



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

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14-15 August 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Year B



I Kiss Your Mother

"Ljubi Maiku!" is a delightful Bosnian expression "I kiss your mother!" (Ljubi maiku!) Bosnian fathers use to praise their children. It means "I kiss your mother because you are such a wonderful child!" or, in other words, "My compliments to your mother!" It's similar to the praise Jesus received by those awed by his ministry: "Blessed is the womb that carried you!"

What's on this week via Zoom

Sunday

9:30am Mass
3:00pm Youth Council

Wednesday

7:00pm RCIA

Mothers often receive praise for the accomplishments of their children; their children's successes and places in society reflects well on their parenting skills. But many mothers - and fathers, too - make the mistake of seeing their self-worth entirely in terms of how well their children do. This holds true particularly in societies where women have little say except when it comes to caring for their children. If a son or daughter succeeds, the mother has proved herself valuable to society and worthy of respect. If her children fail, then she, too, is looked upon as a failure.

If Mary, the mother of Jesus, saw her self-worth solely tied into the accomplishments of her son, she would have a mighty large ego - the man saved the world, after all. But Mary had a much deeper and more inspiring understanding of her purpose.

So, we set aside time this week to commemorate Mary's life on earth and in heaven. In the process we find ourselves wondering how available we've been for God's work in the past year. Have we called on Christ when we needed him and pointed others the way to Jesus, just as Mary did at the wedding of Cana when she asked for Jesus' assistance and said to the servants: "Do whatever he tells you?"

Perhaps we don't quite measure up to Mary. But Mary deserves a kiss, nevertheless, for she not only played a role in shaping our lives as Christians, but she was such a worthy Christian herself.

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Mass Time this weekend:

Sunday 15 April 2021
9:30am via Zoom.
Please see parish app for meeting details.

TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6, 10, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, Luke 1:39-56

Entrance Antiphon: A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Responsorial Psalm: The queen stand at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

- Liturgy Help

Ministry Marvels

Name: Harry Labouchardiere

Time in the parish:

We moved to Canberra when I was in Kindy in 2013. I went to Good Shepherd Primary School and was involved in the parish through school. When I was in year 6 I was asked by one of my lovely teachers if I would be interested in being a voice for the young community and join the Youth Council. After completing my sacrament of Confirmation, I wanted to feel that I was more connected and have more of an understanding of the Mass and asked my teachers whether I could offer to be a reader occasionally. Father Mark was kind enough to give me this opportunity. Last year Alison Weeks asked if I could help as a Mass Coordinator as well, along with the assistance of my mum. I have been reading now for almost 2 years, and a Mass Coordinator for 12 months. I have loved that this gives me a chance to feel involved and gain more understanding of the Mass, and more importantly the message that is being told each week.



Ministry:

Youth Council, Mass Coordinator, Reader

What do you enjoy about your ministry?

I have loved meeting so many new people of all ages and feeling like I belong in a wonderful supportive community. Even when I am suddenly feeling like I'm stepping out of my comfort zone (like the time I was altar server as there was no one else available) Father Mark and Father Thon have been very encouraging and helpful and helped guide me through the role.

What do you like about our parish?

Everyone is very welcoming and friendly and continues to encourage me. I love that even though I am so young, I am able to help, have a voice and am made to feel that I am a part of the parish. There are so many friendly faces and so many people that I now know of all ages because they kindly give their time to talk to me or even just give me a smile. I love the sense of belonging amongst us all, especially in my Saturday evening services.

Fun fact about yourself:

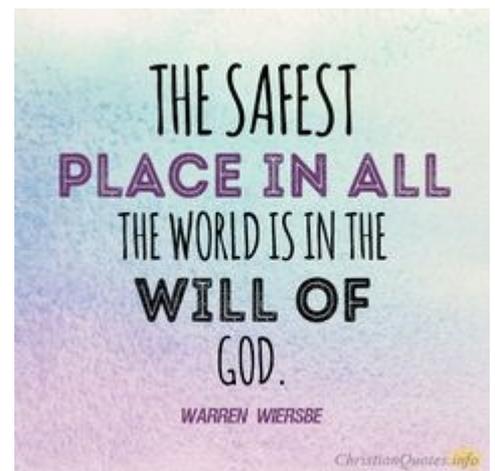
I was thrilled to discover several weeks ago during an audition that I am now 144 cms ... which is only 3 cms shorter than Danny DeVito!

Favourite quote or prayer:

Dr Seuss: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."



Youth Council online meeting on **Sunday 15 August at 3:00pm.**
Please see WhatsApp group chat for meeting details or contact
Paris at: youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE



If you missed the information session last week, please contact the parish office to get information on how you can join the program.



Pastoral Letter

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*"From Mary we learn to
surrender to God's will in all
things.*

*From Mary we learn to
trust even when all hope
seems gone.*

*From Mary we learn to love
Christ her Son and the Son
of God!"*

- Pope St. John Paul II

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



For those who are sick

Armando Sanchez
Baby Aarya
Roland Zocchi
Luke Bogue
Cheryl Anderson
Neil Henderson
Sanne Bergman
Anne Morton
Bernard Croker
Cellia, Julio Snr, Julio Jnr
Margaret Highmore
Oanh Ha
Sue Rolls
Cathy Hanson
Katie Charlton
Ellie Nobel
John Pahlow
Doris Matthews
Lynn Nerdal
Sunshine Alonzo
Guadalupe Cuenca
Sam Malouf
Seamus Ferguson
John Hurley
Margaret Woods
Karen Lewin
Ronald Robles
Patricia Lebon

Recently Deceased

Emmanuel Esteves
Divya D'Souza
Martinita Paqueo
Margaret Kidson
Marilyn Giddens
Kevin Norton
Henry Slyvester
Lloyd Walker
Maria
Anthony Ganley
Cecilia Menezes

Anniversaries

Betty Willis
Jose Nascimento
Pat Doyle

For Those Serving Overseas

Rui Freire

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

*Pope Francis prayer to
Our Lady, Health of the Sick,
to implore her protection
during the Covid-19
coronavirus pandemic*

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.





**Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with
him in heaven.
May we follow her example in
reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless
love and praise.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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