



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

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1-2 January 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord | Year C



## Upcoming Events

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday

7:00am Mass

### Thursday

9:15am Mass

### Friday

7:00am Mass

### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Mass



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May God's love light  
your way and lead you  
into a new year that  
shines with His special  
joy.

Wishing everyone a  
Happy and Blessed year  
ahead!

Fr Mark and Fr Thonn

## Let there be light

In the Book of Genesis, we hear these words dramatic words from God, 'Let there be light.' (1.3). In John's gospel, Jesus describes himself with these equally profound words, 'I am the light of the world.' (8.12). Today we celebrate the great festival of light, the Epiphany of the Lord. As the church, we remember and celebrate that Jesus who was born in the darkness of night in an animal shed is the light of and for the world. The word 'epiphany' means to make known or to reveal. The angels made known and revealed to the shepherds the joy of the birth of Jesus. In the same way, the star led these strangers from the East and revealed the same Jesus to them.

Our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah calls us to 'Arise, shine out because our light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising in us, though night still covers the earth and darkness the people. Through the birth of Jesus and today's wonderful feast, we are the people on whom a great light has shone.

Traditionally, we believe that the shepherds did not stay at stable after seeing Jesus, Mary and Joseph; they left glorifying and praising God. They left filled with the good news of this wondrous child. Just as the angels had proclaimed the good news to them, the shepherd in their turn shared their good news with others. In the same way, the visitors from the east, after they had given Jesus their gifts also left the stable. They didn't stay there either. We are only told that they did not back to Herod but went home another way. We can only assume, that they too told everyone what they had seen and heard in that small stable in Bethlehem.

As we look upon the crib, we cannot stay there. Like the shepherds and the magi, we too are called to move away and take the light of Jesus with us. We are asked not only to admire the light, but to be people of light. As Jesus himself tells us, *you are the light of the world and your light must shine.* The light of the Epiphany is given to us as a gift, but we cannot keep it to or for ourselves. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we treat each other, we are called to make our families, homes, parish communities and the wider world a better and brighter place for all people, especially the poor and the marginalised.

May Christ the Light and the Light of Christ fill all our homes, families and our parish communities this day and always. - Michael Moore OMI

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord..

- Liturgy Help



**Thank you** to everyone who helped to prepare for our Advent and Christmas liturgies. This includes the musicians and singers, cleaners, the grounds maintenance group, counters, PPC decorations team, and everyone who helped set up the Church for our special Masses that touch so many lives in ways that we will never know. Thank you to the people who responded to the invitation to share their gifts in the many and varied Ministries. We are blessed to have so many wonderful and generous volunteers! — *Fr Mark*

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



**For those who are sick**

- Baby Aarya
- Katie Charlton
- Ronald Robles
- Patricia Lebon
- Glenn Mowbray
- Gabrielle Eagles
- Roland Zocchi
- Graham Seymour
- Helen Morris
- Paul Mowbray
- Mark Williams
- Fr Thonn
- Margaret Ord
- Sr Marie
- Laurie Hancock
- Jasna Market-Simpson
- Nikola Market
- Kathy Morris

**Children's Sacramental Program 2022**



**Sacrament of Confirmation**

For children in Year 6 and above wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022. Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 15 February 1:00pm or 6:15pm** at the church.

More information is provided on our website. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated over 2 weeks **3, 4, 5 May and 10, 11, 12 May.**

**Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation**

For children in Year 3 and above wishing to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2022. Information sessions will be held on **Tuesday 21 June 1:00pm or 6:15pm** at the church.

**Celebration of First Reconciliation**

Week of 22 August

**Celebration of First Eucharist**

At Masses on weekends

10-11 September and 17-18 September



For more details please contact Sacramental Coordinator **Katrina Battilana**: [sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:sacraments@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

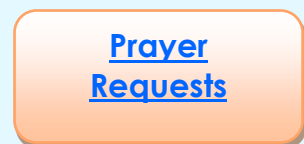
**Recently Deceased**

- Noedelan Abroguena
- Loi Abroguena
- Pona Mariner
- Manuel De Sausa
- Edward Cartier
- Brian Ware

**Anniversaries**

- Denise Stubbs
- Luz Gomez
- Peter and Carmel Perry
- Adela Tuazon
- Claudio Dairo Sr

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



Happy moments,  
*PRAISE GOD*  
Difficult moments,  
*SEEK GOD*  
Quiet moments,  
*WORSHIP GOD*  
Painful moments,  
*TRUST GOD*  
Every moment,  
*THANK GOD*



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the magi:  
that we too may be led into your presence  
and worship you, the Child of Mary,  
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,  
the Saviour of mankind;  
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)



## WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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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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