



# 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 April 2024

3rd 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

## Touch Me and See

I saw Jesus earlier this morning. At Mass, a colourfully dressed man with a very challenging smell sat next to me in the pew. I've seen him in our parish before. He seemed to have a mental disability, and though he's not disruptive to the liturgy, he exhibits his oddity in his appearance and by virtue of the colouring book he studies while the Mass is going on. At the sign of peace today, I extended my hand to him in Christian charity, and at the same time he reached out to me with both arms outstretched. For a split second we hovered in the air around each other, wavering between a handshake and an embrace. In that same second, I had to make all kinds of decisions about hygiene and ritual and personal boundaries and kissing lepers – the same choices Saint Francis had to make when a leper met him on the road one day.



When I finally took him in my arms, I was braced for something wretched to happen. It didn't. He touched me with as much reverence and gentleness as one might take up a small child. And when we parted, he gave me a tiny, shy smile of thanks. It was as good as communion.

## How do you know when you encounter Jesus along the way?

### Pray

Your friends are frightened and upset. They didn't know what was going to happen next. You came to them, to show them you were there for them. *Loving Jesus, be there for us.* Your friends were mixed up, and not sure what to think. You showed them your hands and feet, and shared a meal with them. *Loving Jesus, share with us.* Your friends were happy, but they didn't know what to do. You talked to them and taught them, and told them the story of God's love. *Loving Jesus, tell us the story too.* Amen.

### Ponder

Consider the gift of touch and how the Church uses it in blessing. Look for ways to bring the blessing of human touch to those most in need of it. *"You're the first to hear and see it. You're the witnesses."*

### Kids' Corner

*Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (John 6: 11)*

Say you're one of Jesus' disciples, and you've got 5,000 hungry people staring at you. All you have are a few loaves of bread – each about the size of a hamburger bun – and two pieces of fish. You ask Jesus for help and ... what's he doing? Giving thanks? "Uh, Jesus how can you be thankful right now? Shouldn't you be asking for more?" Then Jesus smiles, and suddenly, there's more than enough food to go around. Jesus has fed everyone.

God in heaven, thank you for the food you give me. Amen. [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



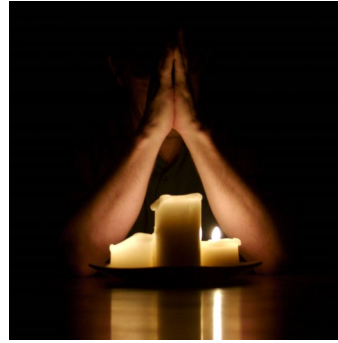
## St Francis Xavier Hall

Saturdays 5:00pm

# Parish News and Events

## Christian Meditation

The Parish is establishing a Christian Meditation prayer opportunity every week. The goal is to provide an additional opportunity for a deeper spirituality and deeper trust in God. The meditation prayer time will be facilitated by Jim Corrigan and it will be held in the Church. All are welcome to attend the first meditation prayer at 7:00pm on Wednesday 17 April. The ongoing sessions can be in the evening or morning depending on people's preferences. Please contact the parish office for more information.



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  
Desmond Anand  
Richa Williams

### Anniversaries

Laurie Corliss  
Corazon Singh  
Andy Sullivan  
Rade Krile  
Leo Marneros  
Jess Samson  
Elizabeth Arcilla

### Recently Deceased

David Carr

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

[Prayer Requests](#)



## SAVE THE DATE

Call to Connect will host a breakfast on Saturday, 4 May for women and friends in the Parish rooms. Please put the date in your diary and there will be more information next week. Maureen Hilton on behalf of the CTC Parish groups [maureenhilton@gmail.com](mailto:maureenhilton@gmail.com)

## Friend of the Social Justice Group

Thank you once again to everyone who completed a form to become a Friend of the Social Justice Group. Please note that due to a number of circumstances, the planned get together this Sunday after the 9.30am Mass has to be postponed. We will be in contact shortly to confirm the time and date for our get together. With heartfelt thanks

Peter Peterson  
Chair—Social Justice Group

## Community News

- \* **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)

- \* **Healing Rally with Damian Stayne - Wednesday 1st May** @ St Peter Chaneles Church, Weston Street, Yarralumla from 7pm - 9:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Praise, worship, healing prayer and joy in the Holy Spirit! Damian is a Catholic lay evangelist from the UK. He ministers powerfully in the charisms of preaching and healing. To register call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.
- \* **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
- \* **Men Alive Weekend—25-26 May 2024—Mary Help of Christian, Pearce.** Cost \$50 per person: includes workshops, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and bbq dinner on Saturday. RSVP Friday 17 May 2024 to Mat Wolnicki 0438 446 036 or [mat.wolnicki@menalive.org.au](mailto:mat.wolnicki@menalive.org.au)

## Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter

### Entrance Antiphon | Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### First Reading | Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

### Responsorial Psalm | Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and  
hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he  
loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

### Second Reading | 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.  
We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

### Gospel Acclamation | See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel | Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

### Communion Antiphon | Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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### Jesus Heals our Pains

How are we healed of our wounding memories? We are healed first of all by letting them be available, by leading them out of the corner of forgetfulness, and by remembering them as part of our life stories. What is forgotten is unavailable and what is unavailable cannot be healed. . . . By lifting our painful forgotten memories out of the egocentric, individualistic, private sphere, Jesus Christ heals our pains. He connects them with the pain of all humanity, a pain he took upon himself and transformed. To heal, then, does not primarily mean to take pains away but to reveal that our pains are part of a great pain, that our sorrows are part of a great sorrow, that our experience is part of the great experience of him who said, "But was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into the Glory of God?" (Luke 24:26).

# Archdiocesan Assembly

Archbishop Christopher Prowse has asked for an Archdiocesan Assembly on 18-20 October 2024. The Assembly is the Archdiocese's initial response to the recent Australian Plenary Council. Preparations are underway and further information is available at [cgevangelisation.org.au](http://cgevangelisation.org.au)



The Archdiocese is currently holding a series of "roundtables" on particular themes. The discussion at the roundtables will feed into the Assembly. Several roundtables have been held and the next Roundtables are on this coming week:

Expanding the Tent: Multicultural and Ecclesial Communities on Tuesday 16 April and Moments of Encounter: Sacramental Initiation on Thursday 18 April. The roundtables occur from 4:30pm - 6:00pm and are held at the St Christopher's Pastoral Centre in Manuka and can also be attended by zoom. Registrations are through the website above. Several members of Holy Spirit Parish including Fr Troy are attending next week's roundtables.

In addition, Archbishop Prowse has asked Parishes, schools and communities to consider at a local level what can be shared at the Assembly in October. Holy Spirit Parish led by Fr Troy will commence shortly with some events to consider our particular issues in Gungahlin in the context of the themes of the Plenary Council and the Roundtables. More to come on this and if you are particularly interested to get involved or want to know more contact [office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au).



## 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

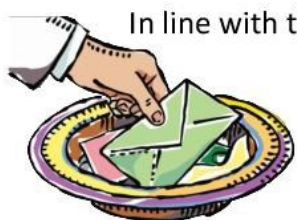
### 2nd Collection:

- 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.

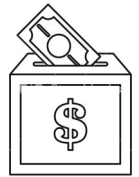
## WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### 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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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  
E: [Drazen.Roginic@vinnies.org.au](mailto:Drazen.Roginic@vinnies.org.au)

**Call to Connect** | Maureen Hilton  
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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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**Care Group** | Sonja Vocisano  
P: 0438 699 591

**Community Garden Group** | Parish Office  
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