



# 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

1-2 April 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Year A



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

For Holy Week Mass times please see the flyer on the next page.

Please note there will not be any weekday morning Masses on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

## Holy Water

Will be available after Easter Masses for a gold coin donation



## This Is My Body

Jesus offers his disciples bread and wine, which is what they expected him to do as table host. But he offers them also his body and blood, which they did not expect and receive in confusion and distress.

And then Jesus goes into the night, to face his betrayer and accusers. His body is handed over, spat upon in the presence of the high priest, sold for a bag of silver. The crowds cry out to see his body crucified. His flesh is whipped and his brow is crushed by a crown of thorns. His thirst is mocked by vinegar on a sponge, and his limbs are torn by nails. And finally, the body of Jesus is murdered on the cross, and taken down and carried away for burial. One would have thought that would have been the end of it, and mercifully so.

But the Body of Christ rises from the dead, and lives on in our community of faith. Jesus offers his body again and again to those who would be his disciples. And now we claim this body as our own, and offer it to a world which longs to see the face of love.

## Pray

Jesus, your death provides the portal to a world we never thought imaginable. Death is no longer a definitive end. It is the birth canal to new life, to an eternal life. May this knowledge be a source of our hope. Amen.

## Ponder

How will I journey with Jesus this Holy Week?

## Kids' Corner

Watching the same show over and over can get boring. Some people feel that way about the Mass. They follow the same routine: standing, kneeling, readings, singing, receiving Communion and then going home. Maybe they've forgotten that Mass isn't something we just watch. Jesus is really with us at Mass. When we hear God's Word, Jesus is there. When the priest says the blessing and raises the host, Jesus is there. Today at Mass, you'll hear about Jesus' suffering and death. What might Jesus be saying to you about your life? How will you respond?

Jesus, help me get ready to be with you today. Amen

- [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

8:30am

2nd and 4th Sunday of each month



## Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

All are welcome to attend the Hall interfaith Stations of the Cross ceremony hosted by the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting Churches. Good Friday 7 April, commencing at 11am. The procession starts at the northern end of Victoria Street just off the Barton Highway and will proceed down Victoria Street to the Remembrance Grove.

**This Weekend's Readings:** Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

# Upcoming Events

- \* **1 April 2023 9am-3pm —Mosaic Class**  
All are invited to sign up for a mosaic class. Materials supplied and cost is \$30per person. Please contact the parish office to sign up.
- \* **1 April 2023 after 5:00pm Mass— Rosary**  
Join our Legion of Mary group to pray the Rosary after Mass.
- \* **2 April 2023 1:00pm—Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees** at Garema Place.  
Parishioners are invited to meet at 12:30pm at the merry-go-round in Civic.
- \* **2 April 2023—6:00pm-7:30pm | Youth Group**  
Come along to the parish centre on Sunday 2 April.  
Gold coin donation for snacks. Contact Matt:  
[youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)
- \* **Chrim Mass – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 5pm:** St Christopher's Cathedral  
Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 3 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.
- \* **6 April 2023 5:30pm—Vocations Discernment Night**  
Next Vocations Discernment night for priestly and religious vocations will be held on Thursday 6th April at St. Brigid's Presbytery 5:30pm, a paschal lamb dinner, followed by the Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, with quiet time with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Rsvp essential contact Fr Emil on [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)
- \* **Multicultural Mass – Sunday 16 April 11am:** St Christopher's Cathedral  
You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral – one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together.
- \* **14-16 April 2023 Marriage Enrichment Weekend**  
An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!  
Event Details: Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.  
**Book online at** [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)
- \* **22 April 2023 9:30am—4:00pm | Women Alive Retreat**  
A strong woman knows she has strength enough for the journey. But a woman of strength knows it is on the journey that she will become strong. Come journey with us at the Women Alive Retreat and discover the hidden strength in you. Venue: Greg Collins Centre, St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT 2604. Admission is FREE, BYO lunch. For enquiries: 02 6295 7879; Winniefred: 0451015527



Please keep the following individuals in prayer.....



## For those who are sick

Jim Banks  
Diego Castaneda  
Dorrell Hogan  
Rhonda Lipton  
Alan Demascus  
Kathy Morris  
Juana Iris Gvevara  
Sandra Cortez  
Priscila Adriano  
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell  
Caitlin Wigglesworth  
Ghlyianne Chelmiah  
Kwang Hui Lim  
Richard Smart  
Owen Sagrado  
Grant  
Maria Therese Cummins  
Marie Kelly-Moran  
Gail  
Aniceta Arguelles  
Terry Lewis  
Peter Knight  
Lateasha Marsden

## Recently Deceased

### Anniversaries

Maria Corazon Singh

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Merciful God,  
as we enter Holy week,  
turn our hearts again  
to Jerusalem, and to the  
life, death, and  
resurrection  
of Jesus Christ.  
Stir up within us the  
gift of faith that we  
may not only praise  
him with our lips, but  
may follow him in the  
way of the cross.



## Warm Clothing Appeal - Palm Sunday 1-2 April 2023

Please bring a warm piece of clothing on Palm Sunday Weekend (1-2 April) and hang them on the end of the first chair of each row and after Palm Sunday services we can pass on the clothing through Vinnies to our brothers and sisters who are standing beside us shivering.



# HOLY WEEK 2023



## **PALM SUNDAY 1-2 APRIL**

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm

## **RECONCILIATION SERVICE 4 APRIL**

Tuesday 7:00pm

## **HOLY THURSDAY 6 APRIL**

Thursday 7:00pm

## **GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL**

Friday 9:00am Walking Stations of the Cross  
Friday 11:00am Stations of the Cross  
Friday 3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion  
(Please bring a flower to lay at the foot of the Cross)

## **HOLY SATURDAY 8 APRIL**

Saturday 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

## **EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL**

Sunday 8:00am and 9:30am  
8:30am St. Francis Xavier



*Holy Spirit Catholic Parish*

## An invitation to walk with Jesus



## Walking Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 7 April 2023 at 9:00am  
Assembly area: Holy Spirit Church carpark  
93 Burdekin Avenue, Amaro

Please wear comfortable clothing and bring an umbrella.



*Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin*

## I Wanna Be Like Christ

To me, the whole point of being a Christian is so that I will never have to stand on the side of Jesus' torturers. If I am true to my faith, then such depravity and inhumanity will be impossible for me. If I follow Jesus' way of love, then I will never be in Pilate's camp, washing my hands of one I know to be innocent. Caiphas and the high priests, with their cowardice and power-mongering, will not be part of my coterie, either. No good people will get sold down the river by me – if I choose to follow Christ.



That's a big if, or course. I fear that without vigilance, I could become one of these dealers in death. We may all be capable of such extreme acts of sin – think of torturers in prisons since the beginning of time. If we constantly and consistently choose to deny God's loving presence in our lives, we will become our own worst enemies.

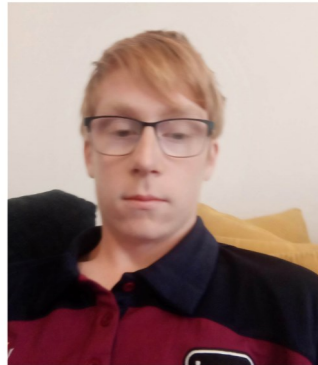
So I am committed to keeping God before me and taking up my cross each day. It's true that by following Jesus, I must bear ridicule, swallow my pride, go against the status quo, fight social injustice, show extreme mercy, and, all in all, do things that do not come easy to me. But, the good news is: I will save my soul in the process. Better that than losing my soul, which, as Jesus showed is a fate worse than death – even death on a cross.  
- Majellan Publications



*At our Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass our RCIA catechumen and candidates will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and into our faith Community.*

*As Chloe, Nicholas, Bernadette, Grace, Jessica, Rian and Youdong prepare to receive their respective Sacraments on this special evening, we ask for your prayers for each one of them, for their families and sponsors.*

# Counting Down to World Youth Day 26 July - August 2023



**Matthew Allen**



**Frances Dinn**



**Nicolas Nascimento**

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who helped out with our first fundraising BBQ for World Youth Day. Special thanks to Pradeep for leading the cooking, and to all the youth and young adults who assisted with serving.

We raised \$500 towards our World Youth Day pilgrimage. We ask that you continue to support and pray for our parish pilgrims throughout this year.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY SPONSORS

Holy Spirit Parish is supporting three of our young people to attend World Youth Day (WYD), a gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. This year's event is in Lisbon, Portugal, with the Canberra-Goulburn group completing a pilgrimage through Spain and Portugal before the main celebrations in Lisbon. WYD brings together millions of young people to celebrate their faith, strengthen their sense of belonging to the Church and foster personal encounters with Christ.

Our pilgrims are asking for sponsors to help cover the cost of the pilgrimage registration, flights and accommodation. By completing the Google Form and donating, we will:

- ◆ Update you on our preparation leading up to WYD
- ◆ Send you a special message from Portugal
- ◆ Keep you in our prayers throughout our pilgrimage
- ◆ Share our experiences with you at a special event when we return

Please click this link to support our pilgrims financially: <https://forms.gle/pHoC2vSy8szRZg8o9>





# WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

## PALM SUNDAY



It is only once in every three years that we publicly share together Matthew's full account of the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. Today is that day. Matthew's passion is rich in every sense of the word. It is the longest account of what Jesus endured and it also has the most diverse cast of characters. Only Matthew devotes time not only to the tragic fate of Judas, who was filled with remorse, but even to the thirty pieces of silver that were used to buy a cemetery for foreigners called the Field of Blood. Only Matthew tells us about the dream of Pilate's wife which leads her to send a message to her husband that he should have nothing to do with Jesus. Matthew's Gospel features a number of dreams. Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife, to flee with his family to Egypt and later to return from Egypt. Dreams are one of the many links between Matthew's Gospel and the Hebrew scriptures.



This is by no means to say that Matthew's Gospel is merely an interesting piece of literature. It is only to suggest that, in Holy Week, Matthew's Passion is a wonderful encounter to enter slowly as we spend time with the Lord, allowing the mystery of the cross to deepen within us. One commitment we might make is to take a section each day this week and stay with it for ten minutes.

Monday Mt 26: 14-35, Tuesday Mt 26: 36-56, Wed Mt 26: 57-75, Thursday Mt 27: 1-26, Friday Mt 27: 27-56, Saturday: Mt 27: 57-66.

The trial and death of Jesus reminds us of the tragedy of injustice that continues to this day in so many places around the world. Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has attempted to draw our attention to many important issues in our world. We have been invited to take up the cross and follow Jesus in our own time. We can pray, with Jesus, 'Let it be as you, not I, would have it.'

*Written by Michael McGirr*



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

**Thank you** for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.





## Driving in the Church Grounds—Please take extra care!

Over the next week, the ACT Government sportsgrounds will be closed for maintenance. This means that Good Shepherd students need to access the top courts at both recess and lunch.

We are asking all parishioners who visit the church or parish office to park in the main carpark and **avoid using the basketball courts.** In addition to children, we have many elderly parishioners who attend weekday Masses, so we are asking everyone to drive slowly and be extra vigilant when the children are out. Thank you.

## Easter Set Up—How you can help

These are some tasks that do not require training and anyone can join in!

- ◆ **Candles**—Inserting tea-light candles into holders  
◆ (400+ candles)
- ◆ **Flowers**—Helping organise flowers collected from Good Friday for church decoration
- ◆ **Cleaning**—general tidy

If you can help with any of the following—we would love to see you on

**Saturday 9 April at 8:00am** in the church!

Thank You!

Flowers Needed!!

If you would like to donate fresh flowers for Easter, bring them along on Saturday 9 April between 8 am-9am.  
Many thanks.

## WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### Online Mass Contribution (First and Second Collections combined)

We encourage you to continue to support our parish by making contributions to our First and Second Collections online. Follow the steps below to make a secure online donation.

1. Click on <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/donations-payments/secure-online-payments/>
2. Select Biller Code 1002872 – Mass Contribution
3. Enter your payment details.

### Parish Bank Account Details

BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish



## CONNECT WITH US

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**Assistant Priest:** Fr Eden Langlands

### Parish Office and Presbytery

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### Parish Groups

**Craft Group** | Beth Forshaw

Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

**St Vincent de Paul** | Drazen Roginic President

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**Holy Spirit Prayer Group** | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028

Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church

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**Community Garden Group** | Parish Office

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