



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

13-14 May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter | Year A



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

Communion Service

Wednesday

9:15am Mass
No Holy Hour

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Communion Service
7:30am Morning Beans
12:00pm Mass
1:30pm Laurie Hancock's
Funeral Mass

Saturday

4:15pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

Love and Evidence

(John 14: 15 - 21)

No lover is fooled by words of love that are not supported by actions. Love is in the evidence. Flowers and poems are good, but holding a feverish child is better. A candlelight dinner or an anniversary present helps, but what's worth more is constancy, fidelity, presence.

Jesus says knowing the commandments is not enough: lovers of God will be known by their observance of a faithful life. We can't fool divinity by ritual acts and pious looks. The One who sees into human hearts knows if our love is lip service or real passion.

Pray

Holy God, as we reflect on the mystery and the miracle of your presence with us and among us, anchor us in your love, ground us in your peace, and open us to the truth and the comfort of your Holy Spirit, today and always. Amen.

Ponder

Make your love of God real in three concrete ways this week. Love your neighbour, show unnecessary kindness, bring compassion where there is accusation, remember the poor.

Kids' Corner

Why do we follow rules? Is it because we don't want to get in trouble? What if we could lie, steal and cheat without getting caught? Wouldn't that be great? Or would it? God doesn't give us commandments to take away our fun or because God likes ordering people around. God loves us! God knows what's good for us, even better than we do. God's laws help us know how to show our love in return - for God, for ourselves and for others.

Jesus, I love you. Help me keep your commandments! Amen.

- www.gpbs.com.au



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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



Happy Mother's Day to all mums, mums-to-be, grandmas, great-grandmas, godmothers, and women who dedicate their lives to their children. You are truly a blessing to your families and to our parish.

Join us for a cuppa on Sunday 14 May after the 9:30am Mass.



This Weekend's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

Upcoming Events

- * **Saturday 13 May 2023 at 6:00pm** | Join the Legion of Mary group to pray the rosary after Mass.
- * **Wednesday 17 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.
- * **Friday 19 May 2023 - 7:30am-9:00am** | Morning Beans for Young Adults (18-30)
Coffee Guru Café Amaroo—spill in at anytime!
- * **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. Cost: \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220) Enquiries Frank Stanford fstanford200@gmail.com 0417 664 110
Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>
- * **Saturday 27 May 2023 - 1:30pm-6:00pm** | **Kingdom Yr 6-8 Retreat**
At Holy Spirit Parish - Register here: trybooking.com/CHYAB for this free event!
Questions? Contact Christopher.gilroy@cg.org.au



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

PRIESTS ON RETREAT

Fr Troy will be on clergy retreat on 15 & 16 May and Fr Eden will be away from Monday 15 May to Friday 19 May.

There will be a communion service offered on Tuesday 16 May 9:15am and Friday 19 May at 7:00am with usual weekday Mass for the other days.

Bus Trip Update

Fr Troy wanted those interested to know that he has not forgotten about the bus trip. It was suggested that the initial trip was going to be a very long day so Fr Troy is looking at taking interested people to Jamberoo Abbey and having a half-day retreat with the nuns there. The community is currently on their annual break—more information will come towards the end of May.



Adult Faith Formation

Join Fr Eden on Tuesdays from 5:30pm-7:00pm to dive deeper into our faith. There are 18 sessions being offered with different topics being covered each week. This is not a course so you do not need to sign up for all the sessions, simply choose topics you would like to learn more about and come along to that.

First session starts on **Tuesday 23 May 2023** | **Topic:** The Trinity, Faith and the God who is love.

If you are interested, please [register here](#) or email the parish office. We will send you the program with the topics list and session dates.

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
Kwang Hui Lim
Richard Smart
Owen Sagrado
Grant
Maria Therese Cummins
Gail
Aniceta Arguelles
Terry Lewis
Peter Knight
Lateasha Marsden
Elizabeth
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan

Recently Deceased

Laurie Hancock

Anniversaries

Rita Moran
Anthony Lim
John Weeks
Teresita Tuazon

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 or the parish office on 6242 9622.

Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin - Laudato Si' Action Plan



Laudato Si' Week commences next Tuesday, 16 May and concludes Wednesday, 24 May 2023. The week celebrates the eighth anniversary of the Pope's letter to all people on Care for our Common Home. This year's theme is **Hope for the Earth – Hope for Humanity**.

And *there is hope*, because of the responses from Catholics and others to the Pope's call for action. People throughout the world are taking action to reduce the impacts of climate change for instance, as part of a broad Laudato Si' Action Platform.

As mentioned in last week's Parish Bulletin we will be launching our own Parish **Laudato Si' Action Plan** next weekend, 20/21 May at all Masses as part of Laudato Si' week celebrations.

The Parish Action Plan focuses on some practical things we can do in our own community to contribute to a better environment and to adopt sustainable lifestyles. For instance, there are things like recycling, reducing our use of plastics, car-pooling and reducing food wastage, among other things.

Next weekend members of the Parish Social Justice Group will be available after Masses to talk to you about the **Holy Spirit Action Plan** and they will hand out pamphlets containing highlights of the plan.

The full Parish Action Plan will be available on the Parish website. More about this next week.





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



Have questions about the retreat?

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



2023-24 Planned Giving Campaign



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin



We are privileged to have a rich and vibrant Parish. A Parish that is a beacon of the Holy Spirit for the Canberra/Goulburn diocese. We are able to be a rich and vibrant Parish because of the compassion and generosity of you, our Parishioners. Your compassion and generosity means we can support our great priests and parish office, commit to our sacramental programs for our Catholic community, be able to offer charity to those in the community in need, and support the Canberra/Goulburn diocese more broadly. An important part of these Parish good works is our planned giving program and your support of the program. For those who already participate in the planned giving, thank you. For those new to the Parish or not participating in the program please consider participating in the program by picking up a **GREEN Planned Giving Pledge form** from the Church foyer and returning it during the collection the next time you are at Mass. Regardless of what you do for planned giving, thank you for your support and participation in making our Parish a beacon of the Holy Spirit.

Existing Contributors with **no changes** in their details or contribution amount: **You are not required to do anything.**

Existing Contributors with **changes** in their details or contribution amount, **please complete a Planned Giving Pledge form** along with the appropriate form available in the church foyer. See the planned giving flyers in the church foyer or on the parish website.

New planned givers

Please complete a Planned Giving Pledge form along with any relevant forms available in the church foyer.

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 must be received by Friday 19 May 2023.



Thursday, 11th May 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

By now you would have heard the shocking news that the ACT Government intends to compulsorily acquire our wonderful Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.

This is despite the fact that we have been offering high quality patient care under our Catholic ethos for the past 44 years on this site. 76 years remain on the contract negotiated and signed in 2010 with the then Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher.

No convincing reasons to date have been offered for this draconian action by the ACT Government. No systemic issues of concern regarding Calvary's health outcomes has been identified; to the contrary the Health Minister made a point of emphasising Calvary's excellent care for patients.

I am deeply troubled about this situation and its implications.

My prayers and thoughts are immediately directed to the 1,800 workers of the hospital and their families. They must be worried about the ramifications of this decision for their future employment.

I am also concerned that this action, based on obsessive government control, would deprive future generations in Canberra of the choice of hospital care based on the ethos of our cherished Catholic faith.

There is a rising fear, also, that this extraordinary and completely unnecessary government intervention could set the scene for future "acquisitions" of any faith-based health facility or, indeed, any faith-based enterprise including education or social welfare.

To respond practically to this critical situation, I have established today the "Calvary Hospital Taskforce – Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn." Fr Tony Percy, has kindly accepted my invitation to lead this Taskforce. This group will be contacting you to offer you practical ways of responding including participating in an online petition at www.savecalvary.com.au before May 31st 2023 when it is intended the legislation for acquisition becomes effective.

Let us all pray for common sense to prevail and that the sick and Hospital staff are saved from anxiety and can live in health and peace.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

May Public Rosary

Honouring Mother Mary and praying for all Mothers

On Sun, 14 May at 12.00 pm at Garema Place

Gather at the performing stage (see photo below)



Happy Mother's day!





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!

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.

Qkr! Will be available 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.

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

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Assistant Priest: Fr Eden Langlands

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