



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT and 220 Victoria St, Hall ACT  
Supporting and supported by Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd,  
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28-29 May 2022

The Ascension of the Lord | Year C



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday

7:00am Mass

### Thursday

9:15am Mass

### Friday

7:00am Mass

### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

*Pentecost marks the great day in the Church when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. [Act 2:3-4].*

## Holy Spirit Parish Feast Day Celebration



Join us for a Multicultural Morning Tea after 9:30 am Mass on  
Sunday 5 June 2022.



We will have finger foods/cakes stall, and a sausage sizzle, along with tea and coffee.  
We will be asking for a gold coin for sausages and any donations to raise funds to support the  
refugees from the Ukraine who are now arriving in Canberra.

Please bring along a plate representing your culture and wear your cultural dress.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

8:30am

2nd and 4th Sunday of  
each month

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Readings:** Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

**Entrance Antiphon:** People of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him  
go, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of  
trumpets for the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my  
gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of  
the age, alleluia. - *Liturgy Help*

# Gospel Reflection

## Tell What You Know

Whenever we Christians are asked to “*tell what we know*” to those who don’t share our faith, we should first speak of the mercy of God. Sometimes we’re quicker to talk about God’s rules and the churches. We’re tempted to condemn and admonish the wayward. But when Jesus himself gave last-minute instructions to his disciples, he didn’t say a word about how to behave. Instead, Jesus pointedly says that lives change when the forgiveness of sins is announced. Forgiveness comes first, not the change. Did any of us get that message growing up?

Forgiveness of sin and triumph over death are the core messages of Christianity. This is why Jesus came and taught and suffered and died and rose. If we forget to mention this in our rush to the rules, we withhold the fruit and offer the rind. People who know they’ve got a second chance may turn around. If there’s no chance, why bother?

***Why is our witness a strong theme in the feast of the Ascension? How do you testify to the forgiveness of sin?***

Reread the Apostles’ Creed or Nicene Creed carefully to reflect on the faith of the church. Consider how each of these ideas affects your life.

***The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world, the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ’s body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.***

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*Floriade Community Garden*  
**Planting Day Saturday 4 June  
from 9am – noon**

Join us for morning tea, some planting, and community spirit as we work together to bring our parish garden to life. Bring your garden gloves and any equipment suitable for planting.

Last year we had a wonderful turnout. Please consider how you can help this year. If you can help with the morning tea or on the day with planting please contact Fiona - [fionawilk62@gmail.com](mailto:fionawilk62@gmail.com) or add your name to the list in the foyer.

# Upcoming Events

- \* **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.
- \* **4 June 2022**—Parish Floriade Garden bulb planting day from 9am-noon. Join us for morning tea, some planting, and community spirit as we work together to bring our parish garden to life.
- \* **4 June 2022 from 2:00pm—Upper Room – Pentecost Gathering**  
The Archdiocese, in partnership with Alpha, ACT Churches Council and other Canberra churches, invite all in our parishes to *The Upper Room*. This gathering will close the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. It will be held on *Saturday 4th June (2:00pm - 4:00pm)* at *Australian Catholic University (223 Antill St Watson, ACT 2602)*. Registration is available here: [bit.ly/upperroom-cbr](http://bit.ly/upperroom-cbr)
- \* **5 June 2022—after 9:30am Mass - Parish Feast Day Celebrations**  
Please bring along a plate representing your culture and wear your cultural dress.
- \* **9 June 2022 6.00pm “Vocations Dinner for single men”**  
God has a plan for your life. You can only discover this if you are willing to stop and listen to his voice. Each first Thursday of the month there is a Holy Hour and dinner for single men who are open to the possibility that God might be calling them to the priesthood and want to explore this further. The evening provides an opportunity to pray together and to share. Contact Father Trenton van Reesch: [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)
- \* **9 June 2022 7:30pm—“The Church and the Second Plenary Council Assembly: Where are we now?”**  
Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn will host a public Forum in the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton. Speakers will include: Sr Clare Condon sgs; Francis Sullivan; Andrea Dean and Paul Collins.
- \* **14 June 2022 from 7:30pm — On Care for Our Common Home**  
Commencing 14 June from 7.30-p.m., nine fortnightly dialogue sessions will be conducted online by the Archdiocesan Caring for Creation Movement. Learn about these crucial teachings from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* on caring for God's creation – a task that he addressed to everyone on Earth. Information: Roger Paul 0421612572 or [LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com](mailto:LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com). Please register with TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZMCP>
- \* **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  
Raj Pratik  
Christopher  
Diego Castaneda  
Jan Hancock  
Jim Banks  
Grant

#### Recently Deceased

Bec Kotz  
Vincenzo Raco  
Candida Stilo  
Margaret Highmore

#### Anniversaries

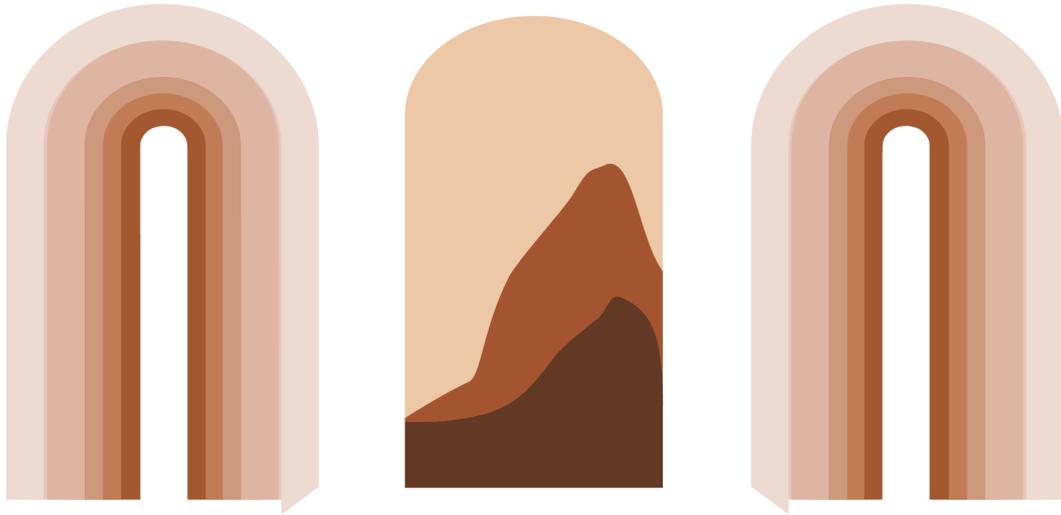
John Weeks  
Gerard Michel  
Alexina Fitzgerald  
Elizabeth Munusamy  
Karen Gamboa

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](#)

#### Ascension walk-out:

There was a long-winded pastor who preached salvation history from Genesis to Revelation in every sermon. On the feast of Ascension as he reached Isaiah, he remarked that the prophet said nothing about the ascension of Our Lord. He asked his audience, “What shall we do with him?” One old man in the front seat said, “He can have my seat, Father, I am leaving.”



# upper room

Pentecost Prayer & Mission Moment



Inviting teams and leaders from all Christian Churches to gather, pray and seek renewal in mission across the Canberra Region during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



**Saturday, 4th June 2022**  
2:00pm - 4:00pm



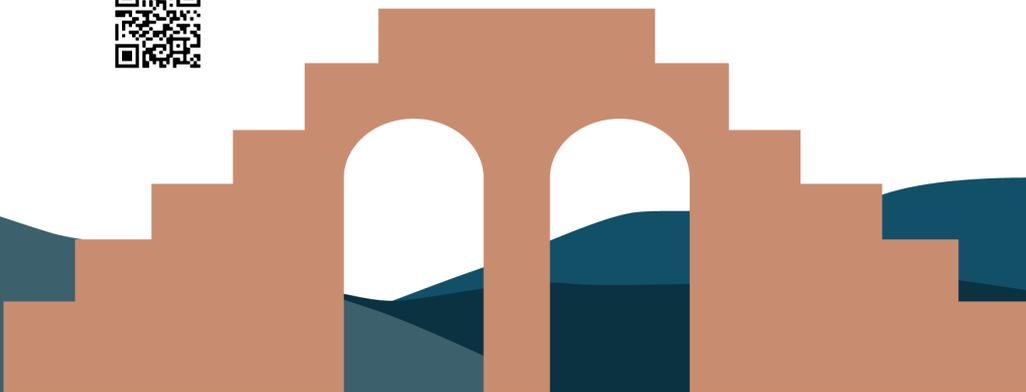
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Thank you for your generosity over the past few months. We have donated the following to our charities:

**Vinnies Winter Appeal** \$1,151.40—collected over four Confirmation Masses.

**Project Compassion** over Lent: \$6,592.75

## A Prayer of Faith and Action

Lord, help me be prepared, but not anxious. Be aware, but not desperate. Be vigilant, but not in fear. Be joyful, but not clueless. Be faithful, but not careless. Lord, be my hope and strength.

## 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

BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish

## CONNECT WITH US

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