



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT and 220 Victoria St, Hall ACT  
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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

22-23 April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter | Year A



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday

9:15am Mass  
6:00pm Holy Hour and  
Reconciliation

### Thursday

9:15am Mass

### Friday

7:00am Mass  
12:00pm Mass

### Saturday

10:00am Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

### Sunday

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

## Friendship in the Break

(Luke 24: 13 - 35)

Church people use a lot of religious language to describe what we believe in: salvation, resurrection, communion. But in our rituals, we use very familiar signs to explain what we mean by all this. Eucharist is one of these. Oh, for the pleasure of a meal with friends!

Friendship is a kind of sacrament all its own. We share histories with our friends. We tell the story of our lives and find common ground. And when we come together, we share food. The warmth and comfort of a meal reflects the nature of our relationship with one another. We celebrate the union of our hearts around the table.

In the unique gathering of our Eucharist, we also acknowledge the great story of our God and our relationship with the Holy One through Jesus Christ. Our eyes are opened in this meal to recognise the common ground we hold with divinity: the reign of God itself. Our relationship with God through Christ is true yesterday, today, and forever. This is what our faith means. Everything we need to know about God is in this meal.

### Pray

God who journeys with us, Jesus is our companion who journeys with us. May Jesus keep breaking for us the bread that gives us courage and open our eyes to recognise him in our downhearted and suffering brothers and sisters. Amen.

### Ponder

Prepare a special meal for someone you care about. Entertain the Holy One in the breaking of the bread. Think of a meal you recently shared with friends or family. What does it teach you about the meaning of Eucharist?

### Kids' Corner

Two disciples are walking along and talking with Jesus, but they don't realise it's him. Once they get to their destination, they invite him in for dinner and they finally recognise him. Their eyes are opened! You might be thinking, "If I were walking and talking with Jesus, I'd know it was him". But really, Jesus is in everyone, every day. Do you recognise Jesus in your friends and family? How about the classmate you don't like, or the kid who's always alone at lunch? Jesus is there.

Jesus, open my eyes to see you in everyone I meet. Amen.

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## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

8:30am  
2nd and 4th Sunday of  
each month



## Suggestion box

Do you have any feedback or suggestions? Please pop them into our 'Suggestion Box' in the foyer. We look forward to hearing from you!

**This Weekend's Readings:** Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1 Peter 1: 17-21, Luke 24:13-35

# Upcoming Events

\* **Thursday 27 April 2023 9:15am | Anointing Mass** followed by Seniors Morning Tea in the church foyer meeting room. All are welcome, please bring a plate to share.

\* **Sunday 30 April 2023 5:00pm | Silver Jubilee Celebration**  
Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS (Fr Thonn) is celebrating his 25th Religious Profession Anniversary at St Joseph's O'Connor. All are invited to attend Mass (celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse) at 5:00pm followed by refreshments. Please bring a plate to share.



\* **Thursday 4 May 2023—7:30pm | An Evening of Dialogue**  
An Evening of Dialogue creates space for respectful dialogue on what is needed for humanity to flourish. The night will consist of keynote speakers, a Q&A session and an opportunity for open discussion. Keynote speakers include Dr Hugh Mackay (Social Psychologist and Author), Lara Kirk (Marriage, Family and Relationships Manager), Michael McGirr (Mission Facilitator at Caritas Australia and Author) and Professor Br David Hall FMS (Marist Brother and Dean of the ACU La Salle Academy). **Registration:** <https://bit.ly/41AKHAZ>

\* **Thursday 4 May 2023 6:00pm—Vocations Dinner at Archbishops House**  
An informal evening comprising of a talk on the priesthood by Fr Josh Scott, Eucharistic Adoration, and a hearty meal. All those seeking to discern a vocation to the priesthood/religious life are welcome. Please contact one of our three vocations directors to RSVP - Fr Emil Milat: [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au); Fr Joshua Scott: [joshua.scott@cg.org.au](mailto:joshua.scott@cg.org.au), Fr Eden Langlands: [eden.langlands@cg.org.au](mailto:eden.langlands@cg.org.au).

\* **Saturday 6 May 2023 —10am-12.00pm | Building a Community of Women**  
The Catholic Women's Taskforce invites all women of faith to join us for morning tea on Saturday 6 May at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre Manuka (or Zoom in on evening of 8 May). Consider joining the taskforce, as a member or a friend. Our strength lies in building community and providing ways to listen and share the experiences and opinions of other women of faith. Being together and listening to one another makes us all stronger and more resilient in our faith. Obviously, we are going to have coffee and cake – so please register your interest in person or for Zoom at: [www.cgwomen.com.au](http://www.cgwomen.com.au)  
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\* **Tuesday 23 May 2023 - 7:00 – 8:45 am | Catholic Men's Breakfast**  
Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York), Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full. Cost: \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220) Enquiries Frank Stanford [fstanford200@gmail.com](mailto:fstanford200@gmail.com) 0417 664 110 **Registration:** <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>

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

Lubica Loleska  
Jude Solomon  
Axel Labutte  
Paul Holland

## Anniversaries

Oliva Molina Gonzales  
Bob Conway  
Peter Sargent  
Anzac Sullivan  
Laurie Corliss  
Owen and Faith Sagrado  
Jess Samson

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Dear Father in heaven, we lift our eyes to you. You allow earthly events to follow their own course, and even your own Son had to suffer and die. But your plan is already prepared and you will act in our time according to your will. We pray, "Your will be done, your will!" In the midst of all the suffering let your love be revealed in many places, wherever it is possible for people to understand it. You have always protected us; protect us still. You have done much for us and we want to praise your name. We want to be people who always acknowledge you and praise you, for you will never let any be lost who hope in you. Be with us this night, help us, and send us the strength we need to serve you in our everyday life. Amen.

# MORNING BEANS

Young Adults (18-30)

## EVERY FRIDAY

7am Mass  
Holy Spirit Church  
Gungahlin

7:30-9:00am Coffee  
Coffee Guru Cafe Amaroo

*Spill in at anytime!*

 @youth.gungahlin

## The Chosen—Discussion Group

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the program. Based on the information received the program will start on **Wednesday 3 May at 10:00am** and run for 8 weeks. For those who were interested in the evening sessions, please save the date: Tuesday 25 July at 7:00pm.

All are welcome to join Fr Troy and fellow parishioners in watching a few episodes of The Chosen with a discussion group to follow. It's not too late to join!



**Sundays  
6:00pm-7:30pm**

- ◆ 30 April (bonfire night)
  - ◆ 21 May
  - ◆ 28 May
  - ◆ 11 June
  - ◆ 25 June

Come along to the parish centre on Sundays. Gold coin donation for snacks. Contact Matt: [youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

## Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy, for children in preschool to year 6, will recommence at the 9.30am Sunday Mass on 7 May. Held during 9:30am Mass throughout school term, Children's Liturgy presents the Sunday readings and Gospel to children through prayer, discussion and activities.

We are seeking additional parishioners to join our Children's Liturgy Team as a coordinator, teacher or helper. An outline of these roles follows:

### Children's Liturgy Coordinators:

The coordinator is responsible for contacting teachers prior to the weekend, ensuring the Parish Centre, used for children's liturgy is ready prior to Mass, helping the children as they walk out of the church, collecting the classes at the appropriate time, and after Mass, returning the materials to the storage area.

### Children's Liturgy Teachers and Helpers:

Parents of young children are invited to lend their support. You may like to start as a helper before becoming a teacher. This role includes reading the Gospel and talking to the children about the Gospel and supervising the children in their activity. All readings and materials are provided.

If you are interested, please complete the form available at Mass or contact the Parish Office [officesupport@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:officesupport@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

There will be a meeting/information session after 9.30am Mass next Sunday 30 April at the Parish Office, for those already involved or interested in joining the Children's Liturgy Team.



# Children's Liturgy



# Community Garden Happenings

## Composting Workshop

Ever wanted to know some of the tricks and secrets of composting your organic waste at home.

On Saturday 22 April from 10:30am to 12:00pm Dr Brook Clinton from Capital Scraps will join us in the community garden for a Composting Workshop. Brook will share some of her knowledge and enthusiasm for all things compost, so that we can either create a compost area at home, or contribute to our community garden.

The community garden is located behind the church facing the Amaroo oval.



### Everyone is welcome!

you don't need to be involved in the parish or the garden. The workshop is free and morning tea will be available—so come along for a cuppa and chat.

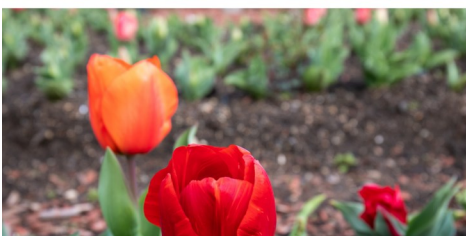
For information on a recent workshop held at the COGS garden in Holder follow this link <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2044113209130891>

## Floriade Bulbs Sale!

This year we will not be planting the Floriade bulbs in the church grounds and we are selling the bulbs we had from last year to raise funds for the community garden. Bulbs will be sold individually, so you can come and choose as many as you like at a bargain price for \$1 per bulb! Sales begin on Saturday 22 April at the composting workshop and after each Mass time until we run out.

For more information please contact [Fiona](#) or [Theivani](#).

## *The Community Garden Team*



## Why We Love Road Trips!

Who doesn't love a road trip? Families tell of their adventures on a summer holiday; friends talk of their escapades while travelling to warmer climates on the winter break; strangers bond during the harrows of a routine trip going awry.

Film critics from around the world, including the Vatican, place *Stagecoach*, a classic Western road trip movie, on their list of all-time great films, and you'll find *The Odyssey* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* on any list of the world's greatest literature.

A road trip story can be humorous, suspenseful, or romantic, but as BBC reviewer Jordan Hoffman says, "Its essence is always the same: an outward journey that triggers and signifies its characters' inward transformation".

Which leads us to the greatest biblical road trip story: Although the Israelite's Exodus and Saint Paul's journey to Damascus get props for amazing special effects, and the Good Samaritan on the Road to Jericho is by far the most instructive on how to love your neighbour, the story of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus is the epitome of the classic road trip story: A physical journey leads to a spiritual enlightenment.

Take a trip. The change will do you good.



## 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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### Parish Groups

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

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