Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT and 220 Victoria St, Hall ACT
Supporting and supported by Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd,
Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

14-15 May 2022 | **5th Sunday of Easter | Year C**

Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday
Office closed

Tuesday
9:15am
Communion Service

Wednesday
7:00am
Communion Service

Thursday
9:15am
Communion Service

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

What's New?

Everything is new in the Scriptures this week. Even the commandments! The big Ten are boiled down to one. A new law for a new and inclusive people: love.

For some folks, love is too small and vague and squishy to work as a commandment. How are we to keep law and order with mere sentimental feeling? This is a misunderstanding of the love command. It doesn't mean a return to bell-bottoms and peace signs. Love is a tall order, a mighty work that challenges the strong to be relentless, the brave to be even bolder. Love is not vague: It is precise to the last detail of our lives, eliciting very practical and direct responses to the corporal and spiritual needs of our community. And love is not squishy. It looks you right in the eye and dares you to claim an authority higher than its calling.
The Ten Commandments are a walk in the park compared to the summons to love. It is always easier NOT to do something than to DO something.

How do you obey the command to love: in your relationships with others, in your stewardship of goods, in your fidelity to God?

Do ten things this week motivated by love and not by gain. If you love people who are REALLY hard to love, you only have to do five!
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PRIESTS ON RETREAT
Fr Mark and Fr Thonn will be on Clergy Retreat from Monday 16 May- Thursday 19 May. There will be communion service offered during this time. Mass will be at 7am on Friday 20 May.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
The parish office will be closed on Tuesday 17 May as staff will be undertaking mandatory training.

TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Acts 14:21-27, Revelations 21: 1-5, John 13:31-35
Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.
Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.
- Liturgy Help

Confirmation 2022

Last week 177 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation over 4 weeknight Masses. A big thank you to everyone involved to make these Confirmation services very prayerful and beautiful.

Ololade Adegboyegun
Isaac Aitchison
Justin Akachili
Nathan Alex
Thomas Allen
Sebastian Anderson
Owen Baldock
Mia Baldwin
Matthew Baraniecki
Lucas Barnes
Chloe Battaglia
Annabelle Batten
Olivia Beerworth
Kirstian Belo
Jacob Blinkhorn
Zac Boardman
Tomasz Bodo
Natalia Bosnjak
Cameron Brown
Leon Brozinic
Dylan Bryant
Emily Burns
Cody Bush
Simone Bushell
Bethany Cahill
Dominic Calabria
Ariahn Camaivuna
Bronte Casson
Chloe Catania
Antun Celebija
Ashton Church
Lilyanna Ciampa
Harry Clark
Lachlan Clarke
Miranda Cotterill
Samuel Craig
Phillip Cruz
Andie Cruz
Callum Cubillo-Hayler
Paola Cuevas-Powell
Ivy Dao
Janelle Kate De Jesus
Shenaya De Silva
Elyssa Do-Quang
Kaylee Dyska
Chloe Estacio
Olivia Eveston
Priscilla Fangupo
Konrad Fatiaki
Julian Fatiaki
Tony Fiori
Summer Fuller
Gabe Frances Gonzales
Gabe Frances Gonzales
Andrew Grace
Luke Griffin
Thomas Grove
Oscar Guirola
Raenique Lyrah Gumabao
Raeneise Lycia Gumabao
Abigail Hall
Kaleb Hamilton
Payton Hancock
Lachlan Hargreave
Travis Harrison
Lachlan Hayes
Caiden Hebda
Christopher Heith
Eliza Helliwell
Catarina Hennessy
Ronan Hobday
Abigail Howard
Thomas Hunter
Christian Inacio
Owen Jansen
Hugh Jansen
Molly Johns
Danica-Zeta Jonathan
Isobelle Jones
Anna Joy
Mate Jukic
Oliver Juric
Rufina Kim
Kayden Koncz
Xavier Labutte
Olivia Lanigan-O'Keefe
Alexander Laverty
Anthony Le
Chelsea Leighton
Noah Leighton
Cooper Lewis
James Liquorish
Elisabeth Livanos
Melanie Lowicki
Gracielle Magbutay
Evgeniy Malakhov
Benjamin Marando
Oliver Marangoni
Roman Mardiyants
Evangaline Markezic
Charlie Mason
Amelia Matchett
Lachlan McCarroll
Ewan McElhinney
Koen McFarlane
Owen McIntosh
Maira Meza
Anabelle Mikita
Wesley Milczarek
Charlotte Millar
Sophie Miniutti
Marcello Montagnese
Sephora Mootoosamy
Kimberley Mootoosamy
Grace Morgan
Mitchell Murphy
Ronan Murphy
Oliver Nutt
Chase Obranovic
Xavier O'Brien
Diovanni Oliva
Evette Omani
Joaquin Ortega
Chelsey-Lee Ortega
Jack Osborn
Luka Ostojic
Celeste Parker
Tristan Peardon
Xavier Perez
Eve Prendja
Adeline Priest
Riley Prior
Jasmine Radcliffe
Chelsea Rawlins
Charli Rawson-Donnelly
Finlay Riches
Luca Robens
Charli Rolls
Neve Roper
Tommy Roso
Mikela Ruberto
Georgia Ryan
Jeneva Therese Saemo
Sienna Salloum
Hayden Santarossa Perman
Alessandra Seminara
Laila Sena
Marley Siemons
Kayla Sisourath
Jack Smithson
Leona Soldo
Ana Soria-Soto
Isabella Southcott
Gianni Spinelli
William Stewart
Dona Subin
Patricia Sukardi
Preston Tarry
Mason Taylor
Jaxon Taylor
Isabelle Templeton
Thomas Tonna
Lucas Vallecilla Carbonell
Isaac Viana De Freitas
Annabel Villena
Matthew Vitharana
Michael Vitharana
Lilly Voight
Adrian Vrkic
Marcus Vukoja
Rachel Waldon
Paige Warton
William Weston
Brody Wickes
Bianca Willetts
Alexander Williams
Sienna Yates

Congratulations to all the Confirmation Candidates!

Upcoming Events

- **14 May 2022 from 10:30am**—Plant bulbs from last year's display.
  We invite our parish community to help us plant last year's bulbs and to take them home to nurture them over winter and to bring them back later in the year. Please bring along pots if you have some otherwise we will provide second hand pots.
  We have 600-700 bulbs of varying quality and variety as was seen in last year's display. The pots will need to be returned mid September to add to our garden display. Instructions will be provided on 14 May.

- **14-15 May 2022**—Western Women's Cursillo Weekend. St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong for further information contact Dianne Franks at dmfranks@bigpond.com or Mob: 0418619740

- **15 May at 11:00am—2023 Synod of Bishops Archdiocesan Synthesis Report**
  Fr Richard Thompson will be presenting this Report to the Archbishop during the 11am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral on 15 May. This Mass is live-streamed. The presentation of this Report completes the local consultation phase and is a synthesis of all the local submissions received. This Report is now added to all the Reports from every Australian diocese and from that compilation the bishops will arrive at an Australian synthesis to present at the 2023 Synod on Synodality in Rome. The local Synthesis Report will be available to all from 16 May 2022.

- **22 May 2022—**The Archdiocese will mark Laudato Si' week from 16 May, including a Mass celebrated by the Archbishop in St Christopher's Cathedral at 10.45 am for 11 am on Sunday 22 May. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass to help celebrate God's creation and commit to healing its pain. We will be joined by our indigenous sisters and brothers as we walk together in response to The Cry of the Earth - the Cry of the Poor.

- **1 June 2022**—Archbishop Prowse will address a Celebration Dinner of the ACT Right to Life Assn. at Sthn Cross Club Woden, Wednesday 1 June. All welcome. Please book online at Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897te-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897
  or Ring Bev 0418 718 713.

- **21 June 2022**—First Eucharist and Reconciliation Information Session
  For children in Year 3 and above wishing to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2022. Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 21 June 1:00pm or 6:15pm** at the church.

Please keep the following individuals in prayer…..

For those who are sick
Baby Aarya
Joan Croker
Raj Pratik
Christopher
Diego Castaneda
Don Rose
Jan Hancock
Bishop Anthony Rebello
Jim Banks
Margaret Highmore

Recently Deceased
Bec Kotz
Vincenzo Raco
Candida Stilo

Anniversaries
Anthony Lim
Karen Soon
Dominador Aquino
Lualhati Aquino
Rita Moran

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

World Fair Trade Day is on the second Saturday of May and its purpose is to celebrate the contributions to the fight against poverty, exploitation, and climate change. The Fair Trade movement is all about ensuring that workers around the globe are treated fairly with decent wages and working conditions. There are thousands of people currently working in unfavourable conditions and being paid poorly. It shouldn't matter where someone lives, everyone deserves to be treated with respect.
To read more about Fair Trade Day, please go to
WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY - May 7, 2022 - National Today

Heartfelt thanks from Fr Mark

It has been such a busy period of time leading up to and beyond Easter and with it the Parish hasn't had a real chance to thank you.

To these people and groups:

- The cleaners.
- To those who prepared the flowers and decorated the Church.
- Decorators Nell, Lynny, Nita and Naomi.
- To George who tirelessly organises the seating.
- To the Youth Group for their participation on Holy Thursday and the Stations on Good Friday.
- To the Legion of Mary Group who combined with the Youth Group in the outdoor Stations of the Cross.
- To Suzanne who prepared the 2nd rite of reconciliation as well as prayers.
- To the Year 6 children and teachers who presented the Passion on Palm Sunday.
- To the Altar servers who reverently supported the priests at each of the Liturgies.
- To Dennis for preparing the fire on Easter Saturday and for the changing of the banners.
- To our musicians and singers who make out liturgies so special. Not only the high achievements, but for the time practiced.
- Again, the participation of our young people, vocals, instruments and reading.
- To all who read.
- Those who cleaned the grounds and the gardeners.
- To Steve who has kept the grass mowed.
- To those who arranged the flowers on the Paschal Candle.
- To the Office staff who worked so tirelessly drawing everything together.
- To the car attendants.

This was followed by confirmation: Thank-you to these individuals and groups:

- To Frances Dinn who led the Parish group in their program as their teacher and then turned up each night to provide support and run the PowerPoint.
- To Dennis, Catherine, Trisha, Sr Kim, Matthew, Dilu and Joachim our Mass Coordinators.
- To Naomi who decorated the Altar.
- To Veronica who decorated the window at the front of the Church.
- To our Altar servers who not only helped once but at least twice.
- To Katrina our Parish Sacramental Coordinator.
- To our teachers And REC's
- To the cleaners.
- To the Legion of Mary who run the piety stall with never ending dedication.

Thank-you sincerely too from Fr Mark for all who were involved in the 25th Anniversary celebrations.

- Church decorators—Naomi and family.
- The Musicians and Singers.
- The Parish Council.
- To Pradeep and his BBQ helpers.
- For all who stayed for festivities from near and far.
- For the beautiful gifts and words spoken and written of cards.
- To Dinah and family for the magnificent cake and biscuits.

Finance Update

Thank you everyone for your continued financial support of our parish.
Our Income is above budget so far this year. Planned giving has remained strong. Other income is also above budget with a lot of baptisms and the piety stall run by the Legion of Mary proving very successful. Overall Expenditure is below Budget for the year to date. Capital works to install solar panels has unfortunately fallen through. Repairs and maintenance have been higher than budgeted.
Overall this has resulted in a cash surplus.
If you would like more detailed information please contact Tony Rose (Finance Officer) at the Parish Office.

Income & Expenditure (3 months) to 31/3/2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income			
Planned Giving/Second Collection	68,000	68,123	$123
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	2,875	4,180	$1,305
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.	7,000	6,710	($290)
Other Revenue	4,330	8,474	$4,144
Total	**82,205**	**87,487**	**$5,282**
Expenditure			
Administration	6,922	7,658	($736)
Priest's Cars and Superannuation	5,751	5,751	$0
Salaries, Super, A Leave & LSL	39,218	35,324	$3,894
Insurances	6,550	6,554	($4)
Other Expenses	1,550	2,890	($1,340)
Appeals/Donations/Quotas	4,500	3,612	$888
Capital Items	4,000	-	$4,000
Overall Property Expenses	995	271	$724
Repairs & Maintenance	500	1,392	($892)
Total	**69,986**	**63,452**	**$6,534**
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	**$12,219**	**$24,035**	**$1,252**

2022-23 Planned Giving Campaign

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin

Dear parishioners, we thank you for your continued financial support over the past two years during these uncertain COVID environment. We thank you in advance for your continued support and again ask for your pledge of financial support for our parish.

WHERE DOES YOUR DONATION GO?

1st Collection:

- Parish Priest's Stipends
- Presbytery Expenses
- 20% to Archbishop for Archdiocesan Running Costs
- Balance used for the support of smaller/poorer parishes and sick & retired priests

2nd Collection:

- Running Costs of the Parish including electricity, insurance, office expenses and staff wages
- Parish Priest's Cars and Superannuation;
- Archdiocesan Levies; and
- Charitable/Welfare Requirements

How Much Should I Give? "As Much As I Can Afford"

What is this? For every one this is a personal matter
but to help in coming to the answer reflect this statement from previous years.

" If you spend an hour at Mass every week, then consider donating an hour of your wage to the church"
In line with this explanation, the following rough equation apply:

Annual Salary	Weekly Planned Giving Amount
$40,000	$ 20
$60,000	$ 30
$80,000	$ 40
$100,000	$ 50
$150,000	$ 75
$200,000	$100

TAX RECEIPTS

As advised in June last year, tax receipts will not be issued going forward as parishes are no longer required to contribute to the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund (CCSBF).

How do we participate – 2nd Collection / Planned Giving

Existing Givers—with no changes in details or amount—Do Nothing.

New and existing givers who wish to join or update their personal details and/or current pledge arrangements, please complete the **'Planned Giving Pledge Form'.**

PLANNED GIVING PLEDGE FORM (Contains 3 options):

1. **Direct Debit Deduction** (our preferred option)
   * To start using Direct Debit—Use the Direct Debit Request Form
   * To change your current $$ amount—Use the Change Direct Debit Form

2. **Credit Card Deductions** (also a preferred option)
   * Please enter your card details on the Form

3. **Envelope Contribution**
   * indicate if you wish to use this method

Other Options:

1. **Via The Parish :**
   ***Website or Pocket Parish App**:
   (a) https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/holyspirit
   (b) Select Biller Code 1002872 – Mass Contribution
   (c) Enter your payment details including reference 2nd collection.
   * Direct into account: BSB: 062 786 A/c Number: 000010701 A/c Name: Holy Spirit Parish
   * **Tap & Go Machines**—there are 4 machines within the church
   * **Cash** or **Cheques** either at collections at Mass or the parish office
2. **Via Internet Banking: through your own Bank**
   * Directly into the Parish Bank Account:
   BSB: 062 786 A/c Number: 000010701 A/c Name: Holy Spirit Parish Reference: 2nd Collection)

How can we participate—1st Collection / Cashless Options

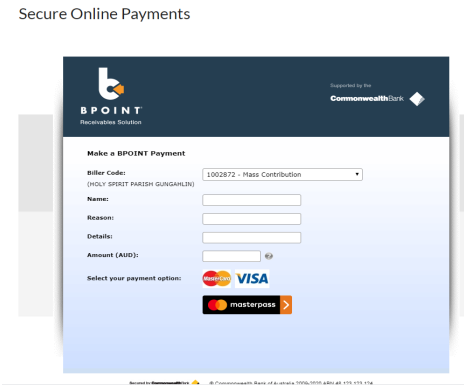
1. **Via The Parish:**
   * Direct Debit Deduction—Complete the 1st Collection Direct Debit Request Form
   * Through our Website or Pocket Parish App:
     https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/holyspirit
     Select Biller Code 1002872 – Mass Contribution
     Enter your payment details including reference 1st collection.
   * Tap & Go Machines (there are 4 machines within the church)
   * Cash or Cheques either through the collections at Mass or the office

2. **Via Internet Banking through your own Bank**
   * Directly into the Parish Bank Account
   (BSB: 062 786 A/c Number: 000010701 A/c Name: Holy Spirit Parish Reference: 1st Collection)

Please return required forms by 26 June 2022

A woman had just arrived home from Mass on Mother's Day when she noticed her front door slightly ajar.
She quietly entered her house and walked into the kitchen where she discovered an intruder. Since she had no weapon to scare him off, she raised her hand and shouted "Acts 2:38!"
The burglar froze allowing the woman time to pull out her smart phone and call the police.
The police arrived soon after with the burglar still not moving. He was frozen stiff and white as a ghost.
The two officers asked her, "What did you say to him?"
She said she had just quoted scripture to him, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven."
As the police put the intruder into the back of the divvy van, they asked him why the scripture verse scared him so much?"
"Scripture," exclaimed the burglar, "I thought she said she had an axe and two 38s."

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

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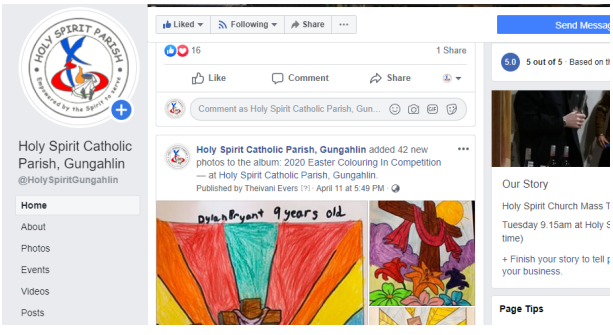
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