



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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16-17 April 2022

Easter Sunday | Year C



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

7:00am Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass
5:00pm Adoration

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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

Happy Easter

The new Apostolic Nuncio attended the Chrism Mass before an overflowing crowd at St Christopher's Cathedral. The Nuncio is the Pope's representative for the Catholic Church in Australia.

For this reason, it could be understood in his few words that he would quote Pope Francis. The Pope has referred to in similar words to these about the COVID vaccine as "a miracle from above".

There remains some "mystery" about what makes this saver effective. While there are differing views about whether people choose to have it, the Pope strongly suggests it's use. He refers to being vaccinated as an "act of love". Not knowing it's long-term effects, it is a risk. It can have side effects as known already, but the upside is that as shown cut back the severity of what it might cause otherwise.

What has this to do with Easter? To be a true disciple of Christ requires putting others before ourselves. We are now aware that COVID is here to stay, and we have to learn to live with it. In deep faith we must trust in God.

When the Pope refers to receiving the vaccine is an "act of love" be reminded of those Christians in the time of the Bubonic Plague who in one village on the request of their Minister, chose to stay and nurse the sick. One by one they died until none were left.

Christ likewise emptied himself for each of us, being obedient unto death.

By returning to our Church in greater numbers, be assured of God's Protection.

In the same way the Angel to Mary "Do not be afraid, we know nothing is impossible for God". Let this be a daily prayer, and as Christ conquered death on Easter Sunday, let us put into action the gifts we are blessed with, in building God's kingdom, here in Holy Spirit Parish.

Fr Mark

TODAY'S READINGS

Easter Vigil Readings: Genesis 1:1-26-31, Exodus 14:15-15:1, Isaiah 55:1-11, Romans 6:3-11, Mark 16:1-17

Easter Sunday Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia. - *Liturg Help*

Children's Choir

All school aged children are invited to join our parish children's choir. We would like to hear from you about suitable practice times so please scan this QR code or follow [this link](#) to complete the [online form](#).



All are welcome, no special musical talent is required to sing your heart out!

Contact: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or 0472 921 518.

FUN, FELLOWSHIP and (occasional) FROTH

Interested in joining a men's choir? Fr Mark would like to hear from you!

We are not looking for perfect singers, just enthusiasm and a willingness to give it a try. If you would like to be a part of a social men's group, this is a good place to start! **Don't be shy and sign up now!**

Contact Madga—office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or 6242 9622



Share your gifts and talents — Helping at Mass



We are looking for helpers during 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

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

Term 2 Youth Group Dates

Come along to the parish centre from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. \$5 per person to cover food.

- ◆ 1 May
- ◆ 15 May
- ◆ 29 May
- ◆ 12 June



Contact Paris:
youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Save the Date!

**Youth Mass
and
Bonfire Night
Saturday 25 June
5:00pm**



Save the Date!!

Celebrate Fr Mark's Silver Jubilee



Dear Parishioners,

Fr Mark celebrated 25 years as a priest in February, which he celebrated in Taralga. He would like to also celebrate with the parish community here on **Sunday 8 May after the 9:30am Mass.**

Everyone is welcome and the very best gift you can give Fr Mark is to come and help him celebrate this milestone anniversary. Bring your favourite food and delicacies, your children and your good cheer.

As a parish community we are raising funds for a nice present from ALL of us. If you can contribute please find the collector in the foyer after Mass or send your contribution to: **BSB: 062 786 Account Number: 00010701** using the reference 'present'.

We also need your help to pull the morning tea together; if you can help please contact: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au
We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

You Know The Story

Every Easter we wind up in the same place, staring into the empty tomb and trying to make sense of it. Maybe it's a grisly case of theft. Maybe it's an incredible miracle. Maybe we should be horrified; or we should praise God. Maybe it's the same tragedy, different day. Or maybe, just maybe, this is the biggest transformation since creation came out of chaos, and we should all be dancing!

We hear the same story every year, but our hearts are in a different place each time so it meets us differently. Perhaps some years we're not moved at all: he is risen, what difference does it make? Other years, we may be moved to tears at what love can do. What we see as we peer into the empty tomb is up to us. Hope and life everlasting? Or a dark and hollow place that smells of death? Come and see.

What do you bring in your hearts to the tomb this Easter? How does what you bring affect what you see there?

Let your spirit go dancing this Easter. Visit a place of emptiness and bring abundance. Share love, delight, hope, peace where none exists. Don't shun the tombs but look for the life waiting to emerge.

When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too – the real you, the glorious you.

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



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Joan Croker

Recently Deceased

Mark Williams

Anniversaries

Andy Sullivan
Peter Sargent
Christopher Madya
Francis Zarzour
Janina Mardula
Aimee Crocker
Maria Corazon Singh

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

[Prayer Requests](#)



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Will be available
after
Easter Masses
for a gold coin
donation





Searching for the Lost Key

A well-known, though often misinterpreted, story comes from an essay by Erich Heller:

The late comedian Karl Vallentin once enacted the following scene: The curtain goes up and reveals darkness.

In the darkness is a solitary circle of light thrown by a street lamp. Vallentin, with his long, drawn and worried face, walks around and around the circle of light, desperately looking for the key to his house. A policeman joins him in the search. They find nothing, and after a while the policeman inquires, "Are you sure you lost it here?" "No," says Vallentin, pointing to a dark corner of the stage, "Over there." "Then why on earth are you looking for it here?" the policeman asks. "There is no light over there," says Vallentin.

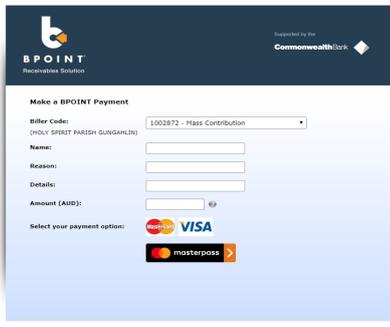
We need the courage to look in the darkness and to seek beyond ourselves what we cannot derive from ourselves.

Giloochy: Gloomy Christian:

The little boy of a Christian father with a forever gloomy face saw a horse. He shouted, "Daddy, he must be a Christian. He too has a long face."

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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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

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