



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

12-13 February 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C



Upcoming Events

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

7:00am Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass
5:00pm Adoration

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

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

Standing on Level Ground

The Sermon on the Mount is the most recognised passage of the gospel. Matthew's gospel pictures Jesus on a hillside preaching. Luke tells us Jesus delivered this famous sermon on a plain. Does it matter whether this is the Sermon on the Mount or the Plain? Scholars have speculated that Luke didn't know any better. As a Greek convert to the faith, he may have never been close enough to the geography of Israel to know the difference.

But in the context of Luke's whole story, it's a shrewd move to have Jesus preaching on level ground. Jesus literally levels the playing field by blessing the poor with the advantages of the rich, promising satisfaction to the hungry, and laughter to those who grieve. He likewise assures those who've made it that "it's trouble ahead". If Jesus stands on a par with the crowds and doesn't enjoy a privileged place, we can be sure the justice of the kingdom will make no exceptions.

**How are you, at this time in life, poor, hungry, sorrowing, or excluded?
How are you rich, satisfied, celebrating, and admired?**

Commit yourself to levelling the playing field. Share your surplus: money, time, love, joy, faith, talent, attention, respect.

"There's trouble ahead when you live only for the approval of others, saying what flatters them, doing what indulges them. Popularity contests are not truth contests – look how many scoundrel preachers were approved by your ancestors! Your task is to be true, not popular".

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Parish Morning Tea after 9:30am Mass this Sunday

TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-12, 16-20, Luke 6:17, 20-26

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: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved. -

Liturgy Help



Upcoming Events

- * **Parish Morning Tea**—Sunday 13 February 2022 after the 9:30am Mass.
- * **Eucharistic Adoration**—Thursdays at 5:00pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.
- * **19-20 February**—Confirmation Commitment Weekend
- * **19-20 February “Engaged Encounter Retreat”**
A two day marriage preparation program in Sydney which provides engaged couples with deeper insights into each other and into married life. \$290 not including accommodation.
Information & registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au



Confirmation 2022

Dear Confirmation Families,

The online registration is now open for the sacrament of Confirmation.

<https://forms.gle/YKL1Tc2ybD8UUgix6>

Children attending Mother Teresa, Holy Spirit and Good Shepherd Schools will be receiving an Information pack on Tuesday. This will be sent home with child. Please read the book carefully as it explains the process and details the special faith

journey that your child is about to embark on.

Children attending our Parish program: (All other schools). The Information pack can be collected from the church on Tuesday 15 February at 6:15pm. If you have any question please contact Katrina at the Parish office: 02 6242 9622 or email: sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Fr Mark's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

You are invited to celebrate this special occasion with Fr Mark. There will be a Mass followed by a light lunch. The Parish Office will organise a bus for all those who would prefer not to drive and travel as a group!

When: Sunday 27 February 2022

Time: Mass at 11:00am

Where: Christ The King Church, Taralga—15 MacArthur St, Taralga NSW

For numbers and catering purposes, please RSVP and let us know if you can make it by following the link below.

RSVP and seats booking: <https://forms.gle/HijrCpuevab7uVEm8>



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



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Katie Charlton
Ronald Robles
Patricia Lebon
Glenn Mowbray
Gabrielle Eagles
Roland Zocchi
Graham Seymour
Helen Morris
Mark Williams
Sr Marie
Laurie Hancock
Jasna Market-Simpson
Nikola Market
Kathy Morris
Heather Hickey
Fr Paul Uwedimo
Muhammad Redza
Charlie Prasad

Recently Deceased

Margaret Ord
Chita Japa

Anniversaries

Joan and John Cleary
Ronald Norman D'Cruze
Justina Balberona
Nola Newton
Walter and Patricia Burke
Antonio Banhara

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

[Prayer Requests](#)



Please continue to bring donations for our food pantry.

Term 1 Youth Group Dates

Come along to the parish centre on Sundays from 6:00pm—8:00pm:

- ◆ 13 February
- ◆ 27 February
- ◆ 13 March
- ◆ 27 March

\$5 per person to cover food. Any questions - email Paris at: youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



Urgent Accommodation Required

A parish family (a single mum and her children) is in desperate need of urgent temporary accommodation. The family have to be out of their current home by 23 February and currently have no place to go. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.



Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God:

This is taken from the national archives of the letters of pure-hearted kids to their pastors proving how pure they are in heart:

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody, but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8, Nashville.

- * Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age 10, New Haven.
- * Dear Pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to play Bingo at Church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9, Albany.
- * Dear Pastor, I would like to go to Heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8, Chicago.
- * Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your Church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9. Tacoma.
- * Dear Pastor, Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher. Thank you, Alexander. Age 10, Raleigh.
- * Dear Pastor, My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua. Age 10, South Pasadena.
- * Dear Pastor, who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? Sincerely, Christopher. Age 9, Titusville.
- * Dear Pastor, Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class. Carla. Age 10, Salina.
- * Dear Pastor, How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, Marie. Age 9, Lewiston



Social Justice Matters

February 13 is the anniversary of the apology to the stolen generation. The following article is written by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ for Jesuit Communications and Social Services.

The [Apology of then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to the Stolen Generations](#) on 13 February 2008 is a landmark in Australian history.

Once Inconceivable, it is now set in stone forever. It is also a measuring stick by which to judge the present treatment of Indigenous Australians as well as Parliamentary conduct today.

Apologies are significant because they are expressions of respect. They also acknowledge a moral code shared by both parties, and a common acceptance that it has unjustifiably been disregarded. They also imply a pledge to act differently in the future. The respect embodied in the apology is based in the common humanity shared by both parties, which lies deeper than differences based on religion, race and wealth.

In the Apology, the Australian Government spoke on behalf of all Australians in recognising that it acted wrongly in removing Indigenous children from their parents. The removal was dictated by the disrespectful claim that its targets were defined, not by their shared humanity, but by their race. This disrespect caused lasting damage to the children and families.

It was of great significance that the Prime Minister made the Apology in person to representatives of the Stolen Generations. In doing so, he emphasised that all Australians are equally entitled to respect, and that the Government and all Australians are responsible to ensure treat all Australians are treated equally, regardless of race and history.

The Apology made strong statements about the way we Australians commit ourselves to treat one another. They can never be unsaid. They can, however, be disregarded. For that reason, the Apology continues to be important. It is a measuring stick by which both Parliamentary behaviour and the treatment of Indigenous Australians can be judged.

The dignity, seriousness and non-partisan spirit of the Apology stands in judgment on the rancorous disregard of Parliamentary conventions, lack of seriousness and courtesy displayed and so widely criticised in subsequent years. It also, of course, contrasted with much Parliamentary conduct in preceding years.

The Apology has also set a standard by which we can measure the treatment of Indigenous Australians today. In particular, it highlights the disrespect underlying the election-driven intervention that preceded the Apology and the subsequent humiliating and disempowering measures directed against Indigenous communities. Though not driven directly by racially biased ideology, too, the disproportionate rate at which Indigenous children are removed from their mothers, Indigenous children are incarcerated and decisions are made without proper consultation about Indigenous communities, indicate a serious institutional lack of respect. Finally, the Apology is something to build on. In the Australian community, it has become increasingly common to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land. Indigenous Australians called on to speak at these events no longer come as guests but as hosts. A significant number of Indigenous Australians are entering the professions and the arts, and lead programs in such Community Organisations as Jesuit Social Services.

These things do not make up for the Institutional disrespect suffered by Indigenous Australians. They do offer hope, however, that the spirit of the Apology may engender respect in the relationship between settler and Indigenous Australians.

Finance Matters

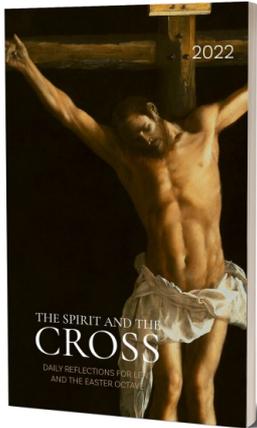
<u>Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2021</u>				
	2021 Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget 2022
<u>Income</u>				
Planned Giving/Second Collection	289,728	288,952	-776	293,000
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	8,200	13,855	5,655	11,900
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.	29,000	31,680	2,680	30,000
Other Revenue	28,000	24,893	-3,107	30,000
Total	354,928	359,380	4,452	364,900
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Administration	242,972	220,719	-22,253	250,017
Insurances	28,600	29,250	650	29,300
Capital Items	3,000	74,878	71,878	16,000
Property Expenses	31,150	5,480	-25,670	20,180
Loan Repayments	36,000	115,897	79,897	
Total	341,722	446,224	104,502	315,497
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$13,206	(\$86,844)	(\$100,050)	\$49,403

Thanks everyone for your continued financial support of our Parish during these challenging times. The statements show that we paid off the loan balance of the Parish Centre and Presbytery. We also constructed a fence around the Presbytery to improve security and give the priests some privacy, as well as two awnings to the back of the presbytery to reduce glare and heat. We also installed a new audio-visual system in the church in conjunction with Good Shepherd School. We continue the move to cashless contributions. We thank you for this and encourage anyone wishing to move to cashless contributions to contact Tony Rose in the office.

Merciful God,

You care for Your people with the strength of a father and the tenderness of a mother;
and You desire to give us new life in the Holy Spirit.
You sent Jesus Your Son as Saviour of all people; He proclaimed the gospel of the Kingdom
and healed those who suffered from illness and disease.
We ask You to send the grace of Your Son to us now, that He may bring healing and hope
to all who suffer with infirmity and sickness.
Send the Holy Spirit to impart that new life which comes from Jesus Your Son,
through the power of His death and resurrection.
May the same life-giving Spirit sustain and enlighten all who care for the sick and infirm,
and all who seek cures for the diseases that afflict our human condition.
Through Christ, our Healer and Lord.
Amen.

The Spirit and the Cross— A Lent and Easter Octave Resource for Individuals and Groups.



- A small book that is easy to carry, and read, while commuting or sitting at home.
- Daily reflections for Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, Easter Monday to the Second Sunday of Easter

The Spirit and the Cross will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. Order online or contact the parish office.

\$5.00 per copy!

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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

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