

WELCOME

Welcome friends and visitors to this Eucharistic celebration - the last Eucharistic celebration in this hall.

Sing - Gathered in the Love of Christ

In January 1993, in a little home in 7 Leisler Close, Palmerston,
(pause)

set among 60/70 Gungahlin homes, Holy Spirit Parish was born.

And so began a journey of a people who were to be led by the Spirit,
(pause)

filled with the Spirit.

From this little home in Palmerston, the journey of life unfolded.

- as the first parishioners crowded into a small space for Mass, often sitting on the floor
(pause)

- Here Baptisms were celebrated
(pause)

- Children's liturgy was held in the garage as a small group of people of all ages came together to build a Christian community and to share the journey together as the Body of Christ in Gungahlin.

In these early years the life and death of two of our first parishioners, Peg and Jack Hayes, was also remembered and honoured in prayer.





And so it was that the experience of the presence of the Holy Spirit within us and among us was nurtured

pause

And so we sing

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In 1995/96 land was brought by the Catholic Education Office and Holy Spirit School was built



not far from where Holy Spirit home was being constructed.



As the community slowly grew Mass was celebrated in an unoccupied newly built classroom of Holy Spirit school,

pause



only moving to this hall as numbers increased,

pause



and lowering the blue curtain to create a smaller space. Here we celebrated weekly Mass, Holy Week ceremonies, Baptisms and children's sacraments, Eucharist and Confirmation.



Over the years, as the community continued to grow, this hall has remained the central gathering place,



not only for parish Masses but also for community events like the trivia night.



In gathering here today we want to give thanks for the journey so far, for the wonder of who we are as Holy Spirit parishioners, and for the countless graces and blessings we have received over 14 years.

With grateful hearts let us sing once more.
Gathered in the Love of Christ

Fr Bernie makes his way from the side door, carrying the lighted Paschal Candle

- *faces back and holds candle high*
- *sing - Light of Christ*
- *people respond - Thanks Be to God*
- *people stand*

Fr Bernie

- *moves to group on left and repeats - candle raised*
- *moves to final group on right and repeats - candle raised*
- *moves to tubs and leaves candle*

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SIGN OF THE CROSS

PENITENTIAL RITE

Invite all to be seated



Lord Jesus, over 14 years many people of all ages shared in this community's journey. *(pause)*



Out of love came celebration



and the Kingdom of God was revealed.



Out of sorrow came joy



And the presence of God was revealed.



Out of change came possibility
pause



and the Wisdom of God was revealed.



Out of freedom came responsibility



and the call to discipleship was experienced

And so we sing
This is Holy Ground