



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

9-10 November 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass
NO 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

4:15pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass
9:00am Reconciliation
9:30am Mass
5:00pm Mass



St Francis Xavier Hall
Saturdays 5:00pm

Widows Wanted

The older we get, the more widows we know. The way the math works out, women still outlive men in this country, and men often marry women who are younger to begin with. That makes for a good many widows. Since the early Church, the Christian mission has been powered by the extraordinary energy of this group. In the first three centuries, the Church formally recognised a quasi-religious status of widowhood as a position ranking below priests, deacons, and exorcists. Women frequently tithed their later years to the Church in works of prayer, charity, and service. Although we no longer speak of a consecrated order of widows, most of us still see a lot of them in church circles. They may be stripped of the dignity of rank but not of any of the responsibility they've always shouldered. Give me a committee of widows, and we'll get the job done!

Widowers, though less numerous, are certainly welcomed in the ministry of the Church, and single people of any age, whatever the circumstances, keep most parishes afloat. This face is not often publicly acknowledged; let's amend that unjust silence here.

How many "consecrated widows (widowers)" do you know?

Pray

God of all the small things, may those without voice be championed, those without hope be comforted, those without faith be uplifted. May we be rich in courage as we confront the greed that leads to oppression. May we be rich in compassion as we lament with the brokenhearted. Amen.

Ponder

Consecrate a portion of your week to the service of God's reign. You can use that time to pray, volunteer, or give wholeheartedly to your family or those who need you most.

Kids' Corner

Jesus continued, "All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford – she gave her all." (Mark 12: 44)

Kelsey has a lot of leftover food from her birthday party, and it wasn't the kind she liked very much. So, she brought it to church food pantry. Kelsey tried to feel good about her donation, but when she saw the people lined up outside, she knew she had to do more. Kelsey found out that what was most needed at the food pantry were things like peanut butter, nappies, cereal and shampoo. She used all her pocket money to buy those things, and she brought it back to the pantry. She felt better, but still, she wanted to do more. Do you have any ideas for Kelsey? For you?

Jesus, show me how to give more every day. Amen.

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Parish News and Events

* Christian Meditation next 2 weeks:

There will be no Christian Meditation on Tuesday 12 November. 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

* **TLIG PRAYER MEETING | Sunday 17 November at 3:30-4:45pm** in the Church meeting room. (Prayer & Fellowship followed by Mass). Bring your rosary beads. All are welcome. For further information on the True Life of God Messages visit the Parish website. Contact: Tom Kalliath: 0434 689 957 or Tony Cassar: 0497 804 676.

* **Senior Youth Group—Years 7-12 | 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.



Our Pantry Is Empty—Donations required urgently

Our Vinnies team is responding to many local families and the supplies are running very low. We really need your help so that our team can help the needy. Please give generously and urgently. Thank you!



- ◆ 500g Dolmino Pasta Sauce
- ◆ 1kg Rice
- ◆ Weetbix/Cornflakes/Cereals
- ◆ Coffee/Tea/Sugar/Milo
- ◆ Tin Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Soups
- ◆ Tin Tuna/Salmon/Meats
- ◆ Tin Fruits
- ◆ Bottle of Pancake Mix
- ◆ Muesli Bars
- ◆ Instant Noodles
- ◆ 1 litre Long Life milk
- ◆ Jam and spreads
- ◆ Sweet and Savoury Biscuits

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
Elbert Tesalona
Liberato Nolasco
Dee Pennay

Anniversaries

Alex Dare
Alan Sargent
Geraldine Crane
Doye Naboya
Andres Reyes
Rosario Bautista
Lauro Bautista
Sister Ignatius
Lea Almanzor
Vernon Norris

Recently Deceased

Veronica Isigbo
Irene Corrigan
Remigia Maga

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 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon | Cf Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading | 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading | Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to

deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Communion Antiphon | Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me
 repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

Source: Liturgy Help © 2024



Jesus praised the widow for her generosity because she gave everything she had even though she was poor. What are some ways we can be generous like the poor widow?



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

- * **14 November | Vocations Dinner at Gungahlin Presbytery | 6PM**
Thursday 14 November 6pm Mass (in Church) 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.
- * **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.
- * **17 November | Mass for deceased members of the Knights of the Southern Cross | 10AM**
Archbishop Prowse has offered to include the deceased members of the Knights of the Southern Cross and their families in the Mass at 11.00am at St Christopher's Cathedral on 17 November 2024 being offered for all the deceased bishops and priests from the Archdiocese. All families of deceased members from all parishes are warmly invited to attend. Bob Perkins 6231 8472 or perkins.family@aapt.net.au.
- * **17 November | St Thomas More Parish - 60th Anniversary Celebration | 10AM**
We invite you to celebrate 60 years with us! Celebrations commence at 10am with a family Mass, which will be followed by BBQ brunch and lawn games. 30 White Crescent, Campbell.
- * **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



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin



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!



World Day of the Poor 2024

The World Day of the Poor is on Sunday the 17th of November.

This is a day not just to remember the poor of the world and to pray for them, but to think about what we can do to alleviate their suffering.

In his message for the 2024 World Day of the Poor Pope Francis quotes from the Book of Sirach, "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (Sirach 21:5).

He goes on to say: "Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society".

There are a variety of poor. If you have been watching the news you know that there are people suffering from war and famine in different parts of the world and thousands of people have been displaced from their homes.

In other parts of the world people are suffering from the consequences of natural disasters.

Even in the 'Lucky Country' of Australia there are many people who are finding it hard to just get by. The most recent report of the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) showed that there were over 3 million Australians living below the poverty line, including over 750,000 children. Just on 50% of people living in poverty were in households reliant on social security. A recent report by Everybody's Home found that all people on Centrelink payments can barely afford rent in any part of Australia.

The Foodbank Hunger Report 2024, states that 3.4 million households in Australia experienced food insecurity in the past 12 months, with food insecurity now being experienced in homes it has never touched before. This means that 1 in 3 households in Australia are struggling just to put food on the table.

Indigenous Australians, particularly those living in remote communities, are prone to be living in poverty, with impacts on their educational and employment opportunities, as well as access to appropriate housing (see the recent report of the Productivity Commission on the Closing the Gap initiatives).

At a local level your Saint Vincent de Paul Conference has visited hundreds of people this year to provide help in the way of food, clothing and other forms of assistance to people in our own parish who are struggling to deal with the rising cost of living in our country.

How can you make a difference?

First, take up the Pope's call to pray for the poor.

You might think about supporting the various charities that seek to help the poor of the world, Caritas Australia is providing emergency help in places like the Ukraine and Palestine, as well as other countries. The Australian Catholic Missions are active in a range of underdeveloped counties. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society helps people all over Australia who are doing it tough, including homeless people and women seeking refuge from domestic violence. Other organisations supporting the poor include the Salvation Army, Foodbank and the Smith Family.

You might also consider supporting the Raise the Rate for Good campaign sponsored by ACOSS, which aims to raise the rates of the lowest government social security payments to at least the poverty level. Or you could think about joining the Everybody's Home campaign to build more social housing in Australia. These are some practical things that can make a difference.

Mark Carter





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

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Call to Connect | Maureen Hilton | M: 0431 123 465

Holy Spirit Prayer Group | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028
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Community Garden Group | Parish Office
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