



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT
Supporting and supported by Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd,
Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

13-14 February 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



What's on this week

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass

Monday

Office Closed
No Mass

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

7:00am Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass
5:00pm Adoration

Friday

7:00am Mass

No booking required!

A Dwelling Apart

Here's something curious: the leper and Jesus trade places in the story. At first, it's the leper who's forced into the wild by communal dread of his disease. In the end, it's Jesus who must retreat to the desert to avoid the crush of crowds brought on by publicity.

Biblical desert is a land of many facets. Literally, it's a place where life is challenging and death is near. Theologically, it's the domain of the devil, where temptation roams free. Both physical and spiritual realities of the desert made it a place to avoid when possible. To be sentenced to live there, with lepers and other outlaws, was a lonely and dangerous existence.

Yet Jesus, we know, often chose the desert. The Spirit first drove him there to test himself against the devil. Later, Jesus often returned there to pray and gather strength. Because he tamed the desert at the start of his journey, it was no longer a land of danger for Jesus, but a refuge. In the same way, we can surrender the desert terrain of our lives to the Spirit's authority, and let it be transformed into a sacred place.

Find a place apart where you can sit in stillness or walk in solitude. Bring nothing with you and don't "fill up" the time and space with an agenda. Wait for Jesus to come and join you.

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This weekend we welcome all our staff from our Parish Schools

We desire to recognise and affirm the gift you are to each other, to the children in your care and to the parents with whom you share the role of nurturing the precious children in your care. Loving God, we are all learners in your Kingdom. Help us as we journey together to support one another, to share our lives, and to work to see your kingdom come, in Jesus' name through the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen

TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

- Liturgy Help





Calling all youth!

Junior group and senior group!

Saturday 13 February 2021 at 6:00pm—8:00pm

We will be having our first youth group of 2021.

Come along to the parish centre.

\$5 per person to cover food.

Any questions - email Paris at:

youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Introducing our Youth Minister

Hello!!! My name is Paris and I am the 2021 Youth Minister for Holy Spirit Parish and Good Shepherd Primary school. I'm fresh out of high school and will be studying secondary teaching at ACU. I love cooking, bike riding and playing with my dogs. I am hugely passionate about youth involvement in church and youth faith development. I just wanted to remind you of our first youth group of 2021 which is on the 13th of February, at the parish centre.



ASH WEDNESDAY



**Please note
change to
Mass times—No
9.30am Mass
on Ash
Wednesday**

Mass Times

Wednesday 17 February 2021

- ✱ 7:00am Parish Mass
- ✱ 7:00pm Parish Mass



Comfort—Lenten Program 2021



Comfort is a 76-page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer—perfect for Lenten groups and individual devotional reading. Get in early for Lent before they all sell out. Order your copy by contacting Magda 6242 9622 or office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au. \$10 per copy!

Come and join us



Holy Spirit Parish Lenten Program
commencing 16 February 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room
For further information contact: Joe Jambor 0401 159 852

Children's Sacramental Program



Sacrament of Confirmation

For children in Year 6 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021. An information session will be held on

Tuesday 16 February at 1:00pm and 6:15pm at the church.

Please book to attend: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOOXI>

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated over two weeks 4,5,6 May and 11,12,13 May.

Celebration of First Reconciliation

Week of 16-20 August

Celebration of First Eucharist

At Masses on weekends

4-5 September and 11-12 September

To register your interest in these Sacrament please complete the form:

<https://forms.gle/C6y9HEi4g7Ra5c7GA>

For more details please contact

Katrina Battilana: sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



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



For those who are sick

Armando Sanchez
Baby Arya
Roland Zocchi
Jane Honess
Pete Sagrado
Luke Bogue
Cheryl Anderson
Neil Henderson
Sanne Bergman
Rita Looney
Cilla Ryan
Anne Morton
Bernard Croker
Val Jhonston
Ellie Noble
Cellia, Julio Snr, Julio Jnr
from Martinez Vaues
family
Baby Carlito Haby
Margaret Highmore
Oanh Ha
Dannielle Boer
John Weeks

Recently Deceased

Emmanuel "Manny"
Esteves
Eliseo Fausto
Jerom Sequeira
Phil Dodds
Julio Martinez Cema
Diana Wilkinson
Eswaran Padayachee
Preeti Padayachee
Claude Camboulive

Anniversaries

Hubert Handapangoda
Allan Lauronal Tagayong
Nola Newton
Antonio Banhara
Gabriel Hengkiarto
Aimee Louise Crocker
Francis George Zarzour
Walter Konik

We include those who are members of our Parish or relatives.
Prayer cards are available in the foyer.

Community News

★ **13 – February (06:00 pm) “St Valentine’s Mass”**

St Thomas the Apostle Kambah invites you to celebrate the love, romance and Joy of Christian Marriage with a St Valentine’s celebration Mass.

Includes Renewal of Marriage Promises for married couples, and a Special Blessing for engaged couples. EVERYONE welcome. Contact Elizabeth 62319219.

★ **18 February – 25 March “Walk in the Spirit, Lenten Renewal Experience”**

Led by Archbishop Prowse via livestreaming every Thursday during Lent at 7.30pm to 9.00pm **Walk in the Spirit** is open to all desiring a new Lenten renewal experience. Talks, prayer, sharings and Encounter Nights. Register and find out more at

<https://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>

★ **20-21 – February “Engaged Encounter Retreat”**

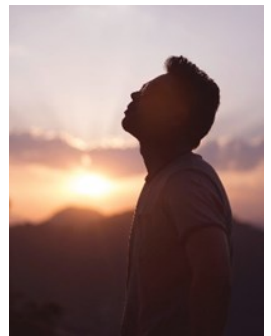
How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. Register at www.cgatholic.org.au/engaged-encounter or ring 0429 192 869. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au.

★ **25 – March “Men’s Cursillo Weekend”**

Is your heart restless? St Augustine said to God, "our hearts are restless until they rest in you." God has put within us all a desire for him. A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the chance to discover and enhance your faith life through a well-defined program, as well as the opportunity to develop lasting friendships with others on our journey to God. There's also the opportunity to enjoy good food and a relaxing monastery atmosphere. A Canberra-Goulburn Cursillo Men's retreat will be held over a three-day weekend starting on the evening of Thursday 25 March.

Places are limited. For details contact Geoff Smith 0451 013 772

chantel1997@hotmail.com or Joe Jambor 0401 159 852 irmandjoe@gmail.com



★ **MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW!**



Merici's new Principal, Anna Masters, and her Executive are looking forward to meeting you at one or all of the College's enrolment events. This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet the students and staff, attend the Principal's Address, Year 7 and 11 Information Evenings and lots more.

The College is enrolling now for 2022 and beyond!

Please visit www.merici.college for all dates and information for Open Day,

Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now!

Open Day and Year 7 2022 Information Night: Wednesday 28 April 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm

Be a Merici Girl Days: 22 April, 23 April, 6 May

Talk and Tours: 20 February, 27 March, 1 May, 21 August, 23 October

Telephone 02- 6243 4178 for all enquiries.

'If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit' - Gal. 5.25



2021 Lenten Renewal Experience

Archbishop Prowse invites all to participate in a new and exciting lenten experience involving live-streamed teaching, prayer, community hubs and discussion.

LIVESTREAMED
Every Thursdays at 7.30pm
to 9.00pm during Lent
18th February – 25th March

Reconciliation Week: 4-11 March
Encounter Night: 18 March
Weekly prayer resources

REGISTER and find out more at <http://walkinthespirit.org.au/>

Walk in the Spirit - Gungahlin Group

Parishioners are all invited to share this Lenten Reflection by gathering together at the Parish Centre on each or any Thursday evening during lent at 7.30 pm.

Enquiries to: Alison Weeks: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com

Parish Cash Handling During COVID-19 and Beyond

Whilst it is realised that it would be highly optimistic of us to think that we could ever achieve 100% cashless Mass Offerings, during 2020, we were around 47%, and with your help, the goal is to increase this to around 70% over the next twelve months.

Whilst this will not be easy, many of us have already commenced paying by alternate methods and if others could do the same we will achieve this goal. Hopefully, this trend will continue over the years to come.

Why Are We Trying To Reduce Cash Received From Our 1st & 2nd Collections?

- ⇒ To give more **Stability** to our income receipts. Our expenses are regular even in COVID conditions, so we need regular receipt of our income, even if the church is not open or has restricted access.
- ⇒ Improves the **Health Safety** of our contributors and volunteer collectors and counters.
- ⇒ Better **Security** and reduced **Workload** of our volunteer counters and bankers.
- ⇒ **Ease** of giving, no need to make sure you have the right money for the plate each week.
- ⇒ More **Versatility** of payment periods. No need to bring money each week, you can organise to pay regularly (eg. weekly, monthly etc), or spasmodically as and when you can afford to pay. Also more versatility in payment methods.
- ⇒ Less **Disturbance** and more **Reverence** during Mass.

How Can We Go About Reducing our Current Cash Collections From 53% to 30%?

1. Make your 1st Collection and/or 2nd Collection by **Internet Banking** through your own bank.
2. Make your 1st Collection and/or 2nd Collection by **Parish Website** via the "Donations" Tab.
3. **Tap & Go**, 4 machines are used around the church. Machines can be 'tapped' multiple times if required. All are set at \$10.
4. **Combination** of any of the above (eg. Planned Giving/2nd Collection by Direct Debit and 1st Collection by Internet Banking).

If You Need To Continue To Pay Cash

Cash Collection Baskets will continue to be taken around at every Mass, or you can lodge in the collection boxes located around the church.

Help

Anyone needing assistance, clarification and/or eBanking training, please contact Tony Rose at the Parish Office (gungahlin.finance@cg.org.au)

Prayer for Health and Healing

Almighty God, you are the only source of health and healing. In you there is calm, and the only true peace in the universe. Grant to each one of us your children an awareness of your presence, and give us perfect confidence in you. In all pain and weariness and anxiety teach us to yield ourselves to your never-failing care, knowing that your love and power surround us, trusting in your wisdom and providence to give us health and strength and peace when your time is best; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: The Nazarene, Vols. 7-9, 1922



WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Secure Online Payments



Online Mass Contribution (First and Second Collections combined)

We encourage you to continue to support our parish by making contributions to our First and Second Collections online. Follow the steps below to make a secure online donation.

1. Click on <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/donations-payments/secure-online-payments/>
2. Select Biller Code 1002872 – Mass Contribution
3. Enter your payment details.

Parish Bank Account Details

BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish

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