



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

24-25 May 2025

6th Sunday of Easter | Year C



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

Office closed
7:00pm Christian
Meditation

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

9:15am Mass
6:00pm Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Anointing Mass
and Seniors Morning Tea

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

4:15pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

Peace

(John 14: 23 - 29)

We will come and make our dwelling place with you always.

Christ's farewell gift to those he loves is peace. But what is this peace?

Jesus distinguishes between his gift of peace and what the world offers under the same name. Although he encourages his followers not to feel distress or fear, he is not peddling mere peace of mind. Jesus promises that the one who is true to his word out of love will know the indwelling presence of God. When we shake hands at the sign of peace during Mass, are we blessing each other with the hope that a holy peace may enliven us and penetrate the world through us? Are we inviting God's peace to dwell in us so that "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me"?

Maybe we are not ready for this peace yet. Maybe there is still a war going on; that is, whether or not we want the Spirit of Christ to take up residence within us.

Questions for Reflection

- ◆ What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life?
- ◆ How does the church help reveal the light of God's glory to you in this day and age?
- ◆ What do you intend to offer to your neighbour at the sign of peace at Mass?

Action Response

Pray boldly. Ask God to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in your life – just like at Pentecost. Don't settle for "safe" faith. Ask for the kind of courage, fire, and trust the apostles had – faith that moves mountains, faith that changes lives.

But be ready: When you invite the Spirit in, things might shift. Old fears might fall away. New doors might open. You might be called to step out, speak up, love bigger, dream wilder.

Make room. Let God move. Let the Spirit set you on fire.

Kids' Corner

So may your way be known upon earth. (Psalm 67: 3)

Uncle Roy had time off from the marine rescue, so he joins Marcus' family at Mass. His deep singing voice fills the church. Later, Marcus says, "You should sing in a rock group. You could be famous." Uncle Roy smiles. "No, God put seafaring in my heart. My job is exciting. Sometimes, we search stormy seas and rescue people from shipwrecks," he says. "Wow!" says Marcus. "That's better than being a rock star."

God's way is the best way. Listen for God's voice in your heart. God has BIG plans for you.

Generous God, I can't wait to know your plans for me. www.gpbs.com.au



St Francis Xavier Hall
Saturdays 5:00pm

Parish News and Events

- * **Anointing Mass and Seniors Morning Tea**—Thursday 29 May at 9:15am.
All are welcome!
- * **Junior Youth Group—Spirit Kids** Yrs 5-6 Sundays 6pm-8pm
(15 June, 29 June) - \$5 for food/snacks.
- * **Senior Youth Group—Spirit Youth** Yrs 7-9 Sundays 6pm-8pm
(25 May, 8 June, 29 June) - \$5 for food/snacks
- * **WANTED to buy**—second hand car in the price range of \$8-10k, Automatic, in a good working reliable condition. Please contact 0491 122 203 if you can help.
- * **Parish Pentecost Celebrations—Help Needed | Sunday 8 June after 9:30am Mass** - If you have some time to spare there are plenty of opportunities to help including serving tea, coffee, set up, pack up, bbq etc. Please contact the parish office.



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

For those who are sick
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Kwang Hui Lim
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Paul Johnston
Mark Bush
Jim Banks
Barbara Kirk
Vesna Ljubičić
Alonso
Sharni Laffan
Marc Darlington
Nancy Phillips
Ashley
Ana Al-Adhami
Linda Dwyer
Wigglesworth Family
Alan Demascus
Jeffrey Gonzalez
Mary Gardner
Marie Lincoln
Wongduean Sawasditas
Nook Sawasditas
Daranee Teapthong
Judeth Barrett
Bill Honess
Mark and Debbie
Cory Gregorio
Liberato Nolasco
Dee Pennay
Tom Nunan
Skye Leon
Tim Mulcahy
Tatiata Tarazona
Bill Butler
Adrian Mainwaring
Waine Summerfield
Alfred
Bing Eric Zhang
Carol DeCruz
David Campbell
Brett Worth
Lynn Nerdal
Dora Katic
Ofelia



We are very grateful for your generosity over the past few months for the various appeals we have held. Our parish contributed **\$4,997.40** to the Holy Lands via the Good Friday Collections.

We have raised over **\$8,000** so far from our schools and parish community for Project Compassion.

Please return any Project Compassion boxes to the church or office ASAP so that we can finalise receipts and transferring the funds to Caritas Australia.

Children and Youth Choir—Expression of Interest

All children from Year 4 onwards are invited to join our parish children and youth choir.

We would like to hear from you about suitable practice times so please scan this QR code or follow [this link](#) to complete the [online form](#). All are welcome, no special musical talent is required to sing your heart out!

Contact: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or 0472 921 518.



Music at the Feast of the Ascension (or The hymn version of Where's Wally)

At every mass, all the readings are thematically related. And our hymns are selected so their words reinforce those themes. So, here's your challenge: can you find the link between the readings and the words of this Sunday's

hymns? It's the Feast of the Ascension next weekend, a Mass that commemorates the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, Jesus' victory and His ascension into heaven. There are some other themes in the readings too. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to the disciples. And there's the call the ministry and mission, which applies to all of us. So which theme resonates with your life at the moment? Look for that theme in the words of the hymns you sing at Mass. To get you started, the very first words sung at Saturday's vigil mass will be: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.* Bam! You can't miss the main Mass theme in those words. See how easy this game is? Now it's your turn to play.



Anniversaries

Mary Gallagher
Ranjet Singh

Recently Deceased

Kevin Summerfield
David Cooper
Francisco Vargas
Lorraine Gill
Rebecca Balberona
Isidro Pineda
Francis Zazour
Fifi Dawalibi

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon | Cf Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading | Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading | Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation | John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel | John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know
that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Communion Antiphon | John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete,



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ASSEMBLY 2025

Update

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Assembly 2025 at Holy Spirit Parish. Your energy, good will and excellent advice provided a wonderful springboard into our future.

The reports generated from the Assembly are available to review on the Parish website (in raw format - these have not been edited in any way).

Our task now is to weave the needs and hopes of the parish into a living plan that we can use to guide our work over the coming years. We will be developing this plan, based closely on the results of the Assembly and the survey in September 2024 and will continue consulting with the parish as we do so. Fr Troy has asked us to have a draft plan ready for his return in August 2025.

The plan will concentrate on six key themes which have emerged from the parish's consultations:

- Authentic welcome and inclusion
- Dynamic school-parish connections
- Greater opportunities for faith formation and social interaction
- Review and enhancement of charisms (God's gifts) and our ministries to enhance the role of volunteers
- Family groups of all sizes and backgrounds
- Multicultural immersion in our faith and social activities



We had a wonderful Assembly, and we'd like to thank everyone who contributed on the day or in submissions afterwards.

The time now comes for reflection, consolidation and planning. You are also very welcome to be part of this phase. Please let the Parish know if you are interested.

Let's keep talking Holy Spirit Parish!



Scan the QR code to
find out more about
the Parish Assembly



or visit holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/assembly-results



You're invited!
pentecost
celebration

**Join Holy Spirit Parish to celebrate our Church birthday.
Fun for the whole family.**

includes:

- Multicultural Mass
- Sausage Sizzle
- Birthday cake celebration
- Kids activities

**Please bring a plate of food to share
and dress in your traditional attire.**



Sunday 8 June 2025
After 9.30am Mass





HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Children & Youth

CHOIR

Invitation

Empowering young voices, one rehearsal at a time! Join our youth choir and be part of something amazing!



Scan the QR code to register your interest.

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Community Notices

24 May | Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians Pilgrimage Place

MHOC Parish South Woden becomes an official pilgrimage place for the Jubilee year on May 24, the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians. To celebrate Fr Emil will give a special blessing & anointing prayer after the Saturday and Sunday Masses and two events have been planned for the weekend

24 May | MenALIVE Recharge

We welcome and invite all men in the archdiocese to recharge for free on Saturday 24 May (2.00pm to 5.30pm) followed by rosary, Mass and a BBQ at MHOC Parish South Woden. Let's renew our hope in God. MenALIVE <https://menalive.org.au/>. For registration contact Mat at 0438446489 or Fr Emil at 0414 523 036.

23 – 25 May | Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 23-25 May 2025 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wvme.org.au

25 May | Clare de Salis Talk

Clare de Salis will give a short sharing at the 10am Mass Pearce and then talk more at length about being a Catholic, 24 years old, an athlete (100 & 200 metre runner) and an exercise physiologist. Young and old are all welcome to come and join us in the parish centre afterwards for a cuppa and Clares sharing of the inspiring power of Christ in her life.

25 May – 15 June | St Benedict's – New Life in the Spirit | 7:30pm – 9:00pm

St Benedict's, Narrabundah invites you to a *New Life in the Spirit* seminar — a time of spiritual renewal, prayer, and deepening of faith. Held after the Sunday 6pm Mass at the Parish Centre, all are welcome to attend. Dates: 25 May; 1 June, 8 June, 15 June 9:00pm

27 May to 3 June | National Reconciliation Week 2025—for more information about events go to: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>

1 June | Marriage & Family Sunday EVENT at the Cathedral

For the celebration of the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents & the Elderly. 11am Mass at St Christopher's followed by EVENT at 12pm in the Haydon Hall, Manuka. The Archbishop will be available to bless your family. Light refreshments provided – but you must register online here <http://www.bit.ly/MFR2025>.



Sustainability Sunday—This weekend 24-25 May

We are looking forward to receiving your contributions for Lids for Kids to help keep as much waste as possible ending up in landfill. Thanks to everyone who is donating CLEAN lids with the foam insert **removed**. Please remember that Lids for Kids **do not accept lids that are not clean**.

Lids for Kids collect milk, soft-drink and water bottle lids only which are used to make furniture. Please remove and discard the foam insert and ensure they are **CLEAN** and **DRY**. They also collect lids that have plastic inside and push-pull pourer lids. They give these to schools for craft etc. If you are bringing these lids, please **separate** them from the milk, soft-drink and water bottle lids.

E-waste items include small electrical items including coiled cables, electronic devices eg phones (please reset to factory settings). Remember - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and that Sustainability Sunday is the last weekend of the month.

Maureen on behalf of Friends of the Social Justice Group

We need more helpers to keep Sustainability Sunday going. If you are interested please email maureenhilton@gmail.com. We promise that your commitment won't be for life!



SPIRIT KIDS

5PM MASS
6-8 PM YOUTH

GRADES 5-6



18 MAY

LEVEL UP ↑↑



PARISH YOUTH COORDINATORS



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JEANINE

TERM 2 DATES

18 MAY
15 JUNE
29 JUNE

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SPIRIT TEENS



**TERM 2
DATES**

**25 MAY
8 JUNE
29 JUNE**

**5PM MASS
6 - 8PM
YOUTH**

**REAL TALK
25 MAY**

YEARS 7 - 9



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**PARISH YOUTH
COORDINATORS**



JEANINE

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Vinnies Pantry Donations

Our pantry is very bare at the moment and we need your generous donations to help the less fortunate families in the Gungahlin area. Please bring your donation to Mass or you can drop them off at the parish office during the week.



Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteers

This National Volunteers Week, we want to take a moment to celebrate and thank the amazing volunteers who continue to give so generously their time and talents to support the Holy Spirit Parish community. Whether you're lending a hand in our formation groups, visiting those in need, helping behind the scenes, or serving in our church events and ministries — your dedication and compassion are felt every day.

Your selfless service helps build stronger connections, brings hope to those who are struggling, and brings our mission to life in real and powerful ways. We are deeply grateful for everything you do. Your contribution makes a lasting difference, and we are blessed to have you as part of our church family. From all of us — thank you.

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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Parish Groups

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Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

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Care Group | Vacant—please contact Parish Office

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