



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT
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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

20-21 February 2021

First Sunday of Lent | Year B



What's on this week

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Vigil Mass
6:00pm 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!

Desert Temptations

The story of the temptation is a wonderful portrait of physical and spiritual realities in juxtaposition. On one side is the Spirit, driving Jesus inward to encounter Satan for a contest over authority. In the end, we find Jesus in the company of wild beasts and angels, in perfect harmony, as if heaven and earth were finally made whole. The lion lies down with the lamb, and an angel protects them both.

Jesus struggles over temptations that appeal as much to the body as to the spirit. Both his physical and spiritual natures must be surrendered to God's will, and it is that surrender which marks the beginning and end of his work on earth. "Into your hands I commit my spirit," Jesus sighs from the cross. His body is already committed.

The image of Jesus with beasts and angels reminds us of humanity's ideal: to be at peace with this world and the next. So long as we neglect our responsibilities to one or the other, we won't know lasting peace.

Honour the natural world. Plant some bulbs, take a child to an arboretum, support a wildlife organisation. Honour the spiritual world. Renew your commitment to the spiritual works of mercy.

www.gpbs.com.au

This weekend we welcome the 2021 Confirmation Families.

To help with managing numbers at each of our Masses, we will be offering a **6:00pm Saturday Mass** until Holy Week especially for our Confirmation families. No booking is required to attend, please use the Check In CBR app upon entering the church.



TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Genesis 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

- Liturgy Help



PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE



Jamila from Bangladesh

Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh.

She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and her eight-month-old baby.

With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income.

Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family.

"Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes located in the foyer, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Donate Now

Calling all youth!

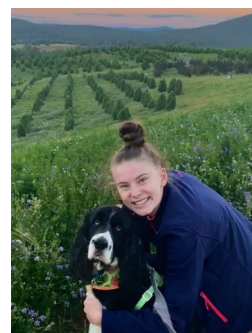
Junior group and senior group! Youth in year 5-12

Sunday 21 February 2021 at 6:30pm—8:30pm

Come along to the parish centre.

\$5 per person to cover food.

Any questions - email Paris at:
youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



YOUTH GROUP

When: 21-2-2021
Time: 6:30-8:30
Where: Holy Spirit parish
Who: Youth in year 5-12

PLEASE BRING \$5
FOR FOOD



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



Parish Lenten Programs 2021

This year the parish is offering two Lenten Programs. Please contact the group coordinators to join. It is not too late!

- * **Tuesdays at 7:30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room—Lenten discussions using the Wollongong publications called "Comfort". Contact Joe Jambor 0401 159 852
- * **Thursdays at 7:30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room—Archbishop's Lenten Program—Walk in the Spirit <https://cgcatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit>
Enquiries to: Alison Weeks: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com

Stations of the Cross

- * **Fridays at 6:00pm** in the church. All are welcome and no booking required.

Children's Sacramental Program



Sacrament of Confirmation

It was great to see so many parents and children at the Confirmation Information Session on Tuesday. If you have not already done so, please complete the online enrolment form to help us get our final numbers so that we can lock in the Confirmation Masses as soon as possible:

<https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/confirmation-enrolment-form/>

First Eucharist and Reconciliation

For children in Year 3 and above.

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 Sacraments please complete the form:

<https://forms.gle/C6y9HEi4g7Ra5c7GA>



For more details please contact

Katrina Battilana: sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

For those who are sick

Armando Sanchez
Baby Aarya
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
Baby Carlito Haby
Margaret Highmore
Oanh Ha
Dannielle Boer
John Weeks
Sue Rolls
Cathy Hanson
Katie Charlton
Olivia Lyon

Recently Deceased

Julio Martinez Cerna
Diana Wilkinson
Eswaran Padayachee
Preeti Padayachee
Claude Camboulive
Bridget McGuigan

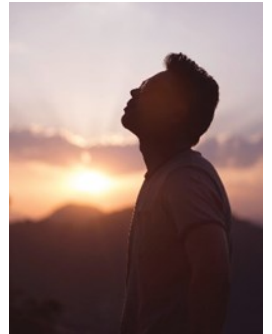
Anniversaries

Nola Newton
Antonio Banhara
Gabriel Hengkiarto
Aimee Louise Crocker
Francis George Zarzour
Walter Konik
Tony O'Shea
Danica Jukic

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

Community News

- ★ **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.
- ★ **2 March 2021 “Raising Fathers”**
A special evening event with Robert Falzon exploring Fathering from the Frontline.
5.30pm - 7.00pm Tuesday 2 March 2021, Haydon Hall, Grnd Floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St Forrest. Please register online by 26 February.
<https://cgatholic.org.au/raisingfathers/>
- ★ **25 March “Men's Cursillo Weekend”**
The Mass is the source and summit of our faith, but you are called to be a fruitful member of the body of Jesus in your daily life. A Cursillo retreat weekend offers the opportunity to explore and enhance your faith life through a program led by local volunteer lay persons and spiritually directed by a priest. This happens in a friendly community atmosphere over a three-day period in the relaxed monastery grounds of St Clements in Galong. A Canberra-Goulburn Cursillo Men's retreat starts 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.

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. (Reference: Your Name and 1st collection or second collection as appropriate).
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

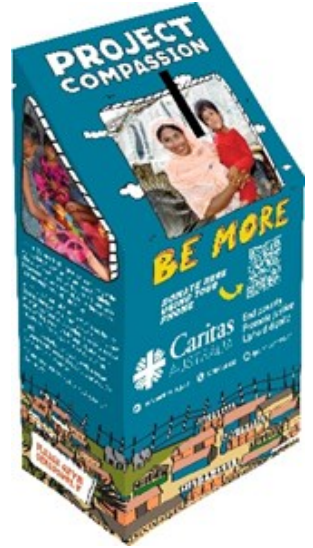
Anyone needing assistance, clarification and/or eBanking training, please contact Tony Rose at the Parish Office (gungahlin.finance@cg.org.au)

Project Compassion Prayer

God of all peoples and nations,
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,
May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,
Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and
Our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.
Through living simply and loving generously,
May we care for our global family and our common home, as we
'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'.

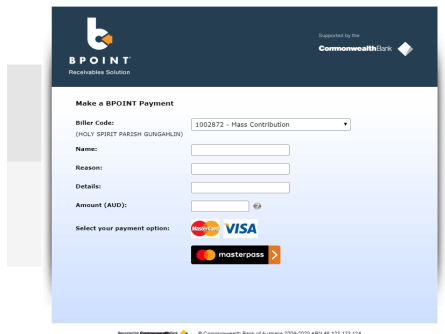
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Saint Oscar Romero



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

CONNECT WITH US

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