



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

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

13-14 November 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B



## Upcoming Events

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday

7:00am Mass  
6:00pm First Eucharist

### Thursday

9:15am Mass  
6:00pm First Eucharist

### Friday

7:00am Mass  
6:00pm First Eucharist

### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Mass (in person and  
via Zoom, please see parish  
app for meeting details.

## The Time of Distress

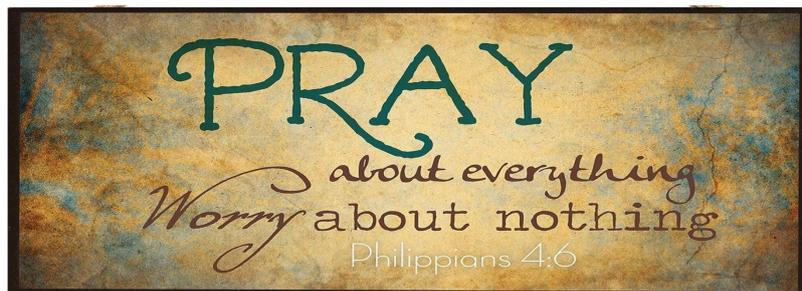
Some of us respond quicker to bad news than to good. That's how the news media manages to garner our attention. Dire headlines grab eyeballs. We're conditioned to respond to the bad, because the consequences of not responding can be costly.

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 confront 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.

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 wear out; my words won't wear out. But the exact day and hour? No one knows that".** [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



## TODAY'S READINGS

**Readings:** Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, Mark 13:24-32

**Entrance Antiphon:** 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.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Keep me safe, O god: you are my hope.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.  
- Liturgy Help

Everything  
is possible  
for one who  
**BELIEVES**  
Mark 9:23

# Ministry Marvels

**Name:** Peter Burnett

**Time in the parish:**

I came to the Parish in 1998 and have fond memories of Mass in the hall at Holy Spirit School.

**Ministry:**

I've been involved in music ministry for over 35 years.

**What do you enjoy about your ministry?**

When I first started I had to mime some of the chords that were too hard for me but I don't think anyone noticed because I was carried by the music and singing of others. That's one of the things I still love — the feeling of joining with others to produce, in service, something that is beyond what a single individual could do.



**What do you like about our parish?**

I love the multicultural feel of the Parish. I often find myself thinking that there is something special here; if only we could bottle it!

**Fun fact about yourself:**

I'm a serious person, so fun facts are hard to come by! I enjoy confusing friends by saying something absurd with a straight face — they can't tell whether I mean it!

**Favourite quote or prayer:**

I love St Francis. Lord, make me a channel of your peace. I also love nature. Marty Haugen's song 'Canticle of the Sun' opens with 'The Heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy ...'

**Comments:**

I'm hoping we will be able to return to normal next year — it would be great to be able to mingle again without worrying about masks and social distance!

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## November - Month of Holy Souls

The Book of Remembrance will be available in the Church foyer. Please record the names of loved ones who are to be remembered throughout November.

**November Mass Offering** envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church where you might like to name your departed friends and family. Please place these envelopes in the basket in front of the Altar before Mass so that your loved ones can be offered up during the Mass.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

# Volunteers Needed!

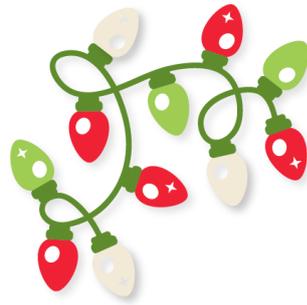
We are getting ready for Advent and Christmas!

We need your help to put up lights and decorations in preparation for a special event on the first week of Advent.

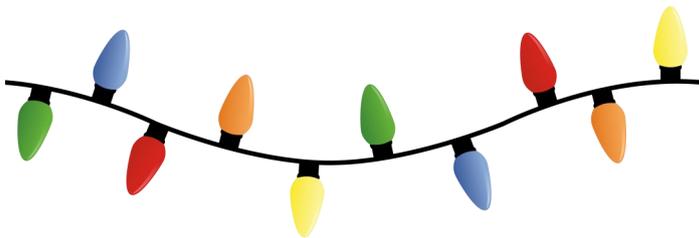
**When:** Saturday 13 November 2021

**Time:** 8:30am onwards

**Where:** Church grounds



If could spare any time at all, please come along and help. We will be providing some refreshments/lunch, so for catering purposes, could you please let us know if you will be coming along. Email [office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) or call the parish office on 6242 9622.



## First Eucharist Gifts Available

First Eucharist gifts are available for purchase starting this weekend at Mass. If you are not able to attend this weekend, please come to the parish office from Tuesday to Friday between 9am-3pm to purchase.



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



### For those who are sick

Baby Aarya  
Katie Charlton  
Jane Honess  
Bill Honess  
Sue and Ebel Bierman  
Margaret Woods  
Ronald Robles  
Patricia Lebon  
Glenn Mowbray  
Gabrielle Eagles  
Roland Zocchi  
Sophia Vamvakaris  
Heather Hickey  
Paz Pinilla

### Recently Deceased

Wilfredo Riosa  
Hedda "Eden" Riosa-Seráfica  
Sammy Escano  
Stephen Hickey  
Judi Darlington

### Anniversaries

Vincent James McCabe  
Paul David Twigg

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

[Prayer Requests](#)



## St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

This year we have a very simple and unique Advent Giving Tree in our church foyer.

Please support our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers by taking a tag and returning your item to the specially marked baskets in the Church foyer. Please donate **ONLY** non-perishable food donations, vouchers or money as specified on the tags you take.

This is a very rewarding experience and a great way to give to people in our community who need our support this Advent and Christmas season.



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## Easing of Restrictions

From **Friday 12 November 2021**, churches are able to have one person per two square metres of usable space in each indoor and outdoor space (excluding staff).

Due to the size of our church, we are able to accommodate **360 seats** and we invite you all to come back to Mass if you are well and it is safe for you to do so.

### Face Masks

Masks are not mandatory, but encouraged for those who are 12 years old and over.

### Mass times are as follows:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm \*\*  
Sunday 8:00am  
Sunday 9:30am

\*\* During Advent, there will be some changes to the Saturday 5:00pm service. Please see the newsletter for details.

### Check In CBR app

To comply with ACT Government's easing of restrictions we will be using the "Check In CBR" app at all our parish Masses and events. For more information about the app please visit <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr>.

# Upcoming EVENTS



## Save the Dates!

- \* Thursday 25 November—Anointing Mass and Seniors Morning Tea
- \* Saturday 27 November 7:00pm—Mass followed by lighting of the church and sausage sizzle
- \* Sunday 5 December 5:00pm—Altar Servers and Youth Group Christmas Party
- \* Saturday 11 December 5:00pm—Carols followed by Mass at 6:15pm
- \* Tuesday 21 December 7:00pm—Advent Reconciliation Service
- \* 15-23 December—Simbang Gabi Masses

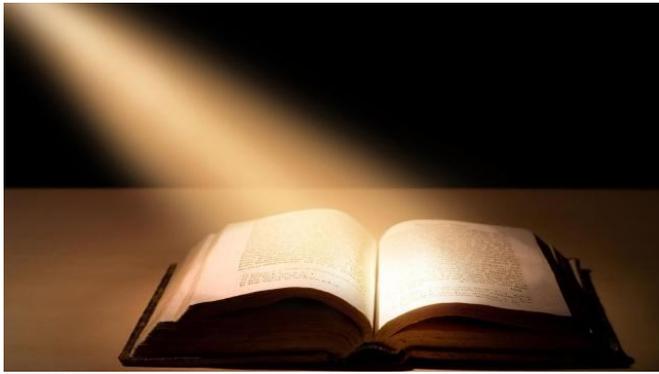
More details about these events will be provided in the coming weeks. Please keep reading the newsletter so that you don't miss out!

## Change to Saturday Mass Times For two weekends only!

We are hosting two special Advent events and as a result we will change the 5:00pm Mass time on the following dates:

- \* Saturday 27 November 2021  
— Mass will be held at 7:00pm
- \* Saturday 11 December 2021  
—Mass will be held at 6:15pm





## Reminder from the Tree

The tree was a big image for Jesus – he spoke many truths of his message pointing at trees,

- like mustard seeds which grew big,
- vines that withered,
- and the fig tree which was common to his hearers.

When asked about the signs of things to come, he gave no long homily, but just looked at the fig tree and said you know from this when summer and winter is coming. In the same way we can sense his presence in our lives in different ways. This may not help us to know about the end of time and the questions people had then, but it can get us to become aware of how God is present in our lives.

The word of God is spoken in the human words of many people. In kindly words, in forgiving and tolerant words, and also in the word of God spoken in the Mass, Jesus speaks to us today. Like the people looking at a fig tree, we can find his presence in the kindness and the helpful words of another. This is the word of God in human form. It will not pass away.

We are called to speak his word in our way of life: to be friends of the earth, friends of all people, and friends of the poor. That's redemption, Jesus and ourselves working in unison.

God's book of compassion and love includes our names. We can be thankful our names are in the book of life.

Donal Neary SJ—[www.catholicireland.net](http://www.catholicireland.net)



## Anointing Mass and Seniors Morning Tea

**Thursday 25 November 2021 at 9:15am**

Followed by Seniors Morning Tea!  
Please bring a plate to share.





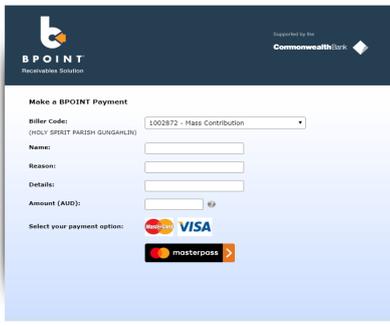
# Christmas and January Roster

Please let us know if you are available to help out at our Christmas Masses and if you will be away in January.

[Roster Form](#)

## 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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