



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

4-5 May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter | Year B



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

9:15am Mass
6pm Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass
12:00pm Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

I Call You Friends

Jesus sets the ultimate standard for love: putting your life on the line for your friends. Most of us don't go anywhere near that far. I have a physically challenged friend who's greatly loved within our parish and school community. Everyone declares how much he means to them, and how they would do anything for him. But there are things that few will actually do. Sitting with him is one thing; bathing him is another. Bringing over dinner is okay, but cleaning potties is not. Some will only come by when he's particularly well; when he's especially frail and helpless, some can't bear the sight of his suffering. Each of us has limits on how far we're willing to go with love, how much responsibility we're prepared to assume. None of us has a perfect record, and no one shows signs of the "best love" that Jesus models.

Yet Jesus calls us friends anyway. Even though he's a better friend to us than we'll ever be in return. Jesus takes our imperfect love and breaks it, blesses it, and passes it around like Eucharist to a hungry world. Jesus multiplies our little fragments of love and makes them sufficient. Our love may not be perfect, but that's no excuse to withhold what we've got. Jesus will make it what it needs to be. Our task is to offer it.

Pray

O God, we open our mouths to praise you and you open our spirits to receive you. We open our minds to learn of your ways and you open our wills to obey you. We open our hands to serve you and you open our hearts to love you. We are open to your mystery, O God, make yourself known in us this day. Amen.

Ponder

Name three proofs that you are a loving person. Add to that three ways you would like to be more loving. Look for ways to practice those new frontiers of the heart. *"I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've learned from the One who sent me."*

Kids' Corner

Our Lord never stops loving us, even when we forget to love him. But we don't have to forget. We can do something to help us remember. When we get up in the morning, thank the Lord for his gift of a new day. Thank him for all the good things you're going to enjoy this day. Ask him to help you through any rough times the day might bring. Your prayer will remind you to love the Lord and trust in his love for you. That's a great way to start your day!

Lord, help me remember that you are with me. Amen. www.gpbs.com.au

Share your Language with us! Pentecost Church Decorations.



Parishioners are invited to write **"WELCOME" and "Happy Birthday"** in whatever language they speak, as a first or second language, other than English. Coloured cards, pens and a box will be available in the foyer after Mass. Let's see how many languages we can collect!



St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

Parish News and Events

- * **Tuesday 7 May at 7:00pm | Christian Meditation**
Christian Meditation prayer opportunity for a deeper spirituality and deeper trust in God. All are welcome to attend the sessions facilitated by Jim Corrigan and held in the Church.
- * **No Holy Hour** on 15 May and 22 May due to clergy retreat and Confirmation Mass.
- * **No Midday Mass** on Friday 17 May due to Confirmation Retreat.
- * **Sunday 12 May after 9:30am Mass | Mother's Day Morning tea.**
Please bring a plate to share.
- * **Sunday 19 May at 9:30am | Parish Birthday Celebrations**
Mass followed by cake and BBQ. Please bring a plate of delicious delights to share and come dress in your national outfits. More information on the poster in the foyer!
- * **Thursday 30 May at 9:15am | Anointing of the Sick Mass**
Mass followed by morning tea. All welcome! Please bring a plate to share.
- * **Tuesday 11 June from 7:30pm-9:00pm | Plenary Council Findings Report**
Save the date: A session will be held with guest speakers who were part of the council. All are invited to come along. More information in the coming weeks. Please register your interest with the parish office for catering purposes.

Please return you Project Compassion Contributions

If you haven't already, please bring back your project compassion contributions to the parish office or to Mass over the weekend. Thank you!

Temporary Accommodation Needed

A Gungahlin family is needing some urgent temporary accommodation. The family is made up of mum, dad and 10 year old son and are seeking for one room only. If you can help, please contact Maria Peterson on 0447 536 288

Parish Office Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Olivia Kajkic who was appointed as parish secretary will not be available at the parish office for the foreseeable future. In light of this, the parish office is looking for receptionist volunteers to help the team. Volunteers would work a 3-4 hour shift on given days. Some duties include greeting visitors, answering calls, taking messages, basic filing and tidying. Computer skills would be advantageous however not necessary. A Working with Vulnerable People card is required. Contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au to register your interest.



Community News

- * **Men Alive Weekend—25-26 May 2024—Mary Help of Christian, Pearce.** Cost \$50 per person: includes workshops, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and bbq dinner on Saturday. RSVP Friday 17 May 2024 to Mat Wolnicki 0438 446 489 or mat.wolnicki@menalive.org.au



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



For those who are sick

Kathy Morris
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Caitlin Wigglesworth
Kwang Hui Lim
Grant Gail
Elizabeth
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Cyril Jolicoeur
Tony Johnston
Jaya Raghwan
Julie Mirfan
Paul Johnston
Edwin Joseph Dsouza
Alan Kay
Sharron Davis
Michelle
Mark Bush
Tim Watson
Jim Banks
Barbara Kirk
Vesna Ljubičić
Gaudencio Montaos
Alonso
Rozalind Murphy
Sharni Laffan
Marc Darlington
Liam O'Brien
Nancy Phillips
Daranee Thepthong
Ashley
Desmond Anand
Richa Williams
Ana Al-Adhami
Linda Dwyer
Tatiana Tarazona
Carmen Azzopardi

Anniversaries

Felicity Jane Malouf
Sebastiano Mammoliti-20yrs
Lualhati Aquino
Dominador Aquino
Elena Micu

Recently Deceased

Keith Crowley
Ben Cassar

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 6th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon | Cf Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading | Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading | 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and
knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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 | John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

Communion Antiphon | John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the
Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Source: Liturgy Help © 2024

The Holy Spirit needs your help! Well actually, Holy Spirit Parish needs your help.

Holy Spirit Parish has been relatively blessed throughout the past 30 years with participation in ministries. In general, each mass has sufficient numbers of rostered individuals and/or volunteers willing to help out on-the-spot when asked, allowing at a minimum for the mass to run without crucial interruptions.

Following the pandemic, the overall numbers of parishioners attending mass has been lower, which in turn has affected the number of people participating in ministries. It is becoming common for the same people to perform ministries every week, for people to fill multiple ministries in the same mass, or for some ministries to not be filled at all.

The Parish ministries are varied and there are opportunities for young and old to become involved. Some include behind the scenes work, helping with mass, ensuring we have chairs to sit on and looking after the buildings and grounds for example. Volunteering to help with a ministry is also a great way to meet other Parishioners.

Through May, the Parish is seeking your interest in volunteering for any of the ministries. Frances Dinn will be speaking at each weekend mass this weekend to outline how you can get involved. From next week, more detailed information will be available on the Parish web site about the various Ministries and how you can register interest.

Please have a think about how you could get involved. Next week check out <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/parish-involvement/parish-ministries/>

The St Vincent de Paul Society needs you

We all know that the cost of living in Australia is going up. Correspondingly, the number of people calling on the St Vincent de Paul Society for help is doing the same.

People are struggling to pay bills and put food on the table. Sometimes they have to make choices about doing either one or the other.

In our parish the local St Vincent de Paul Conference has seen a large increase in calls for assistance. On one day alone in January we had 23 calls for assistance. While that was exceptional, following the Christmas break, it is not uncommon for us to get 6 or more calls a day. In fact we get more calls for help than any other parish in Canberra. On average we would get 20 or more calls each week. People call us because they need food or clothing or help with bills.

Some of you may recall that I spoke at weekend Masses late last year and asked people to think about joining us in our work. We were lucky enough to get a small number of new members who have already made a wonderful contribution. But since then we have lost other members.

We really need a few more people to help us deal with the growing number of calls for assistance. If we could get half a dozen new members that would make a big difference.

So I'd love you to think about whether you have the time to join us, or at least find out a bit more about what we do. Members of the parish Conference will be out the front of the church after weekend Masses on 11 and 12 May, so why not say hello?

What is involved in being a member?

Attending a meeting once a fortnight on a Tuesday at 7pm for about an hour;

- ◆ Making yourself available to work with another member in dealing with the calls for assistance that come in on a particular day, which might take 2 hours;
- ◆ Calls can be dealt with during the day or evening depending on what suits.

Working With Vulnerable People

Because of the type of work we do with vulnerable members of the community, members are required to obtain a Working With Vulnerable People card from Access Canberra and have a police check done, which can be organised through the St Vincent de Paul Head Office at Yarralumla.

In Conclusion

I really hope you will consider joining us. When the time comes we would like to think that we are able to say that we fed the hungry, we gave drink to the thirsty and we clothed the naked.

Mark Carter (0401 149 352)

On behalf of the parish St Vincent de Paul Conference



You're invited!
pentecost
celebration

Join Holy Spirit Parish to celebrate our Church birthday.

Fun for the whole family.

includes:

Multicultural Mass

Sausage Sizzle

Birthday cake celebration

Giant chalk drawings

Please bring a plate of food to share
and dress in your traditional attire.



Sunday 19 May 2024

After 9.30am Mass



Get Back on the Horse and Try Again

I have the knack of selecting the wrong line at the supermarket. Once, I was next in line, with four people behind me, when the cashier announced that her register was closed, which meant (of course) that everyone behind me turned and scooted with their shopping trolleys to a newly opened register, leaving me at the end of the new line. I complained that they should have a better system, then left the store without buying anything, hurting only myself.

Recently I was in line with my groceries at a different store. Ahead of me a customer was giving the cashier a hard time and taking a long time doing so. The woman behind me had one item. I invited her to go ahead of me. Turns out, she wanted cash from her debit card. That took a long while as well!

I was proud of staying patient and not saying anything untoward to anyone. When my turn finally came, the cashier apologised even though she had done nothing wrong at all. I noticed she had a wristband with WWJD printed on it. Often it's what we do that matters, not what we say or don't say.

I called the manager over and complimented the cashier's gentleness and professionalism. Then I opened the bag of delicious chocolates I had purchased and gave one to each of them. The cashier started to cry. The harried manager smiled.

Actions can speak louder than words. I didn't have to be knocked off a horse this time to get it.

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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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