



# 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

27-28 May 2023

Pentecost Sunday | 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  
7:30am Morning Beans  
12:00pm Mass

### Saturday

4:15pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

### Sunday

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

## The Miracle of Language

(John 20: 19 - 23)

God created the world with a word, Scripture tells us. God spoke the word BE, and all that is came into being. In the same way, God spoke divinity into human form when Jesus the Word "became flesh and dwelt among us". Finally, the Spirit of Holiness becomes available to us when Jesus breathes the simple words, "Receive the Holy Spirit".

The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are defined by lists of words that school children memorise, but behind those words are powerful realities. Invoking the Spirit of joy, peace, patience, and love will create quite a different world than the one invoked by anger, bitterness, and indifference. Lives are bound together or drawn apart by words spoken or withheld. Stewardship over the power of words is a holy reality.

*Look up the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5: 22 - 23. How many of these are expressed in your life?*

## Pray

Through the Spirit of God, all things live and have their being. **We receive the Spirit and live in God's way.** Jesus breathes the Spirit upon us and we are forgiven and forgiving. **We receive the Spirit and live in God's way.** The Holy Spirit is with us always, the presence of God in our world. **We receive the Spirit and live in God's way.** Amen.

## Ponder

Choose one fruit of the Holy Spirit that is least present in your life, and make conscious decisions to employ it this week.

## Kids' Corner

Today's feast of Pentecost is often called the birthday of the church. And what's a birthday celebration without gifts? God has given you many gifts. Some are meant to help you serve God and others. You might be good at putting things together. Maybe you're a great listener. Maybe you notice when others need help. Whatever you can do, do it to serve the Lord. If you see that your skills are needed, be ready to offer what you have with a happy heart. Don't worry about the things you can't do. Just use the gifts God gave you!

God, thank you for your many gifts. Help me use them today! Amen.

- [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

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



## Youth Group | Sundays 6:00pm-7:30pm

(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)

**This Weekend's Readings:** Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

# Upcoming Events

- \* **Wednesday 31 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!
- \* **Friday 2 June 2023 - 7:30am-9:00am | Morning Beans for Young Adults (18-30)**  
Blossoms Café Ngunnawal —spill in at anytime!
- \* **Saturday 27 May 2023 - 1:30pm-6:00pm | Kingdom Yr 6-8 Retreat**  
At Holy Spirit Parish - Register here: [trybooking.com/CHYAB](https://trybooking.com/CHYAB) for this free event!  
Questions? Contact Christopher.gilroy@cg.org.au

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  
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell  
Caitlin Wigglesworth  
Kwang Hui Lim  
Grant  
Maria Therese Cummins  
Gail  
Peter Knight  
Elizabeth  
Adriano Cesar Junior  
Maria Teresa Meireles  
Theresa and Joseph Tan  
Cyril Jolicoeur  
Richard Smart  
Sean Burke

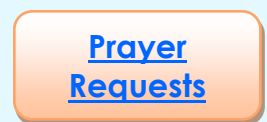
### Recently Deceased

Margaret Keen

### Anniversaries

Ranjet Singh  
Anderson Machado

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



## First Eucharist and Reconciliation Dates for 2023

For children in Year 3 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in 2023. An information session will be held in the church on

**Tuesday 20 June at 1:00pm and 6:30pm**

### Commitment Mass

Saturday 24 June at 5:00pm or  
Sunday 25 June at 8:00am, 9:30am or 5:00pm

### Celebration of First Reconciliation

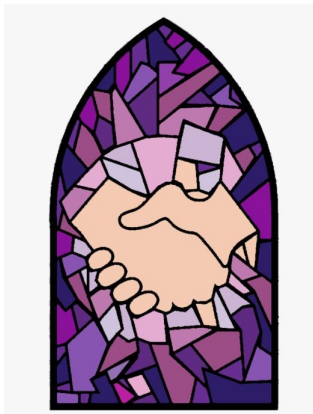
22-24 August

### Celebration of First Eucharist

2 September, 9 September and 16 September

For more details please contact Sacramental Coordinator

[sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)



## Fr Troy on leave

Fr Troy will be on leave from 1 June to 12 June.  
We pray that Fr Troy will have a restful break and return refreshed.



## Pentecost Prayer Resource

Please scan the QR code or click on the link to access a prayer resource that can be used by individuals, groups, youth, young adults and families.

[https://www.canva.com/design/DAE5yzX74zs/XwkhYompmHPq4M5\\_BvjVyg/view?website#4:cover](https://www.canva.com/design/DAE5yzX74zs/XwkhYompmHPq4M5_BvjVyg/view?website#4:cover)

**Prayer Resource**  
for individuals or groups of any age: youth, young adults, adults, families etc.  
Pray with the Scriptures this Pentecost.

**Pentecost**  
Way of the Spirit

Scan the QR Code to view resource



# 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.**



## God is with us in Community

The community of faith offers the protective boundaries within which we can listen to our deepest longings, not to indulge in morbid introspection, but to find our God to whom they point. In the community of faith we can listen to our feelings of loneliness, to our desires for an embrace or a kiss, to our sexual urges, to our cravings for sympathy, compassion, or just a good word; also to our search for insight and to our hope for companionship and friendship. In the community of faith we can listen to all these longings and find the courage, not to avoid them or cover them up, but to confront them in order to discern God's presence in their midst. – Henri Nouwen



## Whirlwind Spirit

Whirlwind Spirit of God,  
Roar through our timidities and fears,  
Shake the foundations of our ill-placed securities,  
Sweep away the cobwebs of our apathy,  
Blow down the walls that separate us, one from another.

Then into all our empty spaces, breathe  
re-strengthened courage to challenge injustice,  
renewed belief in the urgency of our vocation,  
revitalised passion to change our lifestyles,  
re-dedication to speak only words that build and unite.

Let gentle breeze and still small voice  
become in us today  
mighty wind and loud proclamation.  
Make of us a Pentecost people!  
Amen

Kathleen O'Brien/CAFOD



# Mosaic Class

Saturday

17 June 2023

9:00am-3:00pm

\$40pp

Contact the parish office  
to book your spot!



*Holy Spirit Catholic Parish*

# National Reconciliation Week 2023

Holy Spirit Parish acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land where we worship and live, the land of the Ngunnawal people and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the memories of their ancestors and celebrate their continuing culture. We acknowledge the deep, spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

## Reconciliation Day at the National Arboretum

Part of Reconciliation Week, which takes place across Australia from 27 May (anniversary of the 1967 Referendum) to 3 June (Mabo Day) each year, **Reconciliation Day** is an opportunity to reflect on our shared history, the ongoing impacts of colonisation and the work we need to do to heal and close the gap.

A free family-friendly event showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, food, music and entertainment will be held at the National Arboretum Canberra to mark Reconciliation Day on **Monday, 29 May**.

**Reconciliation Day at the National Arboretum Canberra will be held from 10am to 3pm. Highlights of this year's program include:**

### Smoking ceremony

Join Ngunnawal traditional custodian Uncle Wally Bell as he performs this ancient Aboriginal custom.

- When: 10am

Where: Terrace Lawns

### Portrait exhibition

View the portraits and learn the stories behind some of the many leaders of reconciliation in our community.

- When: 10am-3pm

Where: Terrace Lawns

### Bush tucker demonstrations

Volunteer guides will help visitors appreciate the diversity of local plants - especially those in the Bush Tucker Garden. Forest 20 includes 16 species of Eucalyptus and many shrubs, herbs and grasses typical of the ACT region.

- When: 10:00am – 12pm

Where: STEP Forest, Bush Tucker Garden

The above are just some of the activities. For more information go to [Reconciliation Day - National Arboretum \(act.gov.au\)](https://act.gov.au)



This picture of the Sea of Hands is from the Holy Spirit Laudato Si' Action Plan – see [Holy Spirit Parish Laudato Si Action Plan - Holy Spirit Catholic Parish \(holyspiritgungahlin.org.au\)](https://holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

The Sea of Hands first appeared 26 years ago as a powerful statement of solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people and it has been a feature of Reconciliation Day activities in Canberra since the event was introduced five years ago.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023

27 MAY — 3 JUNE

**BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS**

NRW.RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

#NRW2023



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All are invited

attend sessions on

# Adult Faith Formation

**Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:00pm  
at the Parish Office**

There are 18 sessions being offered with different topics covered each week. You can choose to attend whichever session you would like to learn more about.

Email the parish office for a copy of the program and topics list.

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# WELLBEING WORKSHOP

Microsoft Teams (online)

Topic

## Anxiety in Young People

Date

Wednesday 31 May 2023

Time

6:00 PM

To register for this event and to receive the Microsoft Teams link go to Trybooking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CIHIB>



Thank you for your Support of Project Compassion. So far, our Parish has raised over \$5,000.



If anyone has any more Project Compassion boxes or envelopes, please return them by this weekend 28 May so that this can be finalised.

For those who requested receipts, they have been emailed and posted.



### 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

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**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

**Social Justice Group** | Peter Petersen  
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