



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

2-3 November 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass

Office closed

7pm Christian Meditation

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

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

4:15pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass

9:00am Reconciliation

9:30am Mass

5:00pm Mass



St Francis Xavier Hall
Saturdays 5:00pm

Close to the Kingdom

Play the Scripture game. Name a person in the gospels you would most like to be. For me, the unnamed scribe in this passage is a great choice. Of all the things that Jesus says to anyone in the four gospels, this is the one thing I dearly want him to say to me: "You're almost there, right on the border of God's kingdom."

This anonymous scribe hits the jackpot. Like so many people of his generation, he heard about the great teacher and decided to check out the story. Being a student of Scripture, he wanted to see if Jesus was more learned than he was. Scholarship makes some people arrogant, but this man had come to be humbled by his education. If Jesus knew more about God than he did, he was ready to learn from him.

So he asks his question, which may well have been the guiding principle of his entire career. Which law is first among the commandments? What does God want most from us? If you have only one chance to ask a question, you want to be sure it's the most important one. And the man is so impressed by the answer Jesus gives, he responds with sincere praise. For his part, Jesus finds himself in the presence of a rare understanding disciple. So he in turn praises the man with those thrilling words: *you're almost there*. May each of us hear those words someday!

If you boiled down the mission of your life to one question, as the scribe in the gospel did, what would it be?

Pray

Even in the deep and shadowed places we are not alone. In the hard times we are nurtured, renewed, and made whole. God is with us on this journey. Spirit rejoices with us along the way. For all the extraordinary and subtle ways that love prevails, thanks be to God! Amen.

Ponder

Write a spiritual mission statement for your life. It can be one sentence, or a manifesto if you prefer. Reflect on steps you can take to make your mission a reality. "*So lucid and accurate – that God is one and there is no other. And loving God with all passion and intelligence and energy, and loving others as well as you love yourself.*"

Kids' Corner

Aiden's little brother Lucas has been driving him crazy. Last week, Lucas went in Aiden's room and messed up Aiden's science project. And lately, whenever Aiden's friends come over, Lucas hangs around wanting to play too. On Saturday when Aiden's friends were over, Aiden locked the door to his bedroom and kept Lucas out. Later that night, his dad had a talk with Aiden. "Lucas looks up to you," he said. Aiden thought about that. He apologised to Lucas and spent some time playing with him. And do you know what? Aiden actually had fun. Who looks up to you? How can you love them today as Jesus does?

Jesus, help me to be kind to others. Amen.

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Parish News and Events

* Christian Meditation next 2 weeks:

Christian meditation for next week will be on Monday 4 November 7pm in the church not Tuesday 5 November. For the following week there will be no Christian Meditation that week. From Tuesday 19 November Christian Meditation will be back as per normal every Tuesday 7pm in the church. Remember, all are welcome to join in our calming prayer of silence and stillness.

* Sinhala-English Bilingual Mass — Saturday 9 November 2024 at 5:00pm

* Senior Youth Group—Years 7-12 | Saturdays 9 Nov, 23 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec at 6:00pm—contact Ashish 0491 122 203 for more info.

* Youth Group—Years 4-6 | Sundays 10 Nov and 8 December at 6:00pm



The Sacrament of Reconciliation—New Time!

There are now three opportunities for confession weekly:

Wednesdays 6pm-7pm, **Saturdays** 4:15pm-4:45pm and **Sundays** 9:00-9:30am.
Also available any time upon request.

November—Month of the Holy Souls

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all the faithful who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. It is a time of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. The Book of Remembrance will be available in the Church foyer. Please record the names of loved ones who are to be remembered throughout November. November Mass Offering envelopes will be available in the foyer of the Church where you might like to name your departed friends and family. Masses will be celebrated throughout November in their memory. You can leave your envelope on the collection plate at any Mass.



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.

RSVP: Alison Weeks at: alisonmweeks@bigpond.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
Matthew Foster
Dawn Foster
Cory Gregorio
Elbert Tesalona
Liberato Nolasco
Dee Pennay

Anniversaries

Bozo Ilic
Kerry Bartlett
Teresita Villena
Alex Dare
Vernon Norris

Recently Deceased

Tony Johnston
Veronica Isigbo
Irene Corrigan

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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon | Cf Psalm 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading | Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading | Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation | John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them. Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Communion Antiphon | Cf Psalm 15:11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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Love the Lord your God.

Love your neighbour

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arguing	commandment	first
important	Israel	Moses
teachers	law	second
Godheart	love	

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

First I want to say how grateful we are for the wonderful support that our parishioners provide to us all year round. But I am going to test your generosity again.

Most of you know that we maintain a larder which we use to provide food hampers to people who call us for help. Today I felt a bit like Old Mother Hubbard because when I opened the cupboard the larder was pretty bare. We could really do with some donations to restock it, especially items like:

- Pasta sauces and tinned tomatoes;
- Long life milk;
- Rice;
- Canned vegetables;
- Spreads like vegemite and jam.



* St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

Christmas is coming up very soon and, as usual, we will be preparing Christmas hampers for about 100 families in our parish. We can count on our parish schools to provide the bulk of what we need to fill those

hampers. But as we do every year there will be a giving tree in the foyer of the church so that parishioners can also contribute to our appeal. The giving tree will be there from this weekend until mid-December. All you need to do is take a tag and donate what you can. Each tag will specify an item or a cash donation that will help us fill our Christmas hampers.

I know you will support us because you always do. So thank you again and God bless you.

Mark Carter
On behalf of the Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference

Community News

- * **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
- * **5 November | Ministry to the Newly Married Information Session**
About to be married? Recently married? Then this may be for you.
Register for the information session at <https://cgatholic.org.au/ministry-to-the-newly-married-information-night/>. For more information contact Ralph and Angela on 0401 994 081
- * **16 November | Monster Christmas Garage & Plant Sale | 9am-1pm**
Toys, books, clothes and much more! With unique vintage pieces, there is something for everyone.—255 Goyder Street Narrabundah.
- * **24 November | Christ the King Taralga Church Celebrates 90 years**
Please come and celebrate with them at 9.30 am Mass followed by morning tea, on the Feast of Christ the King, November 24.

International food

Craft & gift stalls

Holy Spirit

Christmas market

4pm to 8pm

Saturday
7 December

Kids activities

Sausage sizzle

Seeking volunteers for the following Children's Activities and Stalls:

- * Face Painting
- * Nail Polish
- * Count Lollies in the jar
- * Children's snacks bar
- * Coin toss activity
- * Gift Stall
- * To do pricing and assisting on stalls.



If you can help, please contact Jovina at the Parish Office: 6242 9622 or office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



STALL HOLDERS WANTED

We are looking for food vendors, market stall holders, white elephant/trash or treasure, crafts or plants for our Christmas Market.

Please send your expression of interest to:
Fiona on fionawilk62@gmail.com

\$20 per stall space



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Purchase your hand tokens after Mass from 9 November

\$5 for five activities including sausage sizzle

Cake Stall Contributions!



We are looking for contributions for the Cake Stall at the Christmas Market. The stall will sell cakes, biscuits, chocolate such as rocky road, relishes, jams – all with a Christmas theme where appropriate.

Please contact Maureen Hilton on 0431 123 465 or maureenhilton@gmail.com
Thank you in advance!



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.**



We could perhaps distil Jesus' two great commandments even further into the single word "love." As The Beatles sang, it's all you need. But the problem is that it becomes something so rarefied, such a huge concept, that it's overwhelming, impossible to apply to everyday life. If, on the other hand, we start with small steps, by treating each other with basic fairness and respect, as the Israelites were commanded, we will get glimpses of the love that Jesus tells us about.

The love of God goes with us as we journey: a love with which to strengthen one another. A love to hold us secure in the turmoil of life. A love that will allow us to risk, a love to dispel the darkness. A love to cast out fear. A love to share, widely, generously. A love that goes beyond the limits of time and space. A love we have known in Jesus Christ.



FAMILIES

ADVENT PROGRAM

Where: at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Amaroo)

Day 1 : Saturday 23 November 3.15-5.45pm

Day 2 : Sunday 24 November 11.00am-1.30pm

How much: Free, just bring a plate to share

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ★ Meditation on Gospel readings
- ★ Games, Activities
- ★ Friendly environment
- ★ Parallel programs will run for children, teenagers and carers/parents
- ★ Organisers with WWVP card

B. Y. O.

Family ★

Snacks and drink bottle ★

RSVP BY FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

TO ANNA 0416668985 OR
ADRIANA 0403343583

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.

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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Parish Groups

Craft Group | Beth Forshaw
Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

St Vincent de Paul | Drazen Roginic President
P: 0401 669 301 | E: Drazen.Roginic@vinnies.org.au

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
E: socialjustice.hsp@gmail.com

Legion of Mary | Grace Magbutay
E: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Focolare Families Group | Anna 0416 668 985
E: focolareamaroo@gmail.com

Youth Ministry | E: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Care Group | Vacant—please contact Parish Office

Community Garden Group | Parish Office
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