



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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30-31 March 2024

Easter Sunday | Year B



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass
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Wednesday

9:15am Mass
6pm Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass
12:00pm Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

An Easter Message from Fr Troy

During lent we have been reflecting on the masks we wear and the reasons we do so! Traditionally, Lent is a time for transformation and conversion. Lent provides the Sabbath time we need to stop, reflect and ponder life's mysteries – a time in face, for entering the desert and there seeking God. Lent provides the breathing space for self-examination and for renewal.



At the first Easter, as the women come to the tomb, they're wondering who's going to roll the big stone away because these stones were big. But then when they get to the tomb, they find that the stone has already been rolled away. And that goes to the heart of Easter. Because Easter is about rolling away all the stones or removing the masks that we wear that seem unmovable and block the way into life. Because unless the stone is moved, Jesus can't get out of the tomb, and we can't get into the tomb.

But once the stone is rolled away, Jesus comes towards us, and we can go into the tomb. And when we do, what we see are the grave cloths, we're told, in the gospel story. We see the linen cloths that had wrapped the body of Jesus and even his head. And those grave cloths are our old fears and anxieties and angers and depressions, all those death things in us. They are simply rolled up in a corner of an empty tomb.

So may Easter be for you, whoever you are, and whatever the big stones might seem to be. May it be a moment when the stone is rolled away and Jesus comes towards you saying, peace. And when you can look into an empty tomb and see that the things of death have become the things of life. Happy Easter.

Fr Troy

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 2 April 2024. Please leave a message on 6242 9622 and we will get back to you on Wednesday 3 April. For urgent matters, please contact 0418 621 020.



St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

Welcome
to Our Church

We extend a warm welcome to our Parish especially those visiting family and friends over the Easter season.

If you are a newcomer to the Holy Spirit Parish please introduce yourself to the Mass coordinators, Priests or a welcomer at the entrance. Also please visit our Facebook page and website to find out more about us.

We Are Witnesses

Mary runs to the tomb, heart racing at the sight of a stone rolled away. She imagines Jesus has been taken by enemies, and the thought propels her through the darkness. Next it's Peter and another disciple who are running, on fire with the idea that the tomb has been defiled. All of the characters in this story anticipate the worst, their hearts set on bad news. But what they find, when they lift their eyes, is the best news ever.



John presents one of the main characters in this event in a peculiar way: *"the other disciple."* Why would this person remain nameless and indistinct, if he were one of only three people privileged to stand at the tomb on Easter morning? Scholars suggest John invites us to put ourselves in the silhouette of *"the other disciple,"* for we too stand at the tomb and declare what we see from here. Is the empty tomb bad news, the work of an enemy, a sad end to a tragic story? Or do we *"see and believe,"* finding the good news that even in the cemetery, death loses? What we see in the dark, we must speak with our whole lives. Happy Easter.

What brings life out of death in your experience?

Pray

O God, may the empty tomb remind us of the unexpected ways that justice, compassion, and healing can be brought to the most difficult and troubling circumstances. With the Spirit of Christ we hold these things open. Amen.

Ponder

Don't be afraid. Feel free to be astonished. Jesus is risen, angels are singing, and death just lost its sting. There's nothing to lose now. We can be as brave as we dare, risk all that we have. No matter what they tell you, the tomb is empty. The reign of death is over, We can go now. Become an Easter witness. Carry light into the darkness of someone you know, with a word of hope, a warm meal, an answer to prayer. *When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too – the real you, the glorious you.*

Kids' Corner

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. (Mark 16: 6)

Early in the morning, the women set out to anoint Jesus' body. I'm not sure I'd have the courage to go with them. After all, they're going to a tomb. That's where dead people are. And Jesus has died a terrible death on the Cross. I think I'd be scared. But when the women arrive at Jesus' tomb, they find nothing dead there. Instead, an angel is waiting for them! The angel tells them that Jesus is risen from the dead. Jesus is alive. Of course! With Jesus, there is no reason to be afraid. With Jesus, there is life and joy forever!

Glory to God! Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! www.gpbs.com.au



May the risen Christ bring you and your loved ones abundant blessings. Wishing you a blessed and happy Easter!
Fr Troy, Fr Eden and the Parish team

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



For those who are sick

Kathy Morris
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Caitlin Wigglesworth
Kwang Hui Lim
Grant Gail
Elizabeth
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Cyril Jolicoeur
Tony Johnston
Jaya Raghwan
Julie Mirfan
Paul Johnston
Edwin Joseph Dsouza
Alan Kay
Sharron Davis
Michelle
Mark Bush
Tim Watson
Jim Banks
Barbara Kirk
Vesna Ljubičić
Gaudencio Montaos
Alonso
Rosalind Murphy
Sharni Laffan
Marc Darlington
Liam O'Brien
Nancy Phillips
Daranee Thepthong

Anniversaries

Laurie Corliss
Lobitsa Loleski
Francis Zarzour
Helen Boceanu

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 Easter Masses for a gold coin donation



We need to prepare for the Archdiocesan Assembly 18 - 20 October 2024



To prepare for the Archdiocesan Assembly in October, parishioners are invited to join others from across the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on significant topics in the life and mission of the Church. The Roundtables Series is grounded in core themes from the Plenary Council and broader topics of Synodal discernment. The Roundtables hope to identify existing initiatives and opportunities for collaboration amongst parishes, communities, movements and

ministries. These will also develop a foundation and inform both content and process for the Archdiocesan Assembly in October this year.

Important dates for your diary are:

- ◆ **Expanding the Tent: Ethnic and Ecclesial Communities, Ministries and Movements** – Tuesday, 16 April – 4.30pm – 6.00pm
- ◆ **Moments of Encounter: Sacramental Initiation and Liturgy** – Thursday, 18 April – 4.30pm – 6pm
- ◆ **Our Common Home: Justice, Outreach and Integral Ecology** – Friday, 24 May – 4.30pm – 6pm
- ◆ **Seek the City: Faith in the Public Sphere** – Saturday, 22 June – 1pm – 2.30pm
- ◆ **Reconciliation and First Nations: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts** – Sunday, 7 July – 12.30pm – 2pm – 6pm
- ◆ **The Equal Dignity of Women and Men in Our Church** – Thursday, 1 August – 4.30pm
- ◆ **The Voice of the Child: Safeguarding the Gift of our Children and Vulnerable** – Wednesday, 4 September – 1pm – 2.30pm

All Roundtables will be held at St Christophers Pastoral Centre + Zoom – click here to register or visit <https://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables/>

For further information, our Parish contact is Jim Corrigan at jim.corrigan67@gmail.com



Cursillo Retreat, 12-14 April, St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong

Cursillo provides an opportunity for men and women to renew and deepen their faith life through a program of talks, meditations and prayer. Contact Irma and Joe at irmandjoe@gmail.com. Info: <https://bit.ly/cursillo24>



Enter Your Tomb

I have a friend who suffered abuse as a child. As an adult, the abuse caused problems for her relationships. It also led her to self-destructive behaviour, like addiction and promiscuity.

But then she entered her "tomb" and found that God wanted to raise her like he raised Jesus.

We all live with tombs, where parts of us have died. Memories of being hurt. Memories of hurting others. Self-destructive behaviours. Our world has tombs too. Pockets of war and poverty. Nursing homes or hospitals where the old and sick line alone.

But God removed the rock from Jesus' tomb and raised him. By doing that, God told all humanity that there is new life after the painful things we have suffered through. But you have to enter the tomb to see and believe.

We do that by facing our painful memories and mistakes. We allow ourselves to cry when recalling how we've been hurt instead of gutting it out. We apologise instead of being proud. We also do that by facing our world's pain. We turn toward the people and places that many people ignore because they are afraid or too busy. We turn toward them whether they live in our homes, neighbourhoods or in different countries.

But we don't have to enter these tombs alone. We can bring God's power with us. We bring it when we pray or seek guidance from the Scriptures about our painful memories or mistakes. We bring it when we seek help from friends, family, or professionals. We bring it when we respond to our world's pain with Jesus' compassion and non-violence.

My friend entered her tomb. She sought help from counsellors and her faith to face the abuse she suffered. As a result, she is now a stronger and happier person who makes a real difference in the lives of others.

Once again, God rolled back the stone and raised someone to new life. Jesus' Resurrection was only the beginning. I've seen and I believe. www.gpbs.com.au



Thank you to all those people who helped in any way with the preparation and celebration of the Holy Week Liturgies. We had do to so much more this year with the change of location and could not have done it without you!

Share your gifts and talents — Helping at Mass

We are looking for helpers at all our weekend Masses and special events.

Can you help with PowerPoint, Mass set-up, reading, cleaning, music, singing, children's liturgy, morning tea set up, BBQ or handy work?

If you can help in any way, please complete the [online form](#), by clicking on the link, scanning the QR code or please contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Every small bit helps so please get in touch and let us know how you can help our parish community.



WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

First Collection (Supporting all priests of the Archdiocese)

1. BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00029248 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!



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Download our parish app: **Pocket Parish** from **App Store** or **Google Play**.

Parish Groups

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

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Call to Connect | Maureen Hilton
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Holy Spirit Prayer Group | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028
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