



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

26-27 October 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



Jesus is Calling

Jesus stopped in his tracks. "Call him over." They called him. "It's your lucky day! Get up! He's calling you to come!" Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus. Jesus said, "What can I do for you?" The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you." In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road. (Mark 10: 49 - 52)

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

At Mass today, I brought with me a long list of prayer intentions. I have friends who are out of work or who hate the jobs they have. I know people who are depressed, sick, or lonely; lots and lots of people who wish their lives were different than what they are. Sometimes I want to call out, like the man on the side of the road: Jesus, have pity! Have pity!"

And Jesus is calling back, "What can I do for you?" I don't always know. What's best for all my suffering friends? The right job or the right relationship may not be enough. Happiness doesn't arrive in the neat packages we expect. Bartimaeus was sure of what he wanted, and he had the courage and strength to spring up and run to Jesus. Maybe his response is the best one, and the only one we need: "I want to see." If each of us could clearly see, we might not be so regularly paralysed by the events in our lives. We might spend less time frozen on the diving board, and more time in the water.

What aspects of your life are unclear to you? Where is Jesus calling you to be right now?

Pray

God, when others cry out, help us to listen and not turn them away. When their cries are to us, give us the strength and courage to respond on your behalf. When we cry out to you, help us to listen then, too, and rejoice in the answers you give. Amen.

Ponder

Seek a clear vision. Pray more faithfully. Ask for advice from someone you trust. Read the Scriptures. Make retreat or reflection time a normal part of your routine. *"It's your lucky day! Get up! He's calling you to come!"*

Kids' Corner

When Bartimaeus (bar-tim-ay-us), a blind man, heard that Jesus was passing by, he called out to him for help. People told him to be quiet, but still he called to the Lord. Jesus heard Bartimaeus' prayer and healed him. Bartimaeus teaches us an important lesson – that we don't have to let anyone keep us from asking the Lord for help whenever we need it.

Dear Jesus, I know that nothing is impossible for you. Please help _____. Amen.

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St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

Parish News and Events

Parish Bilingual Mass Dates

- ◆ 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.



Years 7-12 Youth Group

Saturdays 26 Oct, 9 Nov, 23 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec at 6:00pm.

Contact Ashish 0491 122 203 for more info.



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.



Potluck Dinner Archdiocesan Assembly Attendees



Many parishioners of Holy Spirit attended the Archdiocesan Assembly last Saturday. Were you one of them? Everyone who attended has a story to tell. Fr Troy and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to hear your response to the Assembly and its lessons for our parish. Please come to a potluck dinner at the Presbytery on 13 November at 7 pm and share your experience.

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
Wongdewan Sawasditas
Nook Sawasditas
Daranee Teapthong
Judeth Barrett
Bill Honess
Mark and Debbie
Sue Aston
Bernie Rogers
Matthew Foster
Dawn Foster
Cory Gregorio

Anniversaries

Bozo Ilic
Kerry Bartlett
Teresita Villena
Alex Dare

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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon | Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading | Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading | Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation | See 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Communion Antiphon | Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

or

Ephesians 5:2

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

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Jesus showed his love for all people by welcoming the poor and the sick. What were some of the wonderful things he did? Circle the correct answers.

PERFORMED MIRACLES

HURT PEOPLES FEELINGS

HEALED THE SICK

FED THE HUNGRY

SAID MEAN THINGS

WELCOMED EVERYBODY

TOLD LIES

**SET A GOOD EXAMPLE
TO OTHERS**

Community News

* **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.

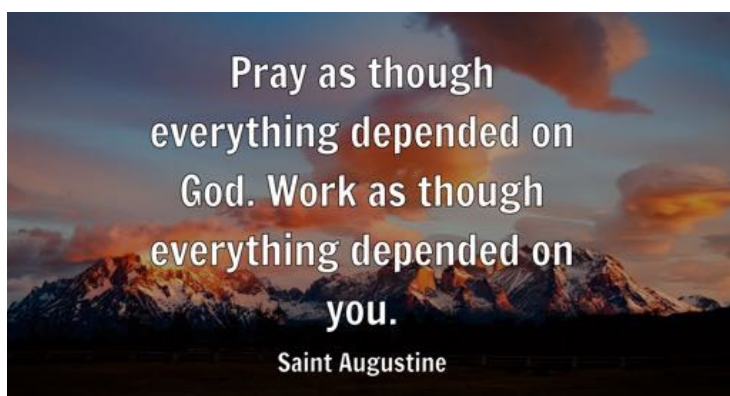
Choose any of the Weekends: Nov 09-10,

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

Income and Expenditure (9 months) to 30/09/2024

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income			
Planned Giving/Second Collection	219,500	239,454	\$19,954
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	9,600	7,300	(\$2,300)
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.	19,000	16,420	(\$2,580)
Other Revenue	32,140	26,198	(\$5,942)
Total	280,240	289,372	\$9,132
Expenditure			
Administration	31,675	21,783	\$9,892
Priest's Cars and Superannuation	17,580	17,580	\$0
Salaries, Super, A Leave & LSL	145,568	121,070	\$24,498
Insurances	18,231	17,157	\$1,074
Other Expenses	13,876	14,161	(\$285)
Appeals/Donations/Quotas	12,000	11,121	\$879
Capital Items	22,250	9,161	\$13,089
Overall Property Expenses	7,505	1,795	\$5,710
Repairs & Maintenance	5,700	18,942	(\$13,242)
Total	274,385	232,770	\$41,615
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,855	\$56,602	\$50,747

Thank you everyone for your continued financial support of our parish in what continue to be challenging times! Overall our Income is above budget so far this year which is entirely due to Planned giving, which has picked up through the use of tap machines. All other income is below budget. Overall Expenditure is below Budget for the year to date, due in part to the departure of the parish secretary (lower salary costs). We have spent quite an amount of money on repairs and maintenance of the presbytery and church and there is some additional costs still to be paid. Overall this has resulted in a higher surplus than budgeted. The Parish Finance Council has agreed to the purchase of 100 new chairs in order to cope with the large crowds at Christmas and Easter. **Thank you to John Mikita for covering the cost of converting the Parish banners to a material base. If you want more detailed information or have any questions, please contact Tony Rose (Finance Officer) at the Parish Office.**

Who Can See Clearly Now?

Have you ever felt embarrassed by someone else's behaviour? Sometimes this embarrassment is justified and other times the person with the odd behaviour has no clue how they are impacting the community. Pausing to listen can often eliminate any reconceived notions. Just as the disciples rebuke Jesus for listening to the blind man as he begs Jesus to have pity on him, we too are called to pause and consider someone else's needs. Judgment of another person can unfortunately cause pain and sadness and we miss out on the gift that is most certainly present. For the disciples, it was the unwavering faith of the blind man that stops them in their tracks as Jesus welcomes his sight and faith. Reflect on a recent encounter with someone you judged. What were their needs? Why did you judge this person so harshly? Did their unique gifts feel threatening to your sense of reality? If this person is someone you see on a regular basis, consider how you might view him or her with more compassion. If it was someone you do not see on a regular basis, consider the origins of your judgement and say a prayer for the person you judged as well as a prayer for your growth.

If Jesus invited you to follow him today, would you? Why or why not?

Sustainability Sunday (weekend)

The last weekend each month

Let's keep the momentum going as we continue as a faith community to **reduce landfill** and to keep the theme from the Season of Creation **'To hope and act with Creation'** in our minds and hearts. Here in Holy Spirit Church and St Francis Xavier Church we are striving to raise the awareness to **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**. Every small thing we do to help our environment is worthwhile.

Thank you to everyone who remembered to *separate blister packs* (see below) and to *remove the foam insert* and who brought **CLEAN** lids. We appreciate your support for Sustainability Sunday. So, remember to bring the following items to the Church as we continue to support Lids for Kids.

Medicine Blister packs

Lids for Kids would like us to **separate** the blister packs into those that are 100% aluminum and those that are aluminum with plastic.



100% aluminum



50% aluminum/50% plastic



Lids

The lids that **Lids for Kids** collect to make furniture etc are – milk, soft-drink and water bottle lids only. Please remove and discard the foam insert. All are to be **CLEAN** and **DRY**.

Lids for Kids also collect lids that have plastic inside and push-pull lids. They give these to schools for craft etc. If you are bringing these lids, please **separate** them from the milk, soft-drink and water bottle lids.



Lids with plastic inside



Push/pull lids

E-waste

E-waste items include small electrical items including coiled cables, accessories and devices (please reset to factory settings).

Again, thank you for your support and we look forward to increasing the range of recyclable items that **Lids for Kids** accept over the next 12 months.

For more information, please contact Maureen Hilton [at maureenhilton@gmail.com](mailto:maureenhilton@gmail.com) or Hamish McNeice at hjmcneice@gmail.com

His Faith Saved Me

(Mark 10: 46 - 52)

I sat slumped in my pew listening to the drone of the priest's sermon. "How do I always get this guy?" I carped to myself. "Please don't lecture us. Must you sap the life out of every gospel?" the uncharitable complaining inside my head continued.

By the end of the homily, I had resolved never to put myself through this torture again, but by the end of Communion I realized I had a lot to learn from this guy.

It all started with a commotion at the back of church. People were filing up to the altar to receive Communion when one of the ushers began speaking in loud tones to a man in a wheelchair who had just come in off the street. The usher was refusing to let the very dirty man go up the aisle. The man in the wheelchair couldn't speak, but he was groaning in angry, anguished tones.

The priest kept looking to the back of church as he was distributing Communion, trying to figure out what was going on. Finally, he motioned to the usher to let the man through. He met the man halfway up the aisle and asked, "What is it you want?" The man pointed to the ciborium and then put his hand to his mouth. The priest walked up to him, said, "Body of Christ," served the man Communion, and blessed him. That's when my eyes were opened.

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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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