



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

20-21 April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter | Year B



The Stone Rejected

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd would die for the sheep. The hired hand, who is neither shepherd nor owner of the sheep, catches sight of the wolf coming and runs away, leaving the sheep to be scattered or snatched by the wolf. That's because the hired hand works only for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me." (John 10: 11 - 14)

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

The portrait of Jesus in John's gospel is unique for many reasons. Ninety percent of the stories in John don't appear in the other three gospels. And the stories that do appear always lean in the direction of glory. Jesus walks taller in John's version of things. Jesus never wears swaddling clothes as a helpless babe in a manger. He's always in control, from the dawn of creation as the Divine Word who became flesh for our sake, to the Lordly way he debates the nature of authority with Pontius Pilate. In the garden of Gethsemane, John's Jesus shows no agony, does not weep or sweat blood. From the cross he doesn't cry out about abandonment, nor surrender his spirit. Instead, he offers the regal declaration, "It is finished," as he retires his mission.

It's not surprising that Jesus doesn't assume the role of sacrificial victim in describing his relationship to the cross, which he foresees and predicts. John's Jesus is never seized in the garden; when the mob tries to lay hands on him, they fall to the ground. Judas dares not kiss his way into betrayal. Rather, Jesus agrees to enter into custody and marches to the cross in perfect freedom. He's not handed over like a prisoner but chooses the cross as Lord of history. This stone, rejected by human arrogance, is the undisguised Rock of Ages. Lord have mercy on those who had eyes and didn't see!

Pray

You are the Good Shepherd, and we are your sheep. We come in all shapes and sizes, all colours, personalities, quirks, and possibilities. In your generous welcome, you open wide the gates of community so all can gather in and know your love. You gently remind us that not all your people are present. Some are absent because of health, some because of other obligations, and some have been kept out intentionally and unintentionally. Through your prophetic words bring us back to your way of hospitality where all are enfolded in love. Amen.

Ponder

Find images of Jesus in your church or in art that reveal him as the stone rejected by humanity and as the Son of God who lays his life down freely. Contemplate each image in prayer. Consider how your prayer is shaped by each portrayal.

Kids' Corner

The moment Steven saw Digby, he knew the little beagle was the right dog for him. But Digby hadn't had a happy life. His previous family didn't know how to care for him and had brought Digby back to the shelter. Steven promised Digby he would never do that. But it wasn't easy. Digby was fearful and skittish. Steven and his dad talked to their veterinarian and a dog trainer to get help. It took months of patience, but today, Digby is a happy dog. I think it's because he trusts that his family will never leave him. What do you think?

Jesus, Good Shepherd, bless my family today. Amen. www.gpbs.com.au



St Francis Xavier Hall

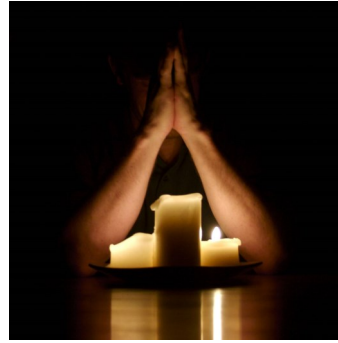
Saturdays 5:00pm

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 at **7:00pm on Tuesday 23 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
Jim Banks
Barbara Kirk
Vesna Ljubičić
Gaudencio Montaos
Alonso
Rozalind Murphy
Sharni Laffan
Marc Darlington
Liam O'Brien
Nancy Phillips
Daranee Thepthong
Ashley
Desmond Anand
Richa Williams
Ana Al-Adhami
Anne O'Connor

Anniversaries

Laurie Corliss
Leo Marneros
Jess Samson
Elizabeth Arcilla
Peter Sargent

Recently Deceased

David Carr

Birthday

Kristian Metcalfe (D)

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Women's Parish Breakfast



Women and friends are invited to a Parish breakfast on Saturday, 4 May in the Parish Rooms from 8.45am to 10am.

\$10 donation to cover costs and money left over will go to MacKillop House. [From sleeping rough to sleeping safe | Marymead CatholicCare - Marymead CatholicCare \(mccg.org.au\)](#)

To help with catering, envelopes are available in the Church foyer. Please place completed information and money into the box marked *Parish Office* or with the Parish Office – 6242 9622 or Maureen at maureenhilton@gmail.com by **Monday, 29 April**. We look forward to seeing you and sharing a morning of friendship and companionship.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal



Collection for Formation of our Seminarians:

This weekend we especially give thanks for the vocations that have sprung from our own communities – those young men whose families and lives are planted in our local parishes and who, God willing, will return as ordained priests to serve here. Please give a generous **donation** today or begin a **monthly donation** to support the education of our seminarians. Donations can be made through your parish or on-line at bit.ly/goodshepherd2024

Community News

- * **Healing Rally with Damian Stayne - Wednesday 1st May** @ St Peter Chanel's 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 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

Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon | Cf Psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

First Reading | Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29.

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading | 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation | John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel | John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for
his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my
Father.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Source: Liturgy Help © 2024

Together We Rise: Embracing Friendship and Solidarity

*Dear God, bless our friendships with depth and
sincerity, and may solidarity be our guiding
light. Grant us the strength to uplift one another, to
stand firm in unity and to journey together through
life's trials and triumphs,
always bound by love. Amen*

- Majellan Media

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 t 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 more will be held in the coming months. Keep an eye out in the bulletin for information about the future 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.



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 or on 0472 921 518.

We look forward to hearing from you!



**HOLY SPIRIT
YOUTH GROUP**



YOUTH GROUP



SUNDAY 5TH MAY 6-7.30 PM

**COME ALONG FOR A BONFIRE TO
KICK OFF THE HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH
GROUP!**





**PLEASE BRING \$5 ALONG FOR FOOD
@93 BURDEKIN AVE AMAROO**



**Any dietary requirements, please
email
theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au**





VOICES

FOR

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



Venue St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka

Date + Time Sunday, 5 May 1:15 pm.

Tickets \$15 single, \$30 family

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Violence can be random and unexpected with devastating outcomes for the victims and their loved ones.

As we saw in Sydney, five women and a man were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time when they lost their lives at a shopping mall. When dealing with such tragedies, Christians and people of other faiths seek solace in praying. Through prayer, we try to find answers to the 'incomprehensible' nature of the event that has taken place. The man responsible for the attack reportedly had had a long history of mental health issues, including schizophrenia. Mental health can be complex, and we will probably never know why this individual did what he did. It is important, however, not to demonise all those who suffer with these conditions. Most of us have a family member, relative or friend who has suffered or continues to suffer from a mental health issue. For people who struggle with their mental health, they are often living a private hell and pose little risk to others. Therefore, they need to be embraced and not shunned. In the words of Pope Francis who has spoken a number of times about the importance of solidarity and friendship, "Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all." "The bible says whoever finds a friend has found a treasure. I would like to invite everyone to go beyond their groups of friends and build social friendship which is so necessary for living together well."

For all those affected by violence, we pray..... Dear Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the broken-hearted. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need; strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness. We pray today for those who have died because of violence. Draw them to yourself; let your face shine upon them. May they be greeted with choirs of angels and experience your eternal peace and joy. Be near to all those who have been touched by violence: those who have been hurt, lost their loved ones or lost their sense of security. Be for them a steady comfort and safe resting place. Soften the hearts and steady the minds of those who would do violence to others. May hate be replaced with love, violence with peace and darkness with your light. Amen.— Source: Majellan Media.

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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