



# HOLY CROSS PARISH + HELENSBURGH

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▲ 28 April 2024 ▲ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/B

WEEKEND MASS

HOLY CROSS  
HELENSBURGH

Sunday 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8-8:20am



Of service and witness to Christ since 1911

Parish Secretary: Kerrie Halloran

Office Hours: Tue Wed,  
Thurs

9am to 4pm

Parish Office ☎: (02) 4294 1009

School Principal: Milena Colussi

Parish School ☎: (02) 4294 1588

Holy Cross Parish Community acknowledges the **Dharawal Nation** as the traditional custodians of the land on which this church & school are built.

Of concern, is the massive increase in our Parish Insurance premium which has risen from \$13,558 in 2020 to \$24,306 in 2023. This is included in our Property expenses.

### Financial Highlights

Over the past few years, we have:

- Completed our property development at 6 McMillan St which has enabled us to fully repay our Parish Centre loan of \$95k and undertake other necessary projects.
- Refurbished our Parish Centre and Office - \$10k.
- Repaired the Church driveway - \$15k.
- Installed a fifty niche Columbarium - \$30k. Under our Development Approval we have approval for another two walls to be installed.
- Installed air conditioning in the parish hall - \$7k.
- Replaced the fans and lights in the Church - \$5k.
- Replaced our office computer, laptop and projector - \$7k.

Thank you all for continuing to support our Parish and I am happy to address and questions you have regarding our finances.

Michael Halloran, Chairperson  
Parish Finance Council

### A Renewed Parish Pastoral Council

Pope Francis has spoken a great deal about being a “synodal” Church, a community of faith that is open to and listens attentively to the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit abiding among us that empowers us to be the living Body of Christ in the world today.

The Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council has played an important role of listening to the Spirit. However, it has not met now for more than four years (since before I came to the parish, anyway). It is perhaps time, for us to consider again the place and role of a Pastoral Council in our parish.

#### What is the role of a pastoral council?

The primary role of a parish pastoral council is to promote the Church’s mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world. To do this, those who form the pastoral council:

- listen and seek out the pastoral needs of our community of faith.

- with the Parish Priest, through dialogue and consultation promote, encourage and support the members of the parish respond to their baptismal call to participate in the mission of the Church.
- work together with the Parish Priest and parishioners to build up a vibrant Christian community marked by faith, evangelisation, worship and good works.

Many thanks to those who have served as members of the Parish Pastoral Council over the years. We should look forward now to a new pastoral council and members to take up this role of promoting the mission Jesus we all share and the good works of Holy Cross Parish in the years ahead. Fr Paul

### Position Vacant

#### Expressions of Interest...

After almost 22 years in the position, our Parish secretary, Kerrie Halloran, will be retiring on 1 July 2024. We will have the opportunity to thank Kerrie at a later date.

Fr. Paul is inviting expressions of interest in the role of Parish Secretary.

Responsibilities of the role include,

- Assisting the Parish Priest / Relieving Priest / Administrator, parishioners, and others by providing administrative office support services.
  - Perform work within parish guidelines and ensuring compliance with policies and procedures (within relevant areas of expertise), in addition to statutory requirements (for example, Working with Children Checks).
- You will need to be committed to,
- Respecting and supporting the teachings of the Catholic Church and the ethos of the Parish and Diocese.
  - Maintain a professional work environment that is welcoming, discrete, and confidential.

Good finance and bookkeeping experience is essential.

You will also need good interpersonal skills.

The position is a part time role of 3 days per week.

Anyone wishing to apply for the role should contact Fr. Paul or Kerrie on Ph. 4264 1009 to obtain an information pack.

### WEEKDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD

WEDNESDAY  
ROSARY & HOLY COMMUNION – 9AM

ALL WELCOME



### ROSTERS...

#### ACOLYTE

May 5 David Astill

#### GREETERS

May 5 Wallace Family

#### READERS

May 5 Sue Clark & Kerry White

#### CLEANERS

May 4 Julie Crabbe & Louise Caillaux

#### MORNING TEA

May 12 Warren & Teri Shearer & Greg & Sue Greening

#### ROSARY STATUE

May Trisha Dalton



#### Please pray for the sick:

Bishop Peter Ingham, Pat Brown, Michael Ali, Jan Burn, John Green, Hilton King, & Luis Veas.

#### For those who have died:

Stephen Grieff (2024), William Jeffrey (2024), Paul Emmett (2024), Ethel Davison (1993), Bernard Collins (1992), Ceinwen Powell (1984), William Gordon, Bob Harris (2003) & all who died at war.

#### Quote:

“I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.”

Mother Teresa

### Parish Finance Report for year 2023

Income	2021	2022	2023
Planned Giving	\$47,909	\$47,957	\$46,696
Second Collection	\$7,667	\$14,348	\$12,655
Interest	\$1,442	\$1,754	\$5,594
Property	\$45,064	\$35,899	\$35,517
Donations /Speci	\$18,568	\$6,141	\$11,219
Columbarium	\$ -	\$ -	\$8,636
Other income	\$395	\$365	\$19
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$121,045</b>	<b>\$106,464</b>	<b>\$120,336</b>
Expenses			
Administration	\$40,223	\$40,274	\$42,822
Property	\$63,991	\$55,781	\$77,134
Other Expenses	\$6,984	\$4,831	\$11,800
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$111,198</b>	<b>\$100,886</b>	<b>\$131,756</b>
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>\$9,748</b>	<b>\$5,578</b>	<b>-\$11,419</b>

### Our Income

Planned Giving has reduced from pre Covid levels of \$77k per annum to \$47k in 2023, a reduction of 39%. This is reflective of our reduced parishioner numbers.

Rental income from our property is now playing a key role in keeping us financially viable.

There were no fundraising activities in the parish in 2023.

Income from our recently installed Columbarium will be an important source of income in the future.

### Our Costs

Expenses have increased considerably in 2023 as we have used our additional property income to install our Columbarium, repair the driveway, install fans and lights in the Church, install air conditioning units in the hall, and purchase new laptops and projector.