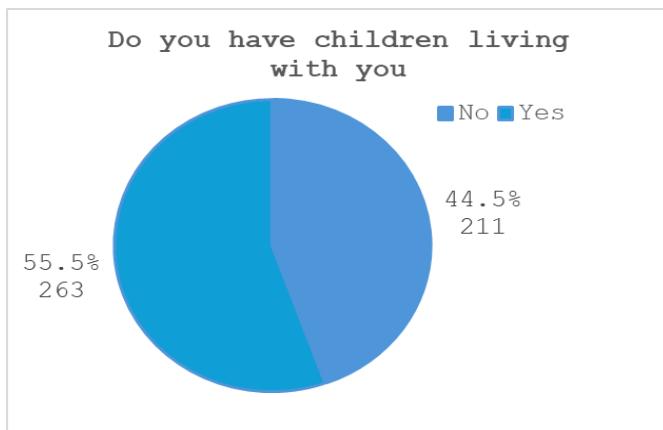
After 11 AM Mass | St Christopher's Cathedral | Haydon Hall

What the Parish Survey told us

Dear Parishioners

We promised to share the results of our survey with you. Here is the first, general summary. There is so much more to examine but the storey is rich and interesting.

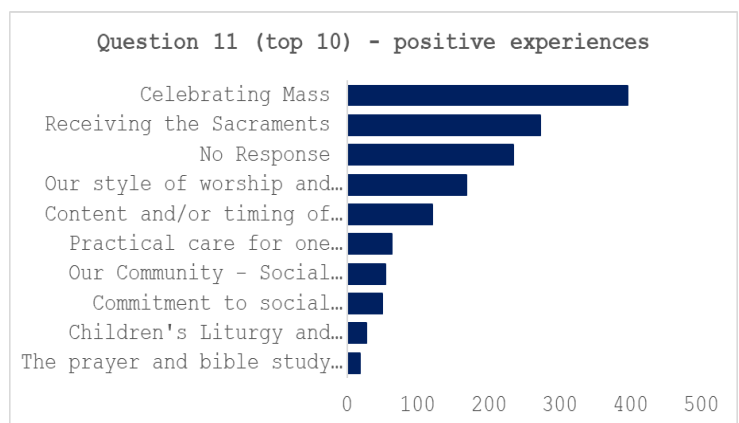
1. Nearly 500 parishioners responded – a truly wonderful, generous and validating response.
2. The response pattern reflects what we know of the makeup of the parish:
 - More female than male (60/40)
 - Most of us are between 36-50 years old and 51-70. A heroic 15% of responders were aged between 19 and 35.
 - We are evenly split between those born in Australia and those born overseas, those from the Philippines strongly represented.
3. Most of those who responded come to Mass frequently, but 20% do not – and we will learn a lot from both responses.
4. Over half of us (55%) have children living with us.



5. Positive Experiences of Parish?

The three top positive experiences:

- celebrating Mass,
- receiving the sacraments, and
- enjoying our style of worship and music.



6. Most people saw no barriers to their participation in the parish, but for those who did, the issues were:
 - time,
 - adequate information/communication, and
 - physical access to the church buildings.

7. What can we improve?

The strongest response, at 41%, was 'no response', which we are interpreting as a generally positive endorsement of the way we worship and organise!!

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8. For the other 60%, there was a strong desire for:
 - change or diversity in the STYLE of worship and music
 - similarly with the homily and sermons,
 - along with building a stronger parish community.

9. Answers to how to implement our priorities of spiritual growth, a stronger community with a welcoming environment and nurturing of our volunteers were varied. But the consistent message was to allow and encourage the laity to take more responsibility and action across the board in the Parish.

10. The most common practical suggestions for improvement were:
 - More bible study opportunities, Eucharistic adoration, and pilgrimages
 - More and better welcoming, especially at Mass, more social functions, revival family/parish groups and finding opportunities for people to mingle, especially single people.
 - Walking beside newcomers, always around 20% of Mass attendees.
 - Nurture our volunteers through broader ministry opportunities, training and personal invitation.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO RESPOND?

There are some things we can do now, others that need more understanding, and a number of more complex issues which we will need to discern and discuss at our own parish assembly in early 2025.

1. Right now, we are conducting another Alpha program which embraces spiritual growth, warm welcome and community.
2. We will revive and build the welcome ministry to expand Mass welcome, partnering with newcomers, and parish hospitality.
3. We will also see where and when we can put on more gatherings.
4. We will put out the call for leaders of bible study groups and try to offer a diversity of times and content.
5. We will start conducting focus groups on more nuanced issues, such as: what do we really mean when we want changes to the STYLE of the Mass or the music? This will take time and discernment.
6. And then, next year, at our parish assembly, together we will consider all we have learned and how we have responded. And we will plan our future together.

Alpha Course

Thursdays at 7:00pm at the Parish Office. This is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. All are invited—bring a friend!



A Radical Message

There are many symbols that reflect our society, some for better and others for worse. The professional athlete is one of those symbols that seems to endure generation after generation. Children look up to them. Weet-Bix still puts them on their cereal boxes. And all the sports channels give interview after interview. They become our heroes, to be emulated and imitated.

What does it say, then, when athletes are found with corked baseball bats or steroids or illegal golf clubs? It tells us that we live in a society that condones winning no matter what the cost, the importance of being 'Number 1' over simply doing your best, that being guilty only happens when you get caught. And we shrug it off, saying that this is just the way things are.

It is no wonder that young and impressionable people have become so incredibly competitive and the rest of us jaded that nothing surprises us anymore.

The gospel of Jesus stands as a strong counterpoint to the message that is being given. The gospel tells us that we must put others first, put their needs ahead of our own, not worry about who is No. 1. It was a radical message when Jesus first spoke it, and it remains so today in our competitive, win-at-any-cost society.
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1. BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00029248 Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund Ref: Gungahlin and Surname
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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/>
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Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

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