



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

20-21 May 2023

The Ascension of the Lord | 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

Don't Just Stand There: Do Something

(Mark 16: 15 - 20)

The Ascension of Jesus is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what's called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts record several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples – the ones in "longer Mark" being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do that is up to us. If we want to knock on doors or preach in the park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to foreign missions, the prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missionized corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?

When you show up, is it "good news" for those around you? How do you demonstrate the gift of faith that's been given to you?

Pray

God of heaven and earth, we celebrate the Christ who came to live as one of us. We welcome the Christ who would stop at nothing – not even death – to proclaim God's love for all people. We celebrate the Christ who rose from death to show that there is no end to God's love. And we celebrate the Christ who, in leaving this earth, entrusted to us the task of continuing this work. Amen.

Ponder

Allow someone's testimony of faith to speak into your life: read a biography of a holy person. Allow your testimony to speak to someone else. Practice the virtues of faith, hope, and charity until they become the "new normal" for you. *"Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one and all"*.

Kids' Corner

The disciples thought they had Jesus figured out, and sometimes we think that way too. We figure if we pray hard enough, God will do whatever we have in mind. But God often has something better in mind for us. When his followers asked him if he would bring the kingdom back, Jesus told them about the better future in store: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1: 8). What kind of future does God have in mind for you? Pray about it and let God lead you.

Loving God, lead me in your ways forever. Amen. - 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

(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

This Weekend's Readings: Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Matthew 28:16-20

Upcoming Events

- * **Sunday 21 May 2023 at 10:00am - 75th Anniversary St Michael & All Angels Anglican Church in Hall.**
All are invited to join the celebration. Church service will be followed by a BBQ lunch. Please RSVP to beryl@mikeandbarneys.org.au
- * **Sunday 21 May 2023 at 11:00am – Sunday Mass at the Cathedral for Laudato Si**
The theme for this year's Laudato Si week 16-24 May is **Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity**. The Archdiocese will launch its draft Laudato Si action plan at 11am Sunday Mass in the Cathedral on 21-May (streamed live at and recorded at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>). The draft Laudato Si action plan is at <https://cg catholic.org.au/services-directory/caring-for-creation/> and aims to encourage and enable action plans by parishes, schools and other bodies. With consultation (LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com) the draft Plan will be finalised in September 2023 (for Season of Creation) and will be regularly reviewed.
- * **Wednesday 24 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!
- * **Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 7:30pm | Prayer Vigil for Calvary Hospital**
Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites all to a Prayer Vigil for Calvary Hospital at St Christopher's Cathedral. The evening will include a decade of the Rosary, Benediction, songs of worship and short inputs from Archbishop Prowse and Fr Tony Percy. Bishop Bartholomew of Charioupolis, Greek Orthodox and Rev David Campbell, ACT Churches Council & St Andrew's Presbyterian Church will join us. The Vigil will also be livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfVBDW_ADYE
- * **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>
- * **Friday 26 May 2023 - 7:30am-9:00am | Morning Beans for Young Adults (18-30)**
Coffee Guru Café Amaroo—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 for this free event!
Questions? Contact Christopher.gilroy@cg.org.au

Anointing Mass Update

Starting this month Anointing Mass will be offered four times a year. They will occur on the last Thursday of February, May, August and November. There will be no monthly Anointing Mass. The next two Masses for 2023 will be on 31 August and 30 November. If you know someone who needs to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a priest to visit them. Seniors morning tea will continue monthly as usual.



Seniors Morning Tea—Thursday 25 May

All are invited to attend our Seniors morning tea on Thursday 25 May after the 9:15am Mass. Please bring a plate to share!

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
Lateasha Marsden
Elizabeth
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Cyril Jolicoeur

Recently Deceased

Laurie Hancock

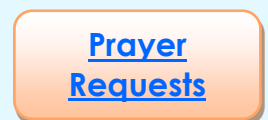
Anniversaries

Ranjet Singh
Anderson Machado

General Prayers

Andres
Lenita

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



*At His Ascension
our Lord entered
Heaven,
and He keeps
the door open
for humanity
to enter.*

- Oswald Chambers

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.

Laudato Si' Week – Launching the Holy Spirit Parish Laudato Si' Action Plan

"Everything is Connected", Laudato Si' week and all of us

This weekend marks the start of Laudato Si' week, when Catholics across the world will be celebrating the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' letter to all the people of the world on Care for our Common Home. To coincide with the start of Laudato Si' week we are launching the Holy Spirit Parish Laudato Si' Action Plan this weekend.

The Parish Plan is part of a much broader, international Laudato Si' Action Platform initiated by the Vatican. Our Plan focuses on what we can do at a local level to protect the environment and lead more sustainable lives. At all this weekend's Masses members of the Holy Spirit Social Justice Group will be handing out pamphlets that provide the highlights of the Parish Plan. We hope that you take the time to read them and consider whether there is a part for you to play in helping us to achieve the aims set out in the Plan.

The full Parish Plan is available on the Parish website, www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au.

Holy Spirit Parish Social Justice Group





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

Email: Matthew.Allen@cg.org.au
Instagram: @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.



National Volunteer Week - 15 – 21 May 2023

The theme for this year's National Volunteer Week is **The Change Makers**. Many people from the Parish volunteer in the community which enriches those who volunteer and those who receive their friendship and assistance.

The Parish is also crying out for keen volunteers and there are several ways you can share your gifts and skills. For example – **The Care Group** prepare meals for families or single people who might need help with meals at a time of crisis; the **Saint Vincent de Paul** who visit people and help with food and other assistance to people in our community who need a hand; offering your help with the **Children's Liturgy**; the **Youth Group**; **Ministries at Mass** such as Welcomer, Reader; Special Minister of the Eucharist, Mass Coordinator; the **Community Garden**; the **Social Justice Group**, **Church cleaning**, joining **the Choir**, **preparation of Liturgies** and much more.

We encourage you to be one of **The Change Makers** in our parish and community. For more information about volunteering in the Parish please contact the parish office or sign up here: <https://forms.gle/fu3ZdKEVTzUeYE4LA>

Remember what St Teresa of Avila said...
Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours...

[Volunteer today!](#)



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.

Be Still and Wait

Maybe I have been living much too fast, too restlessly, too feverishly, forgetting to pay attention to what is happening here and now, right under my nose. Just as a whole world of beauty can be discovered in one flower, so the great grace of God can be tasted in one small moment. Just as no great travels are necessary to see the beauty of creation, so no great ecstasies are needed to discover the love of God.

But you have to be still and wait so that you can realise that God is not in the earthquake, the storm, or the lightning, but in the gentle breeze with which he touches your back.

– Henri Nouwen

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 next weekend 28 May so that this can be finalised.

For those who requested receipts, they will be issued next week.

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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Parish Groups

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

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Community Garden Group | Parish Office
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