



# 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

6-7 May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter | Year A



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday

9:15am Mass  
6:00pm Holy Hour and  
Reconciliation

### Thursday

9:15am Mass

### Friday

7:00am Mass  
12:00pm Mass

### Saturday

4:15pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

### Sunday

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

## How Can We Know the Way?

(John 14: 1 - 12)

Thomas is the practical apostle. He had very little religious imagination. As we know, he couldn't invest himself in the resurrection of Jesus without hands-on experience of it. Here, we find that he isn't going to buy into the reign of God unless he can find it on MapQuest. And Jesus humours him by offering him something better than a roadmap: himself.

Jesus is the way. What does that mean? A generation ago, Christian bumper stickers read, "One Way," with an arrow pointing upwards. But maybe a more theologically accurate sign would point THROUGH - through the heart of the world, into the depths of humanity until we find the central spot where the Spirit dwells in us. It takes a lot of stillness, a lot of contemplation and quiet, to find that place. We can contemplate the world, in its beauty and suffering, or our own lives, or Scripture or the image of the cross. The mystery of the Kingdom is not "up" from here, but in our midst. We are the Body of Christ. If we're looking for Jesus, and the way, the yellow brick road starts right here.

## Pray

Open us, loving God. When we want to close our hearts and minds from the cries of others, from pleas for help and proclamations of justice, open us. Remove our fears and enliven us with your spirit. Open us, we pray. Amen.

## Ponder

Choose an hour for contemplation this week. (If you can't find an hour, maybe you could focus on why.) Contemplate any image that leads you to the Holy. From where you are in your life right now, let Jesus show you the way.

## Kids' Corner

When you think of Jesus' good works, what's the first one you think of? Healing the blind man? Feeding the crowd with a few loaves and fish? Raising Lazarus from the dead? Jesus does these things to show he is the Son of God. But behind these works is Jesus' great love. When Jesus says those who believe in him will be able to do his great works, he isn't just talking about the Apostles. He's talking about us. When we believe in Jesus and let Jesus' love fill our hearts, we can do anything in Jesus' name. We really can!

Jesus, bless all those who do your work today! Amen.

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## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

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



## Pentecost Church Decorations!

Parishioners are invited to write "WELCOME" in whatever language they speak, as a first or second language, other than English. Coloured cards, pens and a box will be available in the foyer after Mass. Let's see how many languages we can collect!

**This Weekend's Readings:** Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

# Upcoming Events

\* **Saturday 6 May 2023 —10am-12.00pm | Building a Community of Women**

The Catholic Women's Taskforce invites all women of faith to join us for morning tea on Saturday 6 May at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre Manuka (or Zoom in on evening of 8 May). Consider joining the taskforce, as a member or a friend. Our strength lies in building community and providing ways to listen and share the experiences and opinions of other women of faith. Being together and listening to one another makes us all stronger and more resilient in our faith. Obviously, we are going to have coffee and cake – so please register your interest in person or for Zoom at: [www.cgwomen.com.au](http://www.cgwomen.com.au)  
Contact: Andrea Dean: [andrea1959@gmail.com](mailto:andrea1959@gmail.com) or  
Monica Phelan: [monphel@bigpond.com](mailto:monphel@bigpond.com) or  
Alison Weeks: [alisonmweeks@bigpond.com](mailto:alisonmweeks@bigpond.com)



\* **Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 10:00am | The Chosen Series Discussion group**

All are welcome to join Fr Troy and fellow parishioners in watching a few episodes of The Chosen with a discussion group to follow. It's not too late to join!

\* **16-24 May – Laudato Si' Week** – On Sunday 21 May the Parish will launch it's Laudato Si' Action Plan at all Masses with more information to come about how we can all make a difference.

\* **Tuesday 23 May 2023 - 7:00 – 8:45 am | Catholic Men's Breakfast**

Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York), Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full.

## Part Time Parish Sacramental Coordinator

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Sacramental Coordinator for Gungahlin Parish. This is a part-time position on a 6 month contract for 5 hours per week on Thursdays.

### Essential Requirements:

- ◆ Experience with database packages
- ◆ Strong communication and liaison skills
- ◆ Strong organisational skills
- ◆ Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction
- ◆ Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)
- ◆ Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- ◆ Current experience in an office environment

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone 02 6242 9622 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to [theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) must be received by Friday 19 May 2023.



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  
Elizabeth  
Adriano Cesar Junior  
Maria Teresa Meireles

### Recently Deceased

Lubica Loleska  
Jude Solomon  
Axel Labutte  
Paul Holland  
Mike Charlton

### Anniversaries

Oliva Molina Gonzales  
Bob Conway  
Peter Sargent  
Anzac Sullivan  
Laurie Corliss  
Owen and Faith Sagrado  
Jess Samson  
Felicity Jane Malouf  
Claudio Dairo Sr  
Denis O'Shea

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

# Pentecost Parish Feast Day Celebrations



**Sunday 28 May 2023 after 9:30am Mass**

Join our parish community for a multicultural morning tea to celebrate! We will have finger foods, sausage sizzle, tea and coffee.

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



## Dress in your Sunday Best!

For our Feast Day, we want to showcase our diverse and multicultural congregation. We invite everyone to come dressed 'UP' in your Sunday Best. Some ideas include:

- \* Beautiful dresses
- \* Refined suits and ties
- \* Fancy hats and hairdos
- \* Elegant traditional and cultural clothes

Please join us in celebrating our parish feast day in style.

## Volunteer opportunities

Would you like to help on the day? There are plenty of opportunities including serving tea, coffee, set up, pack up, bbq etc. Please contact [theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) or the parish office on 6242 9622.

## Youth and Young Adults

**MORNING BEANS** 

**Young Adults (18-30)**

EVERY FRIDAY

7am Mass  
Holy Spirit Church  
Gungahlin

7:30-9:00am Coffee  
Coffee Guru Cafe Amaroo

*Spill in at anytime!*

 [@youth.gungahlin](https://www.instagram.com/youth.gungahlin)



Hello. I'm Melwyn. I have been a Canberra local for the last 10 years and am very excited to be joining Holy Spirit Parish as a youth minister. I'm looking forward to contributing in a meaningful way to help support and build a strong community of youth and young adults within the parish.



**Youth Group | Sundays 6:00pm-7:30pm**  
( 21 May, 28 May, 11 June, 25 June )

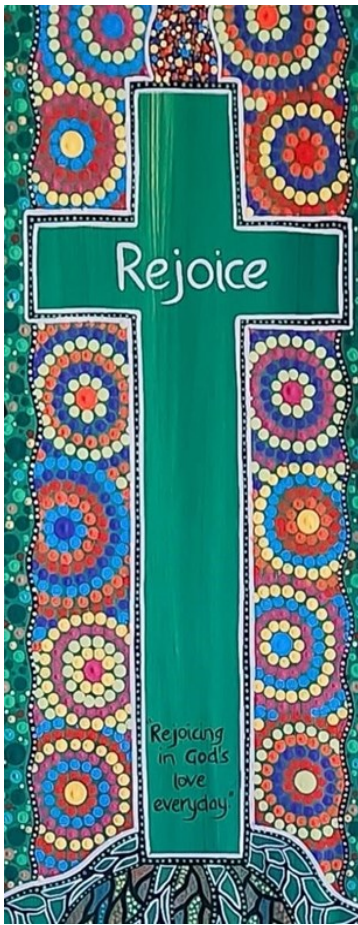
Come along to the parish centre. Gold coin donation for snacks.  
Contact Matt: [youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

## Kingdom - Yr 6-8 Retreat

Saturday 27 May 1:30pm—6:00pm at Holy Spirit Parish

**Register here:** [trybooking.com/CHYAB](https://trybooking.com/CHYAB) for this free event!

**Questions?** Contact [Christopher.gilroy@cg.org.au](mailto:Christopher.gilroy@cg.org.au)



## Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin - Laudato Si' Action Plan

**What is it?** It's a response to Pope Francis' letter to all people called Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home.

**What's it got to do with us?** *Everything.* If we do nothing, the consequences could be catastrophic for our planet and our children and grandchildren.

In the spirit of Laudato Si', the guiding principles behind our Parish Action Plan, are:

- ◆ Respect for all of God's creation, including the generations to come.
- ◆ Listening deeply and respectfully to one another and to the Earth.
- ◆ Walking together, while also seeking the wisdom and advice of our First Nations sisters and brothers, our multicultural communities and our young people.
- ◆ Positive action leading to measurable change.

Read more about our Parish Laudato Si' Action Plan next week and *more importantly*, keep an eye out for the launch of the Action Plan on weekend 20-21 May at all Masses.

**Note:** To read more about Laudato Si' - [Summary of Laudato Si, Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment – DiocesanPriest.com](https://www.diocesanpriest.com.au/summary-of-laudato-si-pope-franciscs-encyclical-on-the-environment)

**Family** relationships form the backbone of our lives, providing love, support, and a sense of belonging. In a world filled with challenges and distractions, it is essential to continuously nurture and strengthen these precious bonds.

To foster strong family relationships, take time to appreciate and celebrate the unique qualities of each family member. By acknowledging and respecting one another's differences, we can create an environment where everyone feels valued and supported.

It is important that we try to engage in open and honest conversations, sharing our thoughts and feelings in a respectful manner. Practice active listening, giving each family member our undivided attention and responding thoughtfully. This encourages trust and mutual understanding.

Prioritising family time is essential for building connections. Set aside dedicated moments for bonding, whether it's a shared meal, game night, or a weekend getaway. By creating cherished memories together, you strengthen the ties that bind you as a family. ([Visit our Dinner Table pages for ideas and conversation starters](#)).

Our podcast on Problems and Relationship Repair with Derek Boylen is also an excellent resource for helping out when things get tough. [Listen to the episode here.](#)

Demonstrate love and affection through small gestures like hugs, words of encouragement, or surprise notes of appreciation. These acts of kindness not only uplift the spirits of your loved ones but also foster a deeper emotional connection.

As we focus on nurturing our family relationships, let us offer a prayer to help keep them strong and vibrant:

Heavenly Father, We come before You today, seeking Your guidance and support in nurturing our family relationships. Grant us the wisdom to understand one another, the patience to listen, and the heart to love unconditionally. Fill our lives with moments of joy, laughter, and togetherness, allowing us to grow closer as a family. May our bonds be ever strengthened by Your love and grace. Bless our journey and be the cornerstone upon which we build and cherish our relationships. To You as our Father we pray. Amen. - <https://majellan.media/>





# Kingdom.

## Yr 6-8 Retreat



### Saturday 27th May

1:30pm - 6:00pm (5-6pm Mass)



### Afternoon tea provided

Bring a water bottle



### Venue

Holy Spirit Church/Hall  
93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT 2914



### Registration (Free)

To help us cater, we ask you register before Friday 26 May. There will be on-the-day registration opportunities if needed.

### Scan or Visit

[trybooking.com/CHYAB](https://trybooking.com/CHYAB)



### Have questions about the retreat?

[christopher.gilroy@cg.org.au](mailto:christopher.gilroy@cg.org.au)

### Rise up for an adventure with God.

Kingdom is an opportunity to have fun, listen and learn what it means to participate with the Holy Spirit and build up God's Kingdom as a young leader. We will explore how to be a disciple that walks with Jesus and we will unpack the exciting mission that our Confirmation calls us on.

### I want to stay connected with youth activities...

Matthew Allen  
Parish Youth Coordinator  
Holy Spirit Parish

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## Qkr! For Easy Donations and Payments

Used by most of our parish schools, Qkr! is an app which enables cashless transactions to be received by the parish for a range of

activities. Once you have downloaded and registered on the app, you can add your debit or credit card, which will then allow you to make payments and contributions as the click of a button.

Starting this weekend, Qkr! Will be available for to make contributions to the First and Second Collections.

Over the next few months, we will also look at adding appeals and sacraments (including enrolment forms).

Brochures are available from the foyer for more information. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

**DEAR GOD,**  
IF I EVER LOSE MY HOPE,  
PLEASE GIVE ME STRENGTH AND REPLENISH MY SOUL.



### Suggestion box

Do you have any feedback or suggestions? Please pop them into our 'Suggestion Box' in the foyer. We want to hear from you!

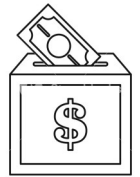
## WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### First Collection (Supporting all priests of the Archdiocese)

1. BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 000029248 Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund Ref: Gungahlin and Surname
2. Tap and Go machines or Qkr!

### Second Collection (For the upkeep of our parish, staff salaries, parish loans, liturgical needs etc)

1. Click on <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/donations-payments/secure-online-payments/>
2. Direct Credit: BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish
3. Tap and Go machines or Qkr!



## CONNECT WITH US

**Parish Priest:** Fr Troy Bobbin

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Eden Langlands

### Parish Office and Presbytery

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**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):** Steve Seesink

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### Parish Groups

**Craft Group** | Beth Forshaw  
Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

**St Vincent de Paul** | Drazen Roginic President

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**Call to Connect** | Anne Smart

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**Holy Spirit Prayer Group** | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028  
Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church

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**Community Garden Group** | Parish Office

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