



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

7-8 May 2022

4th Sunday of Easter | Year C



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

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



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

8:30am
2nd and 4th Sunday of
each month

People of Delight

The slogan "Think Different," reminds me that as Christians, we are called to "see different". We're invited to look at the world which seems to have gotten so much out of hand and believe Jesus still has his sheep in hand. We watch our loved ones die and still believe that only mortal life is passing away. We view the misery and poverty of people on the streets and refuse to be paralysed into inaction. We're aware that the violence in our society, and the violence we harbor in our hearts, is definitely related. We perceive that all the world's children are our children. Others may tell us that people get what they deserve, and not to waste our pity on the disadvantaged or marginalised ones. But we, who deserve condemnation and get mercy instead, can't be so smug. We're in the hands of the good Shepherd who speaks gentle words of life and hope. Promised an imperishable future, can we see those perishing all around us and NOT see how the world can and must be different?

Make a short list of the world's problems. Create two columns of response: one for what conventional wisdom suggests we do, and the other for the response demanded by the gospels. What motives underlie each response?

Laugh often. Give someone a reason to smile. Greet strangers warmly. Play and have fun. Don't worry how it looks to anyone else.
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It seems fitting that Mother's Day this year falls on Good Shepherd Sunday. The love of the women in our lives is an echo of the biblical way of shepherding, where the shepherd leads the flock, calling each by name.

Happy Mother's Day to all mums, mums-to-be, grandmas, great-grandmas, godmothers, and women who dedicate their lives to their children. You are truly a blessing to your families and to our parish.



TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52, Revelations: 7-9, 14-17, John 10:27-30

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia. - *Liturgy Help*



SHARE

*in the joy of growing our
parish garden*

**Saturday 14 May from 10:30am -noon
Meet outside the church.**

**PLANT BULBS FROM LAST YEARS
DISPLAY AND TAKE THEM HOME TO
NURTURE UNTIL SPRING**

We invite our parish community to help us plant last year's bulbs and to take them home to nurture them over winter and to bring them back later in the year.

Please bring along pots if you have some otherwise we will provide second hand pots.

We have 600-700 bulbs of varying quality and variety as was seen in last year's display.

The pots will need to be returned mid September to add to our garden display.

Instructions will be provided on 14 May.

Let God Get a Word in Edgewise

You know the moment in a conversation when you realise you've been talking someone's ear off? Maybe they're understanding that you need to rant or spill your guts or spew good news. Maybe they're patiently listening, nodding, looking you in the eye, waiting for their turn to even respond to your incessant chatter – much less share anything about themselves. And it suddenly occurs to you how rude you're being, and you stop and take a breath and give them a chance to speak. Maybe you even apologise for monologuing for so long.

For me, the pandemic was that moment in my life-long conversation with God. It was if God raised a finger and said, "Um, excuse me, can I say something?" When COVID ground life to a shocking halt, I was embarrassed to realise I'd been doing most of the communication, even if it was well-meaning and full of thanks and praise. It was in the stiller, quieter new reality that God was finally able to get a word in edgewise.

I learned that if I really wanted to keep hearing my shepherd's voice, and know how to follow, the first step was cutting back on all my bleating.

Imagine if the whole flock did that – how much better we all could listen!

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2023 Synod of Bishops Archdiocesan Synthesis Report

Fr Richard Thompson will be presenting this Report to the Archbishop during the 11am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral on 15 May. This Mass is live-streamed. The presentation of this Report completes the local consultation phase and is a synthesis of all the local submissions received. This Report is now added to all the Reports from every Australian diocese and from that compilation the bishops will arrive at an Australian synthesis to present at the 2023 Synod on Synodality in Rome. The local Synthesis Report will be available to all from 16 May 2022.

Cursillo Weekend

Cursillo is Spanish for a "little course" and provides an experience of Christian living over 3 days. Many have found a Cursillo weekend provides a new direction for being a Christian in today's world. Why not join us and spend some time reconnecting with your God. Please note, subsidies are available for those experiencing financial difficulty.

WESTERN WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND 12th to 15th May, St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong for further information contact Dianne Franks at dmfranks@bigpond.com or Mob: 0418619740

Archbishop Prowse will address a Celebration Dinner of the ACT Right to Life Assn. at Sthn Cross Club Woden, Wednesday 1 June. All welcome. Please book online at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897e-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897> or Ring Bev 0418 718 713.



Project Compassion

Please return your project compassion contributions as soon as possible. Please bring to Mass this weekend or you can drop it off to the parish office.



Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention – May

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Joan Croker
Raj Pratik
Christopher
Diego Castaneda
Don Rose
Jan Hancock
Bishop Anthony Rebello

Recently Deceased

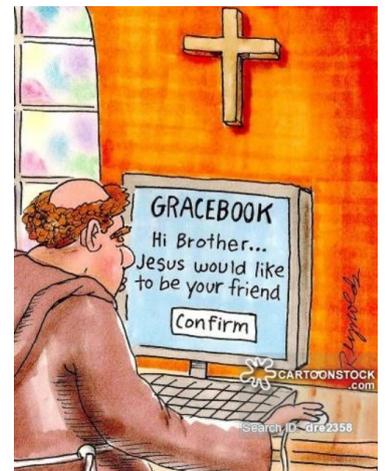
Bec Kotz
Vincenzo Raco
Candida Stilo

Anniversaries

Joan and Ernest Guilfoyle
Jo Malouf
Anthony Lim
Karen Soon
Dominador Aquino
Lualhati Aquino

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](#)



Fr Mark's 25th Celebration

Join us after 9:30am Mass for a BBQ cake and cuppa to celebrate Fr Mark's 25th year of being ordained as a priest. All are welcome, bring the whole family!



Finance Update

Thank you everyone for your continued financial support of our parish.

Our Income is above budget so far this year. Planned giving has remained strong. Other income is also above budget with a lot of baptisms and the piety stall run by the Legion of Mary proving very successful. Overall Expenditure is below Budget for the year to date. Capital works to install solar panels has unfortunately fallen through. Repairs and maintenance have been higher than budgeted.

Overall this has resulted in a cash surplus.

If you would like more detailed information please contact Tony Rose (Finance Officer) at the Parish Office.

Income & Expenditure (3 months) to 31/3/2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance
<u>Income</u>			
Planned Giving/Second Collection	68,000	68,123	\$123
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	2,875	4,180	\$1,305
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.	7,000	6,710	(\$290)
Other Revenue	4,330	8,474	\$4,144
Total	82,205	87,487	\$5,282
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Administration	6,922	7,658	(\$736)
Priest's Cars and Superannuation	5,751	5,751	\$0
Salaries, Super, A Leave & LSL	39,218	35,324	\$3,894
Insurances	6,550	6,554	(\$4)
Other Expenses	1,550	2,890	(\$1,340)
Appeals/Donations/Quotas	4,500	3,612	\$888
Capital Items	4,000	-	\$4,000
Overall Property Expenses	995	271	\$724
Repairs & Maintenance	500	1,392	(\$892)
Total	69,986	63,452	\$6,534
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$12,219	\$24,035	\$1,252



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PRESENTS

Youth

GROUP

Invite a Friend

1 May, 15 May, 29 May, 12 June

6PM - 8PM

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bring \$5 to cover food!

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Mass Etiquette

The Mass is the most awesome event on earth: Jesus Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist, body and blood, soul and divinity. At Mass, God's people gather to offer praise and worship to Him, and to be spiritually nourished by Him. Is it really such a burden to remain in church until the Mass is completely concluded? Please stay in the Church until Fr Mark or Fr Thonn has walked down the aisle.



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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