



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT and 220 Victoria St, Hall ACT
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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

5-6 August 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord | Year A



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

9:15am Mass
6:00pm Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass
12:00pm Mass

Saturday

4:50pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

A Divine Design

(Matthew 17: 1 - 9)

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a lion when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my dying friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakened body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all of earth's delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw it on that fateful day.

Pray

God, may your mystery surround us and your light shine on us. May your Spirit explore with us and be our companion. May what we do not understand send us on a journey with you today. Amen.

Ponder

Get ready to participate in some powerful transfigurations! Ask God to change the rough, ugly, or impossible roads in your life into freeways for grace. Invite the Holy Spirit to make the valleys smooth, and the mountains low. "Don't breathe a word of what you've seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk".

Kids' Corner

The disciples are confused and scared when they hear the voice from the cloud and see Jesus in his glory. But here on the mountain, they are told to listen to Jesus. That's good to remember anytime you're worried or afraid: Listen to what Jesus says to you. Trust that he loves you. Then, like the disciples, you can get up and get moving. You can have courage in God's love for you.

Loving God, help me trust you and listen to you. Amen. - www.gpbs.com.au



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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



Pantry Donations Needed!

Our pantry supplies are low and we need your help to fill it up so that we can continue to help the Gungahlin region's vulnerable families.

Upcoming Events

- * **Wednesday 9 August at 7:00pm | Becoming Catholic Information Session**
All are invited to encourage people they know who are seeking to find out more about the Catholic faith to attend this session. Session will be held at the Parish Office.
- * **Thursday 10 August | Vocations discernment dinner** at Queanbeyan presbytery: 5:30pm Mass, 6pm Confessions & Adoration, 6:45 dinner, 7:45 Vocations discussion & 8:30 conclude with Night Prayer. For young men considering a call to the priesthood. To rsvp contact Fr Josh josh.scott@cg.org.au or Fr Emil 0414523036.
- * **Wednesday 16 August at 7:00pm | RCIA Mentors Information Session**
All who would like to take a role as a mentor for someone who is learning about the Catholic faith. Session will be held at the Parish Office. For more information, contact theivani@holypsiritgungahlin.org.au
- * **Morning Beans for Young Adults will return on Friday 18 August at 7:30am-9:00am** - Blossoms Café Ngunnawal
- * **Saturday 26 August at 7:00pm | Parish Family Games Night**
Save the date! Tickets on sale now via Qkr!
- * **8-15 October | Parish 30th Anniversary Celebrations**
Save the date for this week long celebration of various events.



Adult Faith Formation—Change of time

Tuesday 15 August 2023 ONLY

Please note that for Tuesday 15 August only the session will be held at 5:00pm instead of the usual 5:30pm. We hope you can still make it.

Community Garden Group

The gardening group will meet for an exchange of ideas and planning the next season's planting on **Saturday 5 August at 11:00am** at the garden area. This is a great opportunity to meet the members and get involved!

All are welcome, you do not have to be Catholic to enjoy the gardens. So please invite your friends and neighbours!

Contact: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 15 August 2023

9:30am with Good Shepherd School
7.00pm at Holy Spirit Church

The Assumption is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and a Holy Day of Obligation. It is one of the most important feasts of the Church year. Families and parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass on this day.



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



For those who are sick

Jim Banks
Dorrell Hogan
Alan Demascus
Kathy Morris
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Caitlin Wigglesworth
Kwang Hui Lim
Grant
Maria Therese Cummins
Gail
Peter Knight
Elizabeth
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Cyril Jolicoeur
Jan Morris
Bill Honess
Ghylianne Chelmiah
Mon
Tony Johnston
Brianna Alter
Joyceline Radjam
Dylan Smith
Jason Yeh

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Philippa Weeks
Betty Willis
Resurrecion Baylin

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

[Prayer Requests](#)



Tickets on sale now!

Gather a few friends and book your table.



Who is Mary MacKillop?

Mary Helen MacKillop was born in 1842 in Victoria to Scottish immigrant parents and grew up with seven brothers and sisters. At the age of twenty-four, she dedicated her life to God and took on the name "Mary of the Cross." Mary was an ordinary woman with an extraordinary dream and a big heart. Her dream was to give the poorest families and most neglected children access to education and safe shelter by opening schools. With what little resources they had, Mary and Father Tenison Woods turned an old stable into a school in Penola, South Australia. In 1866 Mary and Father Tenison worked together to set up the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites). This was the first religious order to be founded by an Australian. As a passionate educator, Mary broke through the prejudice of the early 19th century to educate all—regardless of gender, race, faith, or wealth—while ministering to the vulnerable with compassion. She and the Sisters of St Joseph went wherever the need was greatest. They gave up everything to live and teach amongst the people they served.

What is a Feast Day?

All Saints have dedicated Feast Days when they are remembered with special mention and prayers. Mary MacKillop's Feast Day is on 8th August, which is the day she died. Mary's Feast Day is a wonderful time to reflect on the qualities and actions that set her apart, and how her legacy continues to be relevant today. Mary MacKillop fiercely believed in the power of education to lift communities out of poverty. Education in Australia is what it is today, thanks in large part to the dedication and determination of Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph.

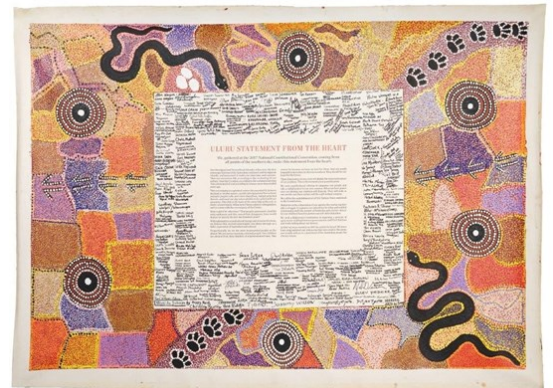
What does it mean to be a Saint?

One of the most inspiring things about Saints is that they are people who lived in the world just like us. As we can see with Mary's life, Saints dedicated every day to honouring God and sharing His love by serving others. Canonisation is when the Pope declares that a person, who has died, practiced heroic virtue and devotion to God during their life. The act proclaims that the person is now with God in heaven, intercedes for us before the Lord, and is to be publicly recognised by the whole Church. On 4th August 1909, Cardinal Moran visited Mary MacKillop as she was preparing for death. He gave her his blessing and, as he left, said, "I consider I have this day assisted at the deathbed of a Saint." Mary died a few days later on 8th August 1909. At her funeral Mass, people rushed to touch her body with rosaries, which was a practice very unusual in Australia. When she was laid to rest at Gore Hill, many people even took samples of earth from her grave as a precious reminder. Her remains are now in the Mary MacKillop Memorial chapel at North Sydney. Mary MacKillop was canonised on 17th October 2010 at Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome. www.marymackilloptoday.org.au

The Voice to Parliament

Last weekend we 'started the conversation' to get us to think, pray and to raise awareness about The Voice to Parliament which as many parishioners have said, is a social justice issue. This week we continue with a short reflection prepared by a parishioner.

Celebrated Catholic author Fr Richard Rohr OFM reminds us in his recent daily meditations how Jesus' social justice strategy is solidarity. Jesus consistently *stands with* the excluded, the oppressed and the poor, in union with them, contrary to custom. Mary does the same, by standing at the foot of the cross. Jesus and Mary *stand with* the pain, to call us all to lives of communion and solidarity with the world's suffering, and in doing this, they offer a pathway to hope and enlightenment – and reflect God's message of love for all life on this planet.



The Uluru Statement from the Heart is the call to hope. The Voice is the call to love.

To walk with our First Nations brothers and sisters in this journey of truth and hope is part of the call, and the challenge of saying 'yes' to the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and the Voice to Parliament.

To stand with our First Nations brothers and sisters and to embrace their cries, their pain, their desire for a just future and a means of recognition.

For all who are interested in learning more, there will be an information session run by the Parish Social Justice Group after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 13 August where there will be a chance to discuss together the Uluru Statement and The Voice to Parliament.

[The Uluru Statement from the Heart: Voice, Treaty, Truth - Australian Geographic What is the Uluru Statement from the Heart?](#)

From the Parish Council

The Parish Council met this week to discuss a range of events and issues from across the Parish. We have been very thankful for your outreach to us both individually and collectively on issues that are concerning you such as the persecution of Catholics in India as reported in many media sources. We continue to pray for our fellow Catholics and have been on the search for ways we can help through organisations like Caritas.



We welcome several new members to the Council after the discernment evening in mid-July with current and new candidates. It was an evening of prayer and reflection for the attendees, and something we would like to do annually to refresh and renew the council. We will be able to announce Council membership in the coming weeks in the bulletin and post who they are in the Parish foyer. If you see the councillors around at Mass or other events, please reach out as we want to hear from **YOU**.

With first Eucharist on in the Parish now and 188 smiling candidates, we took the time to consider how the parish can do more to reach the children (those between 0 and 16) and their parents. The very robust conversation ranged far and wide on the subject. Some of the ideas we hope to roll out in the coming months are an Altar server recruitment event to acknowledge this calling for our candidates, engaging new families to our schools in the new year with a letter to connect with us at Mass, and looking towards more post mass morning teas as the weather gets warmer. There is still more groundwork to do, but if you have any ideas, please reach out to us through the parish office email office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or at Mass with the councillors. In the meantime, we ask all parishioners to congratulate and encourage our young candidates and their parents each week as they progress to their first Reconciliation and Eucharist in September.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the upcoming **Parish Games Night on 26 Aug 23**. Proceeds from the night will go to rejuvenating our youth programs. From experience, we know our dedicated teachers usually win the evening, so we are looking forward to seeing these carry over champions on the evening. Because of this we have given ourselves an informal theme and challenge for the night, "*Beat the Teachers.*" Please book a table or a chair on the website or inquire at Mass about tickets in the coming weeks. We still need a couple of volunteers for the night to "*laugh at,*" judge the answers. Information is in the bulletin.



The 30th Anniversary will be on us soon (8-15 October). The week will start with an uplifting Youth Mass, fresh off their World Youth Day pilgrimage, on 8 October 2023. During the week we will have a Ministries and Groups Expo event on 12 October 2023, whole of Parish dinner planned for 13 October 2023 and events, like a Parish Assembly, around the Masses at Holy Spirit (Amaroo) and St Francis Wavier (Hall) over 14/15 October 2023. We are looking for any groups in the Parish to reach out and register their interest in having a table at the Expo event. We have already had some groups reaching out and register interest. Please do not miss out. Mark the dates in your calendar and watch out for booking and other details.

I will close with how well we have come through COVID and listened to the Plenary Council, and so we are actively on the hunt to hear your insights and thoughts on the next thirty years for the Parish. Please send us messages and talk to us at Mass, in the playgrounds, and through the other activities of the Parish. Through your insights we can remain vibrant and blessed.

Sean Ryan

Chair of the Parish Council

HOLY SPIRIT

YOUTH Cungahlin Youth Group

 Yr 5 - 8

 Every Week: 5-7pm

We start together with **Mass** and sit at the front, on the left side, near the choir.

FUN - SNACKS - FAITH

Term 3 Dates

Week 1: July 23

Fun Night

Week 5: Aug 20

Story Time 'World Youth Day'

Week 6: Aug 26

Family Games Night

- **Saturday** 7pm - 9:30

(Gold coin entry)

Week 7: Sep 3

Youth Series

Week 8: Sep 10

Fun Night

Week 9: Sep 17

Youth Series

Week 10: Sep 24

Fun Night



At Holy Spirit Church (93 Burdekin Avenue, Amaroo)



Have a question?

Matthew.allen@cg.org.au



Finance Update

Parish Financial Facts That We Need To Be Aware Of That Are Highlighted In The Statistics Below

In speaking to some parishioners, there seem to be a perception that the Parish is still producing substantial profits as it once did in the past, however, this is far from the truth. With the declining mass attendances and reduction of Planned Givers and Pledged Amounts, the "glory" years of the past, where we achieved surpluses of over \$100,000, have truly vanished. As we move from a time of newly constructed buildings and are now entering the cycle of replacement, repairs and maintenance, we can expect ongoing substantial expenditure in this area for many years to come.

In view of this ever changing financial climate, where everyone is experiencing little growth in income and substantial growth in expenses, the Parish is no exception so with known decreases in income and increases in expenditure we have found it necessary to revise our original budget for the 2023 year, which now estimates a small surplus of \$6,812. This is not an attempt to frighten anyone, but simply keeping you abreast of the Parish's current financial position.

Overall, our income so far this year, is a little above budget, however planned giving continues to decline. Other, smaller sources of income, such as the Piety Stall, are providing some modest offset. Expenditure is right on budget for the year to date, but, along with the rising cost of living we all face, we expect to incur higher expenses.

Income & Expenditure (6 months) to 30/6/2023 Plus Revised Budget to 31/12/2023 and Some Past Performances (Excluding Church/Office/Presbytery Building and Loan Repayments & Interest)							
	Actual 31/12/2008	Actual 31/12/2015	Actual 31/12/2022	Budget to June 2023	Actual to June 2023	Variance	Revised Annual Budget 2023
Planned Givers	348	334	275		253		
Income							
Planned Giving/Second Collection	231,699	260,876	284,351	137,000	141,527	\$4,527	275,000
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals		12,975	21,040	8,000	7,410	(\$590)	16,000
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.		31,525	31,060	16,000	15,200	(\$800)	19,800
Other Revenue	153,554	39,470	43,711	13,370	14,741	\$1,371	39,800
Total	385,253	344,846	380,162	174,370	178,878	4,508	350,600
Expenditure							
Administration	21,709	19,161	37,119	19,570	17,035	(\$2,535)	36,750
Priest's Cars and Superannuation	11,294	16,110	23,095	11,595	11,595	\$0	23,283
Salaries, Super, A Leave & LSL	5,330	81,731	162,622	91,448	92,143	\$695	185,625
Insurances	16,651	21,847	30,997	15,004	14,987	(\$17)	37,980
Other Expenses	6,137	8,574	10,037	8,650	8,413	(\$237)	22,900
Appeals/Donations/Quotas	28,237	49,216	16,504	9,000	7,109	(\$1,891)	20,000
Capital Items		4,972	12,950	3,000	11,109	\$8,109	3,000
Overall Property Expenses	7,741	6,215	4,271	1,620	531	(\$1,089)	3,250
Repairs & Maintenance			58,319	8,000	5,078	(\$2,922)	11,000
Total	97,099	207,826	355,914	167,887	168,000	113	343,788
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	288,154	137,020	24,248	6,483	10,878	4,395	6,812

Finance Update continued...

Capital Expenditure and Repairs and Maintenance Carried Out Over The Past Six Months	
Roof Repairs Continue	Hopefully recent work carried out will bring an end to all roof leaks.
Church Heaters	Have been serviced and repaired and are now fully operational.
Office Flooring	Carpet has been laid in the public area and meeting room.
Presbytery Doors	Security screens have been installed on the presbytery front door.
Office Exterior Painting & patching	Both of these jobs have been carried out by Frank Glavinic for the cost of materials only, saving the Parish substantial expenditure. Thank you Frank for the great work and the time and effort you put in, it is very much appreciated.
Church Eves (Under cover leading to and around church front entrances) Repair and repaint.	

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

FAMILY

Games Night

7:00PM - 9:30PM
SATURDAY 26 AUGUST
HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH & GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL HALL
93 BURDEKIN AVENUE, AMAROO

TRIVIA ROUNDS!
PRIZES FOR BEST THEMED TABLE
GAMES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

\$10 per person
Gold Coin Entry for under 12 years old

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via Qkr! (preferred)



Or via this [link online](#)

Please contact the
parish office if you
have questions.

Mass Ministry Rosters!

The August roster has been emailed and now available on the Pocket Parish App. Please let us know your availability for September Masses via this [link](#). If you would like to join our volunteer group for any Masses to be a reader, Altar server, Powerpoint operator, please [sign up here!](#)
Or contact Anne:
officesupport@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



Training—Readers (Ministers of the Word)

There will be a short training session for new readers on Sunday 6 August after the 5pm Mass.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

First Collection (Supporting all priests of the Archdiocese)

1. BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00029248 Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund Ref: Gungahlin and Surname
2. Tap and Go machines or Qkr!

Second Collection (For the upkeep of our parish, staff salaries, parish loans, liturgical needs etc)

1. Click on <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/donations-payments/secure-online-payments/>
2. Direct Credit: BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish
3. Tap and Go machines or Qkr!



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