



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT and 220 Victoria St, Hall ACT
Supporting and supported by Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd,
Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

16-17 November 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Liturgy of the Word
NO Christian Meditation

Wednesday

8:20am John Paul II College
9:15am Liturgy of the Word
5:40pm Novena to Our Lady
NO Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Liturgy of the Word

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

4:15pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

The Time of Distress

Some of us respond quicker to bad news than to good. That's how the news media manages to garner our attention. Dire headlines grab eyeballs. We're conditioned to respond to the bad, because the consequences of not responding can be costly.

Jesus does deliver some bad news in the gospels. Make no mistake: this world is passing, and it's all going away for each of us personally and for all creation eventually. We can't hang our hopes on the sun, moon, and stars, because even these mighty forces are mere creatures with built-in obsolescence. And if we're willing to hedge our bets about the end of the world, wagering that our time will not see the end-time, then we're still left to comfort our own mortality in the mirror every morning. Some days we may feel invincible, but you don't want to found your future on a feeling.

Because gospel means good news, the message can never end on a dire note. Creation's last chapter is coming, but the words of Jesus belong to eternity. If we're looking for an escape route through inescapable death and destruction, Jesus is the door.

How do the words of Jesus bring new life to you?

Pray

God of our life, impatiently we stamp our feet, yelling "now!" Yet empty, we are filled with your life; desperate, we are gifted with your hope; unable to see your future, you open our eyes to faith. May it be in the waiting that we find you. Amen.

Ponder

You may be in a time of distress right now or know someone who is. Seek the avenue of hope and life, and share your strength in faith with someone else. *"Sky and earth will not wear out; my words won't wear out. But the exact day and hour? No one knows that."*

Kids' Corner

When we take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we tell Jesus our sins through the priest. When we come in sorrow for our sins and do the penance given to us by the priest, we are forgiven by God. Our sins are forgiven forever. They are gone. The weight is off our shoulders. Our job now is to avoid committing those sins again. God gives us graces in the sacrament to strengthen us, but it's still up to us to do the work.

Take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation whenever you can. It is God's loving way of helping you grow into the best person you can be.

Jesus, show me how to be more loving and forgiving. Amen. www.gpbs.com.au



St Francis Xavier Hall
Saturdays 5:00pm

Parish Morning Tea

Sunday 17 November after the 9:30am Mass
Please bring a plate to share.



Parish News and Events

- * **Christian Meditation** | Please note that Christian meditation will not be on this coming Tuesday 19 November. But will be back Tuesday 26 November in the Church at 7pm. All are welcome.
- * **Senior Youth Group—Years 7-12** | 23 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec at 6:00pm—contact Ashish 0491 122 203 for more info.
- * **Youth Group—Years 4-6** | Sundays 8 December at 6:00pm



Priests on Retreat!

Fr Troy and Fr Eden will be on retreat from Monday 18 November to Friday 22 November. During this time there will be Liturgy of the Word from Tuesday-Thursday and Mass at 7:00am on Friday.
No Holy Hour / Confessions on Wednesday 20 November.

PPC Update

- ◆ The parish is looking forward to a great get together at its Christmas Festival on Saturday 7 December, from 4pm to 8pm. It's a nice, relaxed way for us to catch up with each other before Christmas. The Festival is an immediate response to the September parish survey.
- ◆ Nearly 500 parishioners responded to the survey and one of two major themes was the desire to gather as a community more often. The other key message was a strong need to develop our own faith and spirituality, especially through bible study and faith formation.
- ◆ As a result we are running a short 'bible study' group for Advent, reviewing the Mass readings each week. They will be held in the parish rooms each Saturday at 10.00 am, starting on November 30. More information on the results of the survey can be found on our website: [Holy Spirit Catholic Parish - Serving the Community of Gungahlin](#) and the Pocket Parish App.
- ◆ As promised the parish will now be conducting focus groups on key topics which emerged from the survey and which need more thought and discernment. These include: Welcome and Inclusion across all aspects of parish, Music and Liturgy; and Our Volunteers, their recruitment, training and formation, nurture and our appreciation. Everyone will be welcome and we will advertise the focus groups extensively.
- ◆ 20 people from our parish attended the Archdiocesan Assembly on 18 October. We joined more than 550 people from across the Archdiocese, gathering as a family for the first time in 20 years to consider the big three themes: Encounter, Discipleship and Mission. An excellent report of the Assembly can be found at: [Archdiocesan Assembly Response – CG Evangelisation](#) It is well worth the read and will help guide our thinking on our own Parish Assembly in March next year.
- ◆ We see the Parish Assembly as our chance to gather as a parish family to focus on our Mission and how we go forth together. So, there is much to look forward to as we approach Advent and a new liturgical year.

Warmly

Alison

Chair of your PPC

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



For those who are sick
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Kwang Hui Lim
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Jaya Raghwan
Paul Johnston
Mark Bush
Jim Banks
Barbara Kirk
Vesna Ljubičić
Alonso
Sharni Laffan
Marc Darlington
Nancy Phillips
Ashley
Ana Al-Adhami
Linda Dwyer
Wigglesworth Family
Alan Demascus
Jeffrey Gonzalez
Mary Gardner
Marie Lincoln
Wongduean Sawasditas
Nook Sawasditas
Daranee Teapthong
Judeth Barrett
Bill Honess
Mark and Debbie
Sue Aston
Bernie Rogers
Matthew Foster
Dawn Foster
Cory Gregorio
Liberato Nolasco
Dee Pennay

Anniversaries

Alex Dare
Alan Sargent
Geraldine Crane
Doye Naboya, Andres Reyes
Rosario Bautista, Lauro Bautista
Sister Ignatius, Lea Almanzor
Vernon Norris
Francisca Balberona
Bobbie Selems
Patrick Guinea
Cajetan Colaco

Recently Deceased

Remigia Maga
Elbert Tesalona

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

Readings for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon | Jeremiah 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading | Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading | Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation | Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of
Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 13:24-32

A Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening; know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

or

Mark 11:23-24

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

Source: Liturgy Help © 2024

FIND THE SECRET ANSWER

Help the angel find the hidden answer to the question.... "Who will know when the time is right for Jesus to return?". In the puzzle below, cross out any letter that appears four or more times. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the verse below.



B	M	G	S	N	D	V	K	P	Y	Z
J	W	Q	I	H	Z	O	S	W	E	V
P	C	T	B	V	Q	G	X	M	P	I
M	Q	S	L	N	K	Y	C	S	U	B
X	D	J	M	T	X	V	D	J	Z	V
L	U	O	K	S	J	B	K	C	D	R
Q	E	L	P	G	O	Z	U	Q	S	Y
G	I	W	U	X	M	F	K	C	N	G
L	O	C	S	B	I	P	L	J	D	P
Z	U	Y	L	H	N	G	Q	A	W	K

ONLY _____ KNOWS.

International food

Craft & gift stalls

Holy Spirit

Christmas market

4pm to 8pm

**Saturday
7 December**

Kids activities

Sausage sizzle

Seeking volunteers for the following Children's Activities and Stalls:

- * Face Painting
- * Nail Polish
- * Count Lollies in the jar
- * Children's snacks bar
- * Coin toss activity
- * Gift Stall
- * To do pricing and assisting on stalls.



If you can help, please contact Jovina at
the Parish Office: 6242 9622 or
office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au



STALL HOLDERS WANTED

We are looking for food vendors, market stall holders,
white elephant/trash or treasure, crafts or plants for our
Christmas Market.

Please send your expression of interest to:
Fiona on fionawilk62@gmail.com

\$20 per stall space



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin



**Purchase your hand
tokens after Mass
from 9 November**

**\$5 for five activities
including sausage sizzle**

Cake Stall Contributions!



We are looking for contributions for
the Cake Stall at the Christmas Market.
The stall will sell cakes, biscuits,
chocolate such as rocky road, relishes,
jams – all with a Christmas theme
where appropriate.

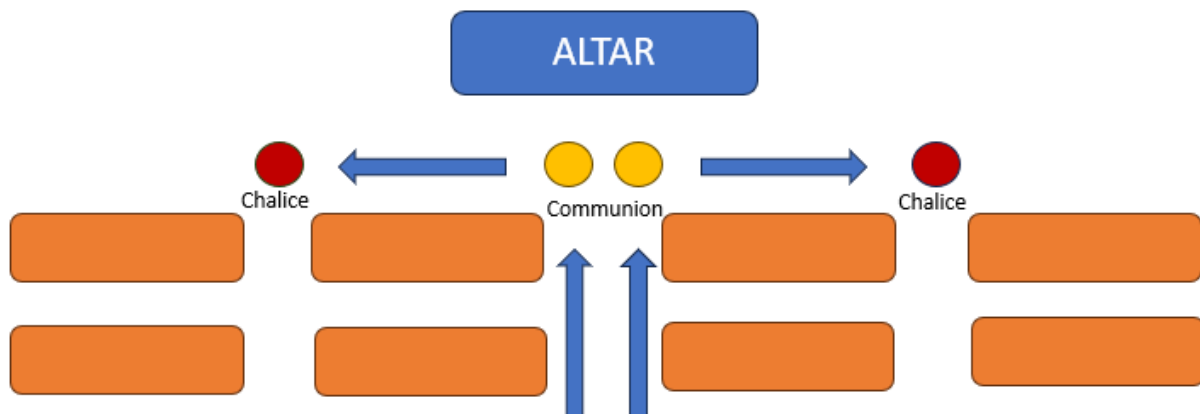
Please contact Maureen Hilton on
0431 123 465
or maureenhilton@gmail.com
Thank you in advance!



New Liturgical Year and New Opportunities

As we approach advent and the new church liturgical year, I would like to take the opportunity to bring back, refine and update a few liturgical practices and the look and feel of our church. Starting from the First Sunday of Advent (weekend 30 November-1 December) the following will be introduced.

- ◆ **Holy Communion:** Communion under both species will be offered at every Mass. There will be two chalices available. Parishioners will now receive Holy Communion via the middle aisle only and move towards the chalice closest to their side if they wish before returning to their seat. See diagram below.



- ◆ **Readers:** There will be a seat available at the sanctuary for the readers who are waiting their turn to sit and listen to God's word.
- ◆ **Readers:** The Prayer of the faithful will now be read from the Ambo (where the readings are done). All other notices and Mass Welcome to remain at the lectern below.
- ◆ **Offertory Procession:** This has been simplified to include the Wine Carafe, 2 bowls with hosts and the money plate. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the offertory procession.
- ◆ **Changes to the church:** You may notice some changes taking place with the look and feel of the church during advent. We welcome your feedback and thoughts, however please be patient as it will be a slow work in progress.

If you have any questions about or concerns about these changes, please chat to your Mass Coordinator, Fr Eden or myself.

Thanks

Fr Troy



SENIORS
Christmas
LUNCH

Thursday 12 December
12:00pm

Where

Lakes Bistro
Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club
110 Gundaroo Drive, Nicholls

Cost

Order from Bistro Menu
(don't forget your senior's card!)

RSVP by 5 December

Theivani - Parish Office

6242 9622





FAMILIES ADVENT PROGRAM

Where: at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Amaroo)

Day 1 : Saturday 23 November 3.15-5.45pm

Day 2 : Sunday 24 November 11.00am-1.30pm

How much: Free, just bring a plate to share

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ★ Meditation on Gospel readings
- ★ Games, Activities
- ★ Friendly environment
- ★ Parallel programs will run for children, teenagers and carers/parents
- ★ Organisers with WWVP card

B. Y. O.

Family ★

Snacks and drink bottle ★

RSVP TO ANNA 0416668985

Advent Bible Study

Our Parish is providing an opportunity for Bible study during advent by focusing on the Sunday readings of the four Sundays of Advent and Christmas Day.

The sessions will be facilitated by Jim Corrigan, one of our PPC members.

When: Each Saturday commencing 30 November at 10am. So a 4 week (4 Saturdays) commitment.

Where: Parish Office meeting room.

How long: Each bible study session will be for one hour or so.

How much: \$10 per person and that includes that book "Hope Reigns", from the Brisbane Archdiocese.

How to register: Please contact the Parish Office by email office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or phone 6242 9622 .

St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree



Christmas is coming up very soon and, as usual, we will be preparing Christmas hampers for about 100 families in our parish. We can count on our parish schools to provide the bulk of what we need to fill those hampers. But as we do every

year there will be a giving tree in the foyer of the church so that parishioners can also contribute to our appeal. The giving tree will be there from this weekend until mid-December. All you need to do is take a tag and donate what you can.

Each tag will specify an item or a cash donation that will help us fill our Christmas hampers.



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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Parish Groups

Craft Group | Beth Forshaw
Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

St Vincent de Paul | Drazen Roginic President
P: 0401 669 301 | E: Drazen.Roginic@vinnies.org.au

Call to Connect | Maureen Hilton | M: 0431 123 465

Holy Spirit Prayer Group | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028
Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church

Social Justice Group | Peter Petersen
E: socialjustice.hsp@gmail.com

Legion of Mary | Grace Magbutay
E: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Focolare Families Group | Anna 0416 668 985
E: focolareamaroo@gmail.com

Youth Ministry | E: office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Care Group | Vacant—please contact Parish Office

Community Garden Group | Parish Office
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