



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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15-16 April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter | Year A



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

9:15am Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass
12:00pm Mass

Saturday

10:00am Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

The Imperishable Inheritance

(John 20: 19 - 31)

Thomas' challenge to his friends was graphic and harsh. If Jesus had indeed returned, he wanted to see the marks of his crucifixion. And Thomas got his wish, though he certainly hadn't counted on it.

Many bear the marks of crucifixion as they make their way through the world. The abused child, the jaded adult, the dying elder all show signs of the suffering they endure. We can, like Thomas, reach out and finger these wounds in others if we doubt their existence. But more useful is the healing touch Jesus demonstrated on so many occasions in his ministry. We may not have a miraculous gift for healing, but we do have within our grasp the capacity to kiss; hold a hand; spend some time; speak a word of kindness. The sheer amount of suffering in the world can overwhelm us and lead to inaction. But a Christian has a clear calling to the signs of suffering in others. With the cross as our inheritance, we know even wounds can be glorified.

Pray

Risen Christ, like yours, the wounds of our hearts remain – but some no longer bleed. May we never hesitate to allow others to probe them so they might come to deeper faith in you. Amen.

Ponder

Contemplate in prayer the marks of crucifixion in your neighbourhood, parish, school, or city. Consider assisting a group which addresses these concerns in any way your resources allow.

Kids' Corner

When doubting Thomas touched Jesus, he swiftly became aware of Jesus' identity and the reality of his Resurrection. Jesus loved Thomas, despite Thomas' pressing doubt, but praised those who believe without seeing him. Jesus is referring to us, the people of the Church who would never see or touch his wounds, but would believe in his life, death, and Resurrection. Doubt is part of a living faith. Sometimes we have to pray through them until Jesus offers us his peace. Do you know anyone who might be experiencing it right now? Keep praying for the peace of Christ, and seek and offer support.

Thank you, Jesus, for loving us through our fears and doubts. Amen.

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Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen

This Weekend's Readings: Acts 2: 42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Jubilee Year, Pope John Paul II established the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Popularised by twentieth century Polish nun, St Faustina, devotion to the Divine Mercy is gaining momentum. In a world where so many struggle to live faithful lives, the promises of Divine Mercy are truly a beacon of hope. Officially established as a permanent feast on April 30, 2000, the Feast of Divine Mercy is relatively unknown among Christians.

The feast was brought to prominence by the writings of St Faustina who in the 1930's recorded a diary that documented the words and instructions she received from a series of visions of Christ. Her diary is full of Jesus' urgent desire to communicate the depths of his mercy for humankind. It is the promise of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment for any soul that would go to Confession and then receive Jesus in Holy Communion on that very special Feast of Divine Mercy! For some simple ideas to celebrate and incorporate the Divine Mercy into your family life, check out this [this article](#).



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



For those who are sick

Jim Banks
Diego Castaneda
Dorrell Hogan
Rhonda Lipton
Alan Demascus
Kathy Morris
Juana Iris Gvevara
Sandra Cortez
Priscila Adriano
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Caitlin Wigglesworth
Ghlyianne Chelmiah
Kwang Hui Lim
Richard Smart
Owen Sagrado
Grant
Maria Therese Cummins
Marie Kelly-Moran
Gail
Aniceta Arguelles
Terry Lewis
Peter Knight
Lateasha Marsden

Recently Deceased

Lubica Loleska
Jude Solomon

Anniversaries

Oliva Molina Gonzales
Bob Conway
Peter Sargent
Anzac Sullivan

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

[Prayer Requests](#)



Holy Water

Will be available after Masses for a gold coin donation at the display cabinet at the church foyer

Parish Messages



Thank you to all those people who help in any way with the preparation of the Holy Week Liturgies. Especially our helpers who tirelessly volunteered their time - Nita Corliss, Nell Davis, Dennis Algje George Burke and Jenny Grierson.

And Good Friday traffic saints - Paulo and Nicholas Nascimento, George Burke, Adam Liquorish, Paul Crowley, Peter Elford, Joachim Motha, Steve Seesink and his son!

Despite very heavy rain they were still committed to their job.

We could not have done it without you!



It's now time to return your Project Compassion Box.

Bring your box or envelope to Mass any time before the end of April.

Boxes can be handed to the Mass coordinator or you can drop it off to the parish office, and envelopes can be added to the collection plate.

Thank you for your generous support.

Anointing Mass

Thursday 27 April at 9:15am followed by a morning tea at the **St Vincent the Paul Room!**

All are welcome.



Easter House Blessing 2023

If you would like to request a priest to come to your home for a house blessing, please contact Magda at parish office at office@holyspiritungahlin.org.au

Upcoming Community Events

- * **Multicultural Mass – Sunday 16 April 11am:** St Christopher's Cathedral
You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral – one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together.
- * **22 April 2023 9:30am—4:00pm | Women Alive Retreat**
A strong woman knows she has strength enough for the journey. But a woman of strength knows it is on the journey that she will become strong. Come journey with us at the Women Alive Retreat and discover the hidden strength in you. Venue: Greg Collins Centre, St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT 2604. Admission is FREE, BYO lunch.
For enquiries: 02 6295 7879; Winniefred: 0451015527

Time to reflect

As we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new life, let us take a moment to reflect on the importance of being connected and communicating in our daily lives and in the context of Jesus' teachings.

After his resurrection, Jesus demonstrated the significance of communicating and connectedness through His interactions with His disciples. By attentively engaging with them, He not only addressed their fears, doubts, and concerns, but also provided them with comfort, guidance, and reassurance. As Christians, we can learn from Jesus' example and strive to incorporate active listening into our relationships, fostering deeper connections and understanding within our families and

communities.

Dear God,

Help us to understand that communication is not just about talking, but also about actively listening and truly hearing what others have to say. Please give us patience and empathy, even when we disagree or struggle to understand.

Lord, help us to communicate with kindness, compassion and respect, even in difficult situations. Please give us the strength to speak up for ourselves and for others and may we be mindful of the impact our words and actions have on others. May our communication be a source of healing, understanding and peace.

Finally, we pray that we may communicate with You, God, and deepen our relationship with You through prayer and reflection. Help us to trust in Your guidance and to always seek Your will in our lives. Amen.

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Thank You!

Warm Clothing Appeal - Palm Sunday 1-2 April 2023

A heartfelt thanks to all of you who donated to the Palm Sunday Warm Clothing Appeal.

Your generosity will make a huge difference to our disadvantaged brothers and sisters. Those jackets, jumpers, blankets and sleeping bags will not only bring warmth but also your love and hope.

Some of your donation will be already distributed as early as next week. Our parishioner Anne Cantlie will be taking them with the Night Patrol on Monday.



Time for laughter



A judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce. He asked, "What are the grounds for your divorce?" She replied, "About four acres with a little home in the middle of the property."
"No," said the judge. "I mean, what is the foundation of this case?"
"It's made of concrete, brick, and mortar," she responded.
"I mean," he continued, "What are your relations like?"
"I have an aunt and uncle in town, as well as my husband's parents."
He said, "Do you have a grudge?"
"No," she replied. "Since we have a carport, we've never really needed one."
"But has your husband ever beat you?"
"Yes," she responded. "About twice a week he gets up earlier than I do."
Finally, in frustration, the judge asked, "Madame, why do you want a divorce?" "I've never wanted a divorce," the woman said. "My husband does. He says he can't communicate with me."

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

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