



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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Supporting and supported by Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd,
Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

12-13 August 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:30am Mass
5pm Faith Formation
7:00pm Mass

Wednesday

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

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass
7:30am Morning Beans
12:00pm Mass

Saturday

4:50pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

A Walk on the Wild Side

(Matthew 14: 22 - 33)

Peter was a fisherman. He was long accustomed to the sea and its moods, and surely this was not the first stormy night he'd spent on the water. Peter knew how to compensate for wind and waves in choppy weather. He also knew there was a point beyond which negotiation with a tempest was impossible. But Peter had no experience at all with a ghost, or a man, walking on the waves. Like the others in the boat, he was afraid. But like the others, he was willing to negotiate with this new situation. Peter decided to take a walk on the wild side.

A fisherman who stays with his boat knows how to ride a wave. But with wind at his back and water under his feet, all Peter had for support was the steady view of his Lord. As his consciousness of the peril grew, his confidence in the Lord shrank. Many of us too have lost our faith in time of crisis. Our trust in God is steady within the boat, and up for grabs when life is less predictable. Peter scores points for risking a walk on the wild side, which the rest of the disciples were unwilling to do. An untested faith is worse than the "little faith" Peter showed. God can always plant a mustard seed.

When has your faith been tested by stormy events?
How did your faith endure?

Pray

God of endings and new beginnings, we encounter you amidst a broken world. You invite us into these spaces of brokenness – into these cracks, through which the light shines. Thank you for the gift of your presence, even though the difficulty of the unknown and uncomfortable. Amen.

Ponder

Walk in faith, even if it means getting out of the safe boat you've been sailing lately. Take a risk: give charitably beyond what's comfortable. Tell the truth even if it costs you. Pray through your doubts. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid!"

Kids' Corner

Here's how it went when you learned to ride a bike: You were pedalling along just fine until you realised that nobody was holding on. Did you crash then? Keep going? Following Jesus is a little bit like that too. Luckily, we don't have to do it on our own. Jesus will never let go!

Jesus, I believe that you will be with me no matter what. Help me to always follow your lead. Amen. www.gpbs.com.au

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 15 August 2023

Mass at 9:30am with Good Shepherd School
and 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.



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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



Mary - A timeless role model

Mary, the mother of Jesus, stands as a timeless role model, embodying the essence of faith, love, and courage. From the moment the angel Gabriel appeared to her, announcing she would bear the Son of God, Mary's unwavering trust in God's plan became evident.

Her unconditional love and selflessness inspire us to embrace life's challenges with grace and humility. Mary's quiet but powerful presence serves as a reminder that even in the ordinary, we can encounter the extraordinary.

As we navigate the complexities of our own lives, Mary's unwavering faith beckons us to trust in divine guidance and to embrace the path of love and service. Through her example, we find solace, hope, and the courage to become better versions of ourselves, mirroring her profound devotion to God and humanity.

Parish News and Events

* Sunday 13 August | The Voice to Parliament

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.

* 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.



Tuesday 15 August at 5pm

Please note that the following week on 22 August the session will be held at the usual time - 5:30pm at the Parish office.

TOPIC: The last things: What happens after we die?

'Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration' St. Teresa of Calcutta

Holy Hour and Reconciliation - every Wednesday in the Church from 6pm - 7pm. All are welcome to come to adore Our Lord Jesus Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist and experience the peace and healing that he offers us

Mass Ministry Rosters!

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:

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



For those who are sick

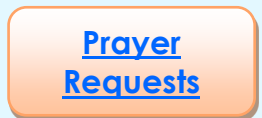
Jim Banks
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Alan Demascus
Kathy Morris
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Caitlin Wigglesworth
Kwang Hui Lim
Grant
Maria Therese Cummins
Gail
Peter Knight
Elizabeth
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Cyril Jolicoeur
Jan Morris
Bill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

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.



God, you are my help and comfort; you shelter and surround me in love so tender that I may know your presence with me, now and always. Amen."

Pantry Donations Needed!

Thank you so much for always responding generously to our pantry call-outs.

Our pantry supplies are running very low and the demand to help our needy families is very high at present. Our Vinnies team need your help to fill the pantry. Please donate generously! Donations can be brought to weekend Mass or to the parish office.

Thank you 😊



Suggested items:

425g Soup
420g Peas
420g Peas and Carrots
420g Corn Kernels
420g tomatoes
420g Legumes
420g Creamed Corn
500g Dolmino Pasta Sauce
1kg Rice
1kg Weetbix
250g Rolled Oats
200g Instant Coffee
50 bags Black Tea
420g Baked Beans

420g Spaghetti
420g Beetroot
425g Tuna
Bottle of Pancake Mix
1 litre long life milk



Social Justice Group Message

The Voice to Parliament

Over the last two weeks we have been talking about the proposal for a Voice to Parliament for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The official Yes and No cases for and against the Voice can be found on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.

This week we invite parishioners to come together to discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which the Voice proposal came from.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have encouraged all Catholics to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

[UluruStatementfromtheHeartPLAINTEXT.pdf](#)

A copy of the Uluru Statement from the Heart is available in the foyer.

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World Youth Day 2023



The Holy Spirit was alive and active in Portugal this past week, with 1.5 million pilgrims gathering in Lisbon for World Youth Day's Final Mass.

The Pope encouraged those gathered to let Jesus be the light in their life so they might bring that light to others. He calls on young people to shine, to listen, and to be unafraid.

"We do not become luminous when we focus the spotlight on ourselves," he said. "We become luminous, we shine, when, welcoming Jesus, we learn to love like Him. To love like Jesus: that makes us luminous, that leads us to do works of love."

We pray for all of those who gathered at World Youth Day, and who are now making their way back to their communities back home. May they bring some of the light of the event with them to share with the rest of us.



Trip to Sabah 2023 (21st June – 4th July 2023)

Recently my daughter Kate and I joined Gordet and Jane Maan on a trip to Sabah in Borneo. We did sightseeing things, and were very impressed by the fact that a lot of Kota Kinabalu (the capital) is built on land reclaimed from the Mangrove swamps and sea, with many fine buildings and road systems continually being built to modernise the city.

Out of the city it tells a different story. We spent a couple of days helping to prepare packages for the children of hostels/orphanages, then on the first weekend, we visited two, on the Saturday, St Maryanne Hostel Bantayan (built by the Rotary club of Sabah) a new home for teenage girls and Sunday we visited St Theresa's Hostel in Kota Marudo where there are 66 girls and boys currently in residence aged between 5-16. These are very poor areas and the children often don't get to go home much as the distance is just too great. ...it is not unheard of for a day long trip to go home. They gave us a great welcome with singing, and dancing with dances made up by the children including national dances. Lunch was provided by a member of the visiting group, of chicken and rice, and pizza with soft drinks. Afterwards the children all received a gift which this year included new sheet sets, school supplies and a new school bag. The gifts change depending on the needs of the particular hostel.

After more packing the following week, Saturday we visited St Maria Goretti Hostel for 70 girls, half an hour outside the city of Keningau, where we were welcomed with wonderful dances and singing. Again we had lunch and the giving of gifts, and then a quick trip to Keningau to attend Mass which the Bishop concelebrated with 6 other priests in Maylaskan, (and the singing! – everyone sang!!) and attended a dinner for the Bishop to celebrate his 74th Birthday. There was lots of singing and dances performed by groups from different parts of the diocese, and 10-12 cakes- a birthday cake from each parish.

Our final hostel for the weekend at Bondulu children's home built by Rotary on donated land at Toboh a little village near Tambunan. This hostel houses 70 children from 5-16 both boys and girls, but the Sisters had two little girls as well one about 2 ½ years of age, and one 8 months old. The numbers fluctuate depending on family situations. The children are responsible for their own washing and are very practiced at tidying up the common area once meals are finished.

These hostels are run by the nuns of the Franciscan order of Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, a local order. Some children are orphans, some have family difficulties, some it's a matter of large distances and a needed education.

It was wonderful to be able to travel to these areas and see the agricultural practices which are still being used today. Rice grown in small plots with water still in the plot, and trees growing Dragon Fruit at the sides as well as avocado trees. Every bit of land is used. These areas seem to be more productive and the houses are in better condition than in the north. Most people don't have transport, so the churches are built very closely together, so people can walk to them.

There are another two hostels visited by Gordet & Jane and friends, they sponsor 200 of the 420 children in total. The Dickson Rotary in Canberra is starting a trust to donate to these hostels and will be having a fund raising event at Spence on 9 September 2023. Laurence De Costa of St Monica's Church is currently the person to speak with for this. All donations via Rotary are tax deductible.

This trip has been an amazing adventure for me, and it was wonderful to see Christian charity being lived daily, by some very amazing and humble nuns, helped in their daily struggles by people who have big hearts.

Nita Corliss



Being welcomed to the first hostel by the Sister in charge while Gordet looks on.

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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Or via this [link online](#)

Please contact the
parish office if you
have questions.

Community Messages

◆ **Galong retreat Living in God's Divine Will:** lead by Frs Hugh Thomas & Emil Milat, 25-27 August. A retreat to explore the deeper mystical journey of the Soul's interior life. Book directly with St Clements retreat centre info@stclement.com.au, 63805222 or for more information please contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au

◆ **Guinness and God:** 16 August, 6.30pm-8.30pm, for 18-35yo, King O'Malley's Irish Pub. ACU Campus Dean, A/P Darius von Güttner speaking on how we can best make sense of suffering. G&G is a free pub talk series in collaboration with ACU and the Archdiocese, for young adults, uni students, and young professionals in the heart of Canberra that breaks open conversations around faith and life.



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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