



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

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27-28 February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent | Year B



What's on this week

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Vigil Mass

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

Monday

Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

7:00am Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass

5:00pm Adoration

Friday

7:00am Mass

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

No booking required!

It's So Beautiful There....

The transfiguration reported in today's gospel could be placed in the category of "near life" experiences. Jesus and three intimate friends see another dimension of life. We see Peter communicating to Jesus sentiments similar to people who experience "near death".

Peter doesn't slug Jesus. He didn't say, "How dare you take me away from that". But he obviously was saying, "It's so beautiful here and I want to stay". "Let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah". (Mark 9: 5)

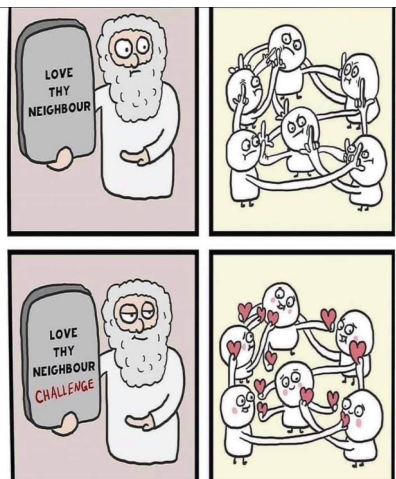
But Peter soon discovered that he couldn't stay there. He had to come down from the mountain and face the reality of everyday living, like the rest of us. "Suddenly, when they looked around they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus". (Mark 9: 8)

At the beginning of a relationship most people experience what is called romantic love. There is a similarity between this experience and the gospel experience. Many do not realise that romantic love has a beginning and an end. Romantics want to stay there forever.

But when it ends, mature love begins, and it is time to come down from the mountain and face the struggle of everyday living. One of the reasons soap operas are so popular is because they offer the viewer an escape from the difficult challenge of dealing with their own relationships in the reality of daily life. The weekend can be a real high, but then comes Monday morning and we have to come down from the mountain. We have to think about earning a living and paying the bills.

Some people turn to drugs looking for the high experienced by Peter in today's gospel, but they don't find it. They crash into reality and pay a high price for the experiment. But there is a very important point about today's gospel that could be easily missed. Peter's experience of the transfiguration was indeed something very special. But when "they come down from the mountain," they were not leaving the presence of God. God was still with them.

In a world given over to cynicism, make hope a habit. Short-circuit doubt and negativity with prayer. Living hopefully is one way to put faith into practice.
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TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Romans 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.
- Liturgy Help

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE



Week 2: Margaret from Solomon Islands

Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

Donate Now

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes located in the foyer, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Parish Lenten Programs 2021

- ✱ **Tuesdays at 7:30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room—Lenten discussions using the Wollongong publications called "Comfort".
Contact Joe Jambor 0401 159 852
- ✱ **Thursdays at 7:30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room—Archbishop's Lenten Program—Walk in the Spirit <https://cgccatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit>
Enquiries to: Alison Weeks: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com

Stations of the Cross

- ✱ **Fridays at 6:00pm** in the church. All are welcome and no booking required.



Morning Tea for Altar Servers

All Altar Servers are invited to attend a special morning tea and a refresher course at the parish office after 9:30am Mass.
Please rsvp for catering purposes.

When: Sunday 7 March 2021

Time: 10:30am

Where: Parish Office

RSVP: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



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



For those who are sick

Armando Sanchez
Baby Aarya
Roland Zocchi
Jane Honess
Pete Sagrado
Luke Bogue
Cheryl Anderson
Neil Henderson
Sanne Bergman
Rita Looney
Cilla Ryan
Anne Morton
Bernard Croker
Val Jhonston
Ellie Noble
Cellia, Julio Snr, Julio Jnr
Baby Carlito Haby
Margaret Highmore
Oanh Ha
Dannielle Boer
John Weeks
Sue Rolls
Cathy Hanson
Katie Charlton
Olivia Lyon
Ellie Nobel

Recently Deceased

Julio Martinez Cerna
Diana Wilkinson
Eswaran Padayachee
Preeti Padayachee
Claude Camboulive
Bridget McGeechan

Anniversaries

Nola Newton
Antonio Banhara
Gabriel Hengkiarto
Aimee Louise Crocker
Francis George Zarzour
Walter Konik
Tony O'Shea
Danica Jukic
Murray & Greg McQueen
Barbara Jagarinec
Greg Smith

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

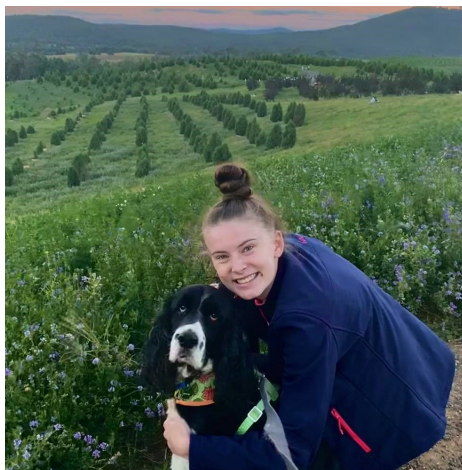
YOUTH MASS

21 March 2021 | 5:30pm



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YOUTH GROUP



Junior group and senior group for Term 1:

- * **Sunday 7 March 2021 at 6:30pm—8:30pm**
- * **Sunday 21 March 2021 at 6:30pm-8:30pm**

Come along to the parish centre. \$5 per person to cover food.

Any questions - email Paris at: youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Parish 2020 Financial Report

Income

Despite the tremendous financial strain on everyone, financial support of our Parish through our planned giving continued to be strong. Planned giving was below what we had budgeted for but was only down 5% on 2019. We greatly appreciate the sacrifice that many people have made. Other income was also down for the year, a highlight being the Raffle, which raised \$11,000.

Expenditure

Expenses were down substantially with unnecessary expenditure postponed due to the uncertainty of the impact of the shutdown on our revenue. Administration expenses were pared back as much as possible with the Archdiocese and Jobkeeper covering salary costs for four and a half months, Archdiocesan Levy waived, Capital expenditure and property expenses deferred wherever possible and loan repayments deferred for six months.

Result

The overall result was a substantial Surplus of almost \$150,000 (of which Archdiocesan Support, Jobkeeper Payments and Deferred Loan Repayments accounted for \$92,278). As well as long overdue repairs and maintenance and capital expenditure totalling \$54,173 deferred.

Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2020

	2020 Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget 2021
<u>Income</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Planned Giving/Second Collection	310,000	283,358	(26,642)	289,728
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	12,000	11,075	(925)	8,200
Sacramental, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Programs.	32,100	19,545	(12,555)	29,000
Other Revenue	25,550	39,140	13,590	28,000
Total	379,650	353,118	(26,532)	354,928
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Administration	252,022	151,257	(100,765)	242,972
Insurances	26,700	28,181	1,481	28,600
Capital Items	37,000	4,377	(32,623)	3,000
Property Expenses	25,200	1,441	(23,759)	31,150
<u>Loan Repayments</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>(18,000)</u>	<u>36,000</u>
Total	376,922	203,256	(173,666)	341,722
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,728	\$149,862	\$147,134	\$13,206

Going Forward

In view of the above surplus, we have already initiated some of our long term postponed capital works and repairs and maintenance projects, and we are considering paying at least our deferred loan repayments, if not additional loan repayments.

Community News

✱ **2 March 2021 - Raising Fathers**

A special evening event with Robert Falzon exploring Fathering from the Frontline. 5.30pm - 7.00pm Tuesday 2 March 2021, Haydon Hall, Grnd Floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St Forrest. Please register online by 26 February. <https://cgatholic.org.au/raisingfathers/>

✱ **9 March - Food for Soul and Body**

University, TAFE, and College students are invited to meet the local Right to Life Council Members from 6.00pm to 9.30pm for a light meal and information evening on 'Life Issues'. Contact: 0418 718 713, or email 345bevc@gmail.com

✱ **10 March - Guinness & God**

Guinness & God offers a relaxed setting for friends to get together over food and drinks and dive into relevant topics on faith, culture, and life. Each night features a panel of engaging speakers who unpack questions and cultivate meaningful conversations to inspire, challenge and give hope. Wednesday 10th March 2021 (6:30pm - 8:30pm) at King O'Malleys Irish Pub Civic Contact Christian Nobleza Christian.nobleza@cg.org.au

✱ **11 – March (8.00am-4.00pm) “Eden: Ecumenical Youth Leaders Gathering”**

Eden is an event that will gather a new generation of Christian leaders from across Canberra can respond to a call for unity in mission. The gathering is open to all Youth and Young Adult Chaplains, Ministers, Pastors and Leaders from Christian Churches across the Canberra Region. Eden will be held at the Old Parliament House, Rose Gardens (18 King George Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600). Registration is essential, which can be completed at this link: bit.ly/eden-alpha . Contact Ben Higgins, National Youth Director for Alpha Australia, for more information (ben.higgins@alpha.org.au).

✱ **11 – March (8:00am) “Plant Stall”**

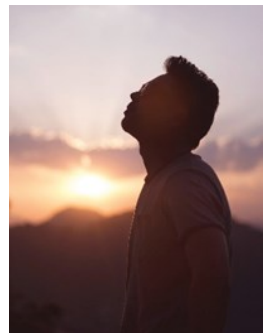
Calvary Hospital Auxiliary from 8.00am-4.00pm at the Jamison Centre. A wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants, herbs, succulents, natives and more at bargain prices.

✱ **12 – March (5.00pm-7.00pm) “Re-Growth Conference”**

ReGrowth Conference is a formation for mission opportunity for Church leaders across the Anglican and Catholic Dioceses of Canberra & Goulburn. This gathering will explore how Alpha can support renewal within our Church at the grassroots. ReGrowth will be held at the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre (55 Franklin St Forrest, ACT 2615). Registration is essential, which can be completed at this link: bit.ly/regrowth-alpha . Contact Huw Warmenhoven for more information (huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au).

✱ **25 March “Men's Cursillo Weekend”**

The year of 2020 has left many despondent and looking for meaning. A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity to develop your faith life in a safe, comfortable environment over a three-day weekend. A program of talks, meditations, discussion and prayer will form you while allowing you to establish lasting friendships. Enjoy the restful atmosphere of St Clements monastery retreat centre. A Men's retreat starts on the evening of Thursday 25 March. Places are limited. For details contact Geoff Smith 0451 013 772 chantel1997@hotmail.com or Joe Jambor 0401 159 852 irmandjoe@gmail.com



Parish Cash Handling During COVID-19 and Beyond

Whilst it is realised that it would be highly optimistic of us to think that we could ever achieve 100% cashless Mass Offerings, during 2020, we were around 47%, and with your help, the goal is to increase this to around 70% over the next twelve months.

Whilst this will not be easy, many of us have already commenced paying by alternate methods and if others could do the same we will achieve this goal. Hopefully, this trend will continue over the years to come.

Why Are We Trying To Reduce Cash Received From Our 1st & 2nd Collections?

- ⇒ To give more **Stability** to our income receipts. Our expenses are regular even in COVID conditions, so we need regular receipt of our income, even if the church is not open or has restricted access.
- ⇒ Improves the **Health Safety** of our contributors and volunteer collectors and counters.
- ⇒ Better **Security** and reduced **Workload** of our volunteer counters and bankers.
- ⇒ **Ease** of giving, no need to make sure you have the right money for the plate each week.
- ⇒ More **Versatility** of payment periods. No need to bring money each week, you can organise to pay regularly (eg. weekly, monthly etc), or spasmodically as and when you can afford to pay. Also more versatility in payment methods.
- ⇒ Less **Disturbance** and more **Reverence** during Mass.

How Can We Go About Reducing our Current Cash Collections From 53% to 30%?

1. Make your 1st Collection and/or 2nd Collection by **Internet Banking** through your own bank. (Reference: Your Name and 1st collection or second collection as appropriate).
2. Make your 1st Collection and/or 2nd Collection by **Parish Website** via the "Donations" Tab.
3. **Tap & Go**, 4 machines are used around the church. Machines can be 'tapped' multiple times if required. All are set at \$10.
4. **Combination** of any of the above (eg. Planned Giving/2nd Collection by Direct Debit and 1st Collection by Internet Banking).

If You Need To Continue To Pay Cash

Cash Collection Baskets will continue to be taken around at every Mass, or you can lodge in the collection boxes located around the church.

Help

Anyone needing assistance, clarification and/or eBanking training, please contact Tony Rose at the Parish Office (gungahlin.finance@cg.org.au)

Why do we give alms?

Charitable giving is a very ancient practice; almsgiving was normative long before the time of Jesus. The Lenten call to almsgiving means making the needs of other people our own. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. Sharing our material goods is often just the beginning of real Christian giving. We are also called to share our time tending to people in need. Outside-the-Box Ideas for Giving:

- ✳ Volunteer at a neonatal center, giving premature babies a human touch
- ✳ Tutor a child or mentor a college graduate
- ✳ Increase your donation to your local parish



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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