



# 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

8-9 April 2023

Easter Sunday | Year A



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass  
Office closed

### Wednesday

9:15am Mass

### 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

## This Man God Raised

What if Mary hadn't gone to the tomb that day? John tells us she got up in the darkness, the day after the Sabbath, as soon as religion allowed work to be done. She had waited with great longing for the end of Saturday, so that she could return to the burial place and anoint the body of the one she loved. When she arrived in that dark hour, she found the stone rolled away, and her fear propelled her into the presence of the disciples. Jesus' body was stolen!

Her report mobilised the guys, and so Easter came into being. But what if Mary had not returned to the site because of discouragement, fear, or sheer exhaustion? Would anyone have discovered the miracle? Often we reach the end of our own personal passion week, and never make it to the empty tomb. Lots of things conspire to keep us away. Love is the only reason to go forward, to find that the night is ended and a new world has dawned.

### Pray

Risen Christ, in raising you from the dead, your Father deliberately and definitively broke the bonds of death and ushered in a new and unimaginable reality. Our baptism offers us hope of transcending death and living in this new reality. Amen.

### Ponder

Raise up a fallen friend. Lift up a lonely heart. Bring the morning to someone who is wrapped in darkness. Take one step beyond discouragement and fear, and find Easter. So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it.

### Kids' Corner

Did you wake up a little early today thinking about the Easter surprises waiting for you? Maybe you searched for a basket full of treats or for Easter eggs. The best Easter morning surprise, though, is something that's empty: Jesus' tomb. When Jesus' friends see that he isn't there, they're full of surprise and joy! The Father, whom Jesus trusted, has raised Jesus up in glory. This is why we celebrate! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thank you, dear God, for our Saviour, Jesus! Amen.



## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

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



## Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 11 April 2023. Please leave a message on 6242 9622 and we will get back to you on Wednesday 12 April. For urgent matters, please contact 0418 621 020.

Fr Eden on leave from Monday 10 April to Tuesday 18 April.

# Upcoming Events

- \* **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

## Expressions of Interest—Upcoming Parish Events

### The Chosen—Discussion Group

What does it mean to be 'chosen'? Join Fr Troy and fellow parishioners in watching a few episodes of The Chosen with a discussion group to follow. We are looking at starting the program in May for seven weeks. Please complete the [online form](#) or place your details on the sheets in the foyer.

### Day Trip—St Mary of the Cross and St Mary's Cathedral Crypt

Fr Troy would like to invite parishioners and friends on a day trip to Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney. Experience what it would have been like to be a part of a new religious order dedicated to educating the poor children out in the bush.

Morning, lunch and afternoon tea provided. We would look at going on a Friday leaving around 7:00am and returning about 8:00pm.

Approximate Cost \$90.

Please complete this form <https://forms.gle/ui3NdTkJyeXUveidA> to let us know if you are interested or place your details on the sheets in the foyer.

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

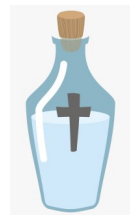
Lubica Loleska  
Jude Solomon

#### Anniversaries

Oliva Molina Gonzales

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

[Prayer Requests](#)



#### Holy Water

Will be available after Easter Masses for a gold coin donation



## Young Men's Group

Coming soon to Holy Spirit Parish—contact Fr Eden if you or someone you know may be interested. Please complete the [online form](#) or contact [office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

## An Easter message from Fr Troy

### HOW ARE WE GOING THIRTY YEARS ON

Using Jesus' words from Matthew as a starting point, then Jesus said to them,

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age'.

This 'great commission' is given anew to every generation. As Pope Francis affirms, "In our day Jesus' commands to 'go out and make disciples' echoes in the changing scenarios and every new challengers to the Church's mission of evangelization, and all of us are called to take part in this new missionary going forth!". Like the first disciples some of us are worshippers, some doubters, some a bit of both. Like them we need to draw close to Jesus if our doubts are to be dispelled. Like them, changed by the encounter and empowered by the spirit, we can do great things.

Jesus parting words were not just to 'go and make disciples' but also baptize and teach. By baptism, and all the sacraments and worship that follows. And by hearing God's Word, and all the Christian teaching and action that follow, we become witnesses to God's saving love - poured out in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

My hope is for a Parish which the Gospel is preached with joy, wisdom of our tradition and with fidelity, the sacraments celebrated with dignity and welcome. In the little time I have been here I've witnessed many wonderful strengths the parish has to offer. In a parish the size of Holy Spirit where there is such diversity, piety and zeal of its people. Despite some difficulties, our Parish and schools have nurtured the faith of hundreds of people across the thirty years and continue to do so. There are many causes for hope.

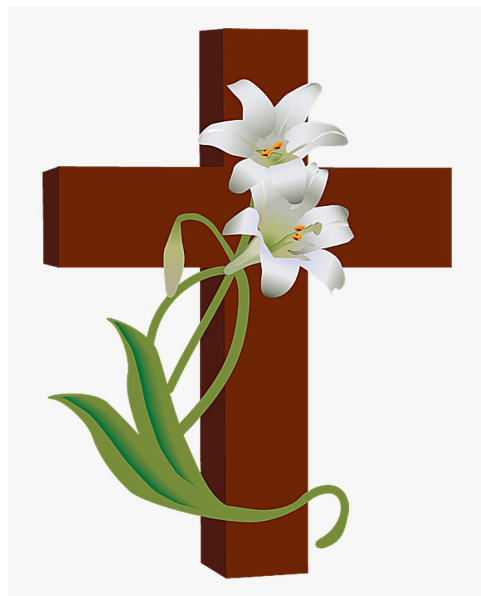
But these past few years have also been challenging times not only for Holy Spirit Gungahlin, but also the Church of Australia. The unmasking of historical child sexual abuse in the church occasioned disillusionment, anger and hurt for many. The COVID 19 pandemic, church closures and restrictions on worship have also been keenly felt. But Passion and Resurrection are the ordinary rhythm of Christian life, so I am confident that our parish here in Gungahlin will come through present trials, humbled, purified and renewed, ready to bear new fruit!

As the only Parish in Gungahlin, we seek to live out the mission of Jesus Christ in a time of unprecedented change. Gungahlin's population continues to grow while the way people live, work and worship has changed.

Not as many people engage with the parish or transmit faith and practice to their children as once did. Our culture is less supportive and many now identify as 'no religion'. Some traditional methods of outreach no longer work; others can be rediscovered and reinvigorated. Some of our structures no longer support mission as well as they once did.

Especially in times of great change, we rightly cling to those things that are perennial: one faith, one Lord, one Baptism (Ephesian4:5). But we need new passion, expression and methods of evangelization and community-building in Holy Spirit. Me, your Parish Priest and Fr Eden our assistant together with all the faithful of this parish are called to deep spiritual renewal as disciples to better connect with each other, and to reaching out better to others.

With great faith in the future of this parish I invite you to read prayer and reflect on this parish plan. We need your faith and discernment, your courage and gifts as the faithful of Holy Spirit, Gungahlin seeks to live the great Commission in this twenty first century. Like those first Christians emerging from the dark times of Holy Week, we hear the Easter Jesus saying to us: go make disciples.



*Fr Troy*



Thank you to all those people who helped in any way with the preparation and celebration of the Holy Week Liturgies. We could not have done it without you!

## Share your gifts and talents – Helping at Mass

We are looking for helpers at all our weekend Masses and special events.

Can you help with PowerPoint, Mass set-up, reading, cleaning, music, singing, children's liturgy, morning tea set up, BBQ or handy work?

If you can help in any way, please complete the [online form](#), by clicking on the link, scanning the QR code or please contact [theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

Every small bit helps so please get in touch and let us know how you can help our parish community.



## 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 Office and Presbytery

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### Parish Groups

**Craft Group** | Beth Forshaw  
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**St Vincent de Paul** | Drazen Roginic President  
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**Call to Connect** | Anne Smart  
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**Holy Spirit Prayer Group** | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028  
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