



# 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 April 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter | Year B



## Holy Spirit Amaroo

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### 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

## Believing is Seeing

Believing is seeing. We are taught it's the other way around: seeing is supposed to be believing. But we see a lot of things we don't believe. We see how old we are in the mirror and pretend the truth away with hair colour and makeup. We see injustices and rationalise them into sounding all right. We live as in George Orwell's classic novel *1984*, in which the news is rewritten daily to conform to the preferences of the powerful. "Facts" are more fluid than we care to admit. Many are convinced, not by what they see, but by what makes us all comfortable.



So it seems the reverse is true: believing is seeing. Our beliefs tell us how to see. They tell us what to look for. Faith gives us eyes to see what others may be blind to. The worldly view is cynical: things are bad and getting worse, and not much can be done. But through believing, we see the Kingdom coming, arriving as an invitation to grace in every hour. Believers have hope, which heals the past and invents the future. That's why, though we have not literally seen Jesus, we can believe in him, and in believing, we can truly see.

## What have you seen through faith that you might have missed with your eyes?

### Pray

Loving God, when we are frightened and filled with doubts ... *open us to the gospel of peace*. When we think we understand everything and our minds are closed to new teachings ... *open us to the gospel of peace*. When we do not understand, and our fears turn into anger or mistrust ... *open us to the gospel of peace*. When we want to hide behind laws, regulations, and traditions that can hurt and exclude ... *open us to the gospel of peace*. As the risen Christ came to be with the disciples and show them new possibilities ... *open us to the gospel of peace*. Amen.

### Ponder

Reflect on a situation in your life that has seemed hopeless: a broken relationship, a bitter disappointment, a missed opportunity, an irredeemable loss. Looking at it through the eyes of faith. See what Jesus sees: the never-ending chance for healing and life. "*Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing.*"

### Kids' Corner

*Now I know, sisters and brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away. (Acts 3: 17, 19)*

Have you ever done something you thought was so bad no one could forgive you? Almost everyone has. Peter was once so frightened that he pretended not to know Jesus. When he thought about what he'd done, he wept. And here Peter is again, speaking to the people who once cried out these words: "Crucify him!" Peter knows they can be forgiven just as he was, if only they will ask. Remember, God is merciful.

Dear Jesus, please forgive me. Amen. [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



## St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

# Parish News and Events

## Welcome to our new Parish Secretary



We are pleased to announce that **Olivia Kajkic** joined us this week as our Parish Secretary. Olivia brings with her many valuable skills and talents to serve our parish community. We wish her every success in her new role and ask everyone to join in welcoming her. We thank everyone who showed an interest in the role.



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  
Ashley



## Becoming Catholic

Congratulations to Parishioners Luke Worth and Jacinta Egoroff who were fully initiated into the Catholic faith by Archbishop Christopher Prowse at Easter at St. Christopher's Cathedral. Luke was baptised, confirmed and received first Holy Communion and Jacinta received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## Suggestion box



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

## Community News

- \* **Vocations Dinner | Thursday 11 April 6:00pm** at Gungahlin Presbytery. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact vocations director Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036
- \* **Cursillo Retreat | 12-14 April 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](mailto:irmandjoe@gmail.com). Info: <https://bit.ly/cursillo24>
- \* **Roundtables: Expanding the Tent: Ethnic and Ecclesial Communities, Ministries and Movements** – Tuesday, 16 April – 4.30pm – 6.00pm
- \* **Roundtables: Moments of Encounter: Sacramental Initiation and Liturgy** – Thursday, 18 April – 4.30pm – 6pm

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](mailto:jim.corrigan67@gmail.com)

- \* **61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations** – 19-21 April for men discerning a call to the Priesthood—St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong. For more information, please collect a brochure from the church foyer or contact Fr Emil: [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036

### Anniversaries

Laurie Corliss  
Corazon Singh  
Andy Sullivan  
Rade Krile  
Leo Marneros

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 Masses for a gold coin donation



## Readings for 2nd Sunday of Easter

### Entrance Antiphon | 1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure,  
spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### First Reading | Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

### Responsorial Psalm | Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

### Second Reading | 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children  
if we love God himself and do what he has  
commanded us;  
this is what loving God is –  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world –  
our faith.  
Who can overcome the world?  
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of  
God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness –  
since the Spirit is the truth.

### Gospel Acclamation | John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen  
me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still  
believe! Alleluia!

### Gospel | John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet  
believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### Communion Antiphon | Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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## It Cannot Happen Without You!

A heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who helped in so many ways over Holy Week and the Easter ceremonies. It all kicked off on Holy Thursday morning with cars loaded with books, coloured cloths, lecterns, matches, ironing board..... to name a few things, all to be taken to St. John Paul II College. The real fun began at 4:00pm when we had access to the hall to turn it into a space fit for our Holy Thursday liturgy at 7:00pm the same evening. Thank you **George Burke** and team for getting the chairs organised to perfection. Thank you **Fiona Wilkinson** and **Caitlin Berry** for preparing the Altar of Repose and managing the floating candles, that the crows tried to steal!



To the Welcomers (**John Mikita**—did you go home at all?), PowerPoint operators, those who folded newsletters, Mass Coordinators, to **Dennis Algje** who did arts and crafts on our Paschal Candle and ensured the Easter fire pit, baptismal font and candle stand were prepared and positioned correctly, to **Nita Corliss** our Chief Sacristan and her helpers (**Lynn, Maureen, Sr Kim** and **Sr Mary**) for preparing our prayer space with liturgical colours and flowers, to the Music Ministry and your tireless commitment, to the Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, the collectors and counters, the cleaners (**Joe Jambor** and **Grace Magbutay**), to those who prepared the Holy Water bottles, to **Alex** and **Leo** for looking after the Sound System, to all those who helped pack up on Sunday morning and came back again on Monday morning.

To all those who accepted a job when asked and who offered to help at short notice ...(Peter Elford for buying extra Easter Eggs on Sunday morning!).

To the students of Good Shepherd school for the Palm Sunday re-enactment and teachers who made it happen (**Brooke Jeffries** and **Bernadette Aitken**).

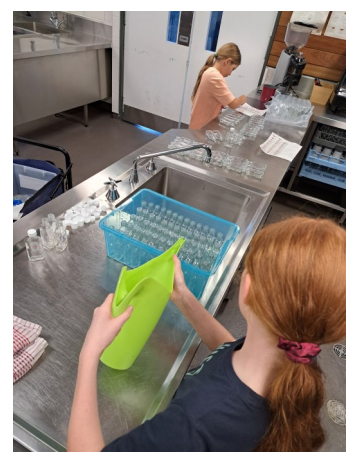
To the Youth Ministers from our four schools, **Bree, Ethan, Maddie** and **Holly** who prepared students from each school under the guidance of **Bernard Chandramohan** to make our outdoor stations of the cross a powerful and prayerful event.

To St. John Paul II College for accommodating our parish events and for the generous support from school staff. A big thank you to **Leon Sanff, Andrew Soesman, Grant Peelgrane** and **Sharon Robinson**.

To our volunteer parish secretaries (**Jim Corrigan, Jenny Grierson** and **Ashish Nair**), you helped us keep things under control so that we could focus on our big events.

Thank you to everyone who attended, joined in and shared our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

Heartfelt thanks ..... *Fr Troy* and the Parish Team



# PPC Update

The Council met this week and discussed the parish's pastoral next steps. In the coming Easter period we will be hosting a Call to Ministry weekend on 4/5 May 2024 to celebrate our rich Parish ministries, thank our committed volunteers in those ministries and reach out to those looking to be more involved in the parish through the ministries. We will also celebrate our Parish Feast day, Pentecost, on 19 May 2024. This year we are looking at being filled with the Spirit event with a multicultural Mass and post Mass celebration. So please start thinking about how you might want to bring your cultural background to our Parish so that we are all filled with the Spirit like the disciples were at Pentecost.

Looking into the future a little, the Council should have out the 2024 Parish Plan. The plan will set out our goal, objectives and strategies. Strategies we seek your support on delivering. The Plan is only 12 months long so that we can capture the instructions from the Diocesan Assembly that will culminate over the weekend 19 to 21 October 2024. Beyond this Assembly we will have our own assembly to craft a longer term plan going beyond 2025 toward 2030. If you want more on the 2024 Parish Plan please email me at [sean.ryan.cdss@gmail.com](mailto:sean.ryan.cdss@gmail.com).

This weekend is Planned Giving weekend and we will be talking to you about the role planned giving has in the enrichment of the Parishioners and Parish, and the growth in faith in our diocese.

Lastly we wish our Confirmation candidates our prayers and blessing as they progress to their final rite of initiation into the Catholic Church.

*Sean Ryan*

PPC Chair

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## Parent Helpers Needed!

We are looking for parent helpers (or aunty, uncles, carers, grandparents, friends, cousins, all parishioners) to support our Youth Group gatherings. You can help in the following ways:

- ◆ Prepare food / snacks
- ◆ Help set up and/or pack up
- ◆ Help supervise
- ◆ Help run activities

No qualifications required, just your willingness to help and support the young people in your parish. Training and guidance provided.

If you are remotely interested, or curious and would like more information about what you may be able to offer, please contact [theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) or on 0472 921 518.

We look forward to hearing from you!

# 2024-25 Planned Giving Campaign



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin



Dear Parishioners,  
I would like to thank you for your continued financial support, especially over the past few years with COVID and the current economic situation. I am sure that we can count on you for your continued support and again ask for your pledge of financial support for our parish.

*Joy Bobbie*



## Where Does Your Donation Go?

### 1st Collection:

- Parish Priest's Stipends;
- Presbytery Expenses ;
- 20% to Archbishop for Archdiocesan Running Costs;
- Balance used for the support of smaller/poorer parishes and sick & retired priests

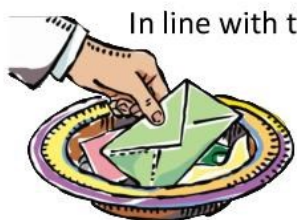
### 2nd Collection:

- Running Costs of the Parish including electricity, insurance, office expenses and staff wages
- Parish Priest's Cars and Superannuation;
- Building Repairs and Maintenance
- Archdiocesan Levies; and
- Charitable/Welfare Requirements

## How Much Should I Give? "As Much As I Can Afford"

What is this? For every one this is a personal matter but to help in coming to the answer, reflect this statement from previous years.

*" If you spend an hour at Mass every week, then consider donating an hour of your wage to the church"*



In line with this explanation, the following rough equation apply.



Annual Salary	Weekly Planned Giving Amount
\$60,000	\$30
\$80,000	\$40
\$100,000	\$50
\$150,000	\$75
\$200,000	\$100

\*\* If you currently give/donate by CASH offerings PLEASE consider moving to a CASHLESS option to reduce the workload of volunteers and reduce cash handling risks.\*\*

## How Do We Participate – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection / Planned Giving

### EXISTING GIVERS:

- No changes in details or amount— Do nothing/No action required.
- Who wish to update their personal details and/or current pledge arrangements—Please complete a 'Planned Giving Pledge Form' and other forms as necessary (see below).

### NEW GIVERS:

- Who wish to join— Please complete a 'Planned Giving Pledge Form' and

#### 1. Direct Debit Deduction (our preferred option)

- ⇒ To start using Direct Debit - Use the 'Direct Debit Request Form'
- ⇒ To change your current \$\$ amount - Use the 'Change Direct Debit Form'



#### 2. Credit Card Deductions (also a preferred option)

- ⇒ Complete your details on the 'Planned Giving Pledge Form'



#### 3. Envelope Contribution

- ⇒ Complete your details on the 'Planned Giving Pledge Form'



### OTHER OPTIONS:

1. **CBA EFTPOS Machines**— use donate amount
2. **Cash or Cheques**— at collections during Mass
3. **Qkr! App**—during collections at Mass or at any time
4. **The Parish Website:**
  - ⇒ Click on : <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/holyspirit>
  - ⇒ Select Biller Code 1002872 – Mass Contribution
  - ⇒ Enter your payment details.
5. **Internet Banking**—through your own Bank directly to the Parish Bank Account.  
**BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 000010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish**  
**Reference: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection and Your Surname**



## How Can We Participate – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection Cashless Options

### 1. Via The Parish:

- ⇒ **Direct Debit Deduction**—Complete the 1<sup>st</sup> Collection 'Direct Debit Request Form'
- ⇒ **CBA EFTPOS Machines**—there are machines within the church
- ⇒ **Qkr! App**— during collections at Mass or at any time
- ⇒ **Cash or Cheques**— through the collections during Mass

### 2. Via Internet Banking— through your own Bank directly to the Central Presbytery Fund Bank Account

**BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 000029248 Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund**  
**Reference: Gungahlin and Your Surname**

**Please return any required forms as soon as possible.**

Contact: Tony Rose—[Gungahlin.Finance@cg.org.au](mailto:Gungahlin.Finance@cg.org.au)

# 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](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

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



## Sunday 5:00pm Mass Attendees

We need your help. We are in desperate need for PowerPoint operators and Mass Coordinators (setting up for Mass) - training will be provided. Please use the [online form](#) to sign up or contact Theivani or Anne at the office.

## 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!



## CONNECT WITH US

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**Assistant Priest:** Fr Eden Langlands

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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

**St Vincent de Paul** | Drazen Roginic President  
P: 0401 669 301  
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**Call to Connect** | Maureen Hilton  
M: 0431 123 465

**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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**Legion of Mary** | Grace Magbutay  
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**Youth Ministry**  
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**Care Group** | Sonja Vocisano  
P: 0438 699 591

**Community Garden Group** | Parish Office  
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