



# 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

26-27 November 2022

First Sunday of Advent | Year A



## The Night Is Far Spent

We know for sure that Santa Claus is coming to town; and so is Snoopy, Peanuts, Frosty, the Grinch, Rudolph, and more seasonal visitors than we may care to name. We also know that Jesus is coming, but he doesn't advertise his arrival as relentlessly as these others so we aren't sure quite when. Will he arrive in time for the holidays? Too late to stop the next war? Too soon for me to acquire all the things I'd like to have in this world?

### Holy Spirit Amaroo

**Monday**  
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

This is the Advent from which the season takes its name. Jesus is coming, and his advent is the one all these modern myths seek to recreate. Will Charlie Brown find the real meaning of Christmas? Only with a Scripture-quoting friend like Linus. With the Grinch get a life? Only if he opens his eyes to the world he's always had. Jesus is coming all the time, but we won't know it if we refuse to change. That is the purpose of Advent, to give us fair notice that it's time to take time seriously.

### For whom or what are you waiting?

Be a friend like Linus to someone who has not heard the message of the story of Bethlehem. Share your faith with someone who is still waiting for love to come.

***The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing.*** - [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



### 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\*\*](#)



### St Francis Xavier Hall

**Sunday Mass**  
8:30am  
2nd and 4th Sunday of each month

### Volunteers Needed!!!

We are getting ready for our special Carols night and Christmas.

We need your help to put up lights and decorations in preparation for a special event. If you could spare any time at all, please come along and help. **Saturday 3 December 2022 from 8:30am onwards.** We will be providing some refreshments so for catering purposes, could you please let us know if you will be coming along. Email [theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) or call 0472 921 518.



**This Weekend's Readings:** Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44



## Week 3: Peter Paintajar

"Fr my name is Peter Paintajar. I am a humble man fortunate now to be retired. I have time to share my painting skills for my love of the Church and God".

"How good is this" Fr Saveabob thought. Another handyman with a degree to work at Berger Paints – 'Keep on Keeping on!'

What Fr Saveabob noticed firstly with Peter Paintajar, was the particular way he sized a wet spot up on the ceiling. "Ooo," said Peter with his head toward the ceiling he would almost dance a twirl. Then with a quaint little hand action he would pout at me. His body had now ceased its circular motion. "Do you know what I think"? Highly articulate and held in suspense Fr Saveabob retorted "No! If I knew what you did, I'd do it myself!" I showed him some other damp spots and he performed the same little dance and ritual at each one. It was quite cute really! Peter Paintajar said "While specialising in painting, I have found I have hidden skills." He declared he

was a self-made roofer. "Where did you master this skill"? asked Fr Saveabob. "I have studied Lego, It's the same principle," Paintajar declared. "Leave it to me I have some old bits and pieces so it won't cost much at all," he said. This suited Fr Saveabob! However, he expected a higher standard of attitude towards the Work, Health and Safety regulations! Peter Paintajar climbed high on the Church roof in search of playing Mr Fix it! Paintajar was spread eagled on the angled roof in a pose that would do Spiderman proud. This was photographed by a worried parent who face-booked Paintajar's pose. Many thought he was protesting in support of a new model for more participants in the Vinnie's sleepout. Truthfully he was endeavouring to put right the original craftsmanship of Maxwell Silverhammer's architectural design which left gaps and holes everywhere.

The most original of solutions was provided for a fix. In keeping with the promotion of recycling within the Parish, Peter Paintajar made us something that was practical and environmentally friendly. In the biggest holes he put empty paint tins, rollers and plastic bottles etc. He had jars of putty he carried when painting, which were as good as ever for the little holes. It was a unique job because everything was hidden. No more leaks in these spots! Amazing what Lego can teach and how it stretches one's imagination.

A dab of paint inside and all will be good. Who would ever suspect the unique style Paintajar would bring for this needed solution? Peter Paintajar continues, reviewing the colours of the surrounds with his trusty brush. This spiritual therapy sets off other things in his mind. Fr Saveabob listens to Peter Paintajar's mystical thoughts. Fr Saveabob listens attentively to Peter Paintajar who informs him about another skill. "I have dabbled in cementing and I have a friend named Vincento, a stone mason who will supply the rock to reconstruct those steps going to the car park. And what a dapper job Peter Paintajar did!. Disaster! Mrs Rockbottom couldn't get her high heels on the steps and snapped one heel, losing balance, skinning her knees and bending the frame of her glasses. Absolutely no mercy of gratefulness was spared! Wrong size! No room for fat feet! A former insurance agent declared the steps unworthy.

Peter Paintajar remains totally Christian as always – he deserves an "A" for his charitable works. His inner peace and good humour won't be broken. Paintajar, like a Lego building pulled his efforts apart and started again. Vincento, the Croatian Master of Rock Masters will oversee the reconstruction.

Thank you, Peter Paintajar.

## Upcoming Events

- \* **26 November 10:00am at the Church**—Children's Carols Choir Practice for performance on 3 December.
- \* **Sunday 27 November 5:00pm—7:00pm** - Youth Group. Gold coin donation for food.
- \* **Saturday 3 December 2022 at 5:00pm**—Mass of Thanksgiving and Carols by Candlelight to celebrate Fr Mark's 14 years at Holy Spirit Parish. Please bring a plate representing your culture and wear your traditional dress. Please see poster for more details.
- \* **Sunday 11 December 3:00pm-5:00pm**—Youth and Altar Server Christmas Party



Please join us to celebrate  
Fr Mark's 14 years at  
Holy Spirit Parish

# *Mass of Thanksgiving & Picnic Carols by Candlelight*

*Saturday 3 December*

*Mass at 5:00pm followed by BBQ  
and Carols event*

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Picnic Carols | Heritage tales and family sharing  
Sausage sizzle | Multicultural Foods

**Please bring a plate representing your  
culture and wear your traditional dress.**

A decorative illustration at the bottom left of the page shows several Christmas ornaments hanging from strings against a dark background. There are gold and red baubles with white snowflake patterns, and several gold star-shaped ornaments of different sizes.

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# Advent and Christmas

**Advent and Christmas is the time for giving.** Here are some ways you can contribute this year:

## \* St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

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.

## \* Donating to St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Appeal envelopes are available in the foyer.

## \* Parish Advent Giving - Fr Mark's Special Appeal

Similar to last year, we would like to run this appeal again to help a few people and families in our own community – here, in Holy Spirit – who are really “doing it tough”. We want to help them. It is more a gesture than ‘life support.’ Christmas season can be lonely for many, but showing our concern comes in giving. This little appeal which we call ‘Fr Mark’s Special Appeal,’ is not in conflict with St Vincent de Paul’s efforts. Each year we pick a cause that we can support. More than sometimes we have more in need at ‘our back-door.’ Anything we do in the right spirit will give hope and belief that better times are coming. This will aid only a very few, letting them know from us all, ‘it’s the thought that counts.’

Donate online <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/holyspirit>

or BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701  
Reference: Parish Advent Giving or use envelopes available in the foyer and place it in the Wooden Box or collection baskets.

## What's happening this Advent and Christmas

### Saturday 3 December 2022

- ◆ 8:30am Decorate church with lights
- ◆ 5:00pm Mass of thanksgiving for Fr Mark's followed by Carols Event

### Sunday 11 December 2022

- ◆ 3:00pm—5:00pm Altar Servers and Youth Group Christmas Party

### Tuesday 20 December 2022

- ◆ 7:00pm Reconciliation Service

### Saturday 24 December 2022 | Christmas Eve

- ◆ 6:00pm Children's Nativity Mass
- ◆ 8:30pm Carols
- ◆ 9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

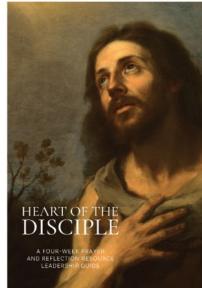
### Sunday 25 December 2022 | Christmas Day

- ◆ 9:00am Christmas Day Mass

### St Francis Xavier Hall

- ◆ 7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

## 2022 Advent and Christmas Reflection Book - Heart of the Disciple



Grab your copy this weekend  
\$7.00 only! See foyer cabinet for details.

## Children's Christmas Nativity at 6:00pm Christmas Eve

Children in Years 3-9 who would like to be involved in the Christmas Nativity on Saturday 24 December are asked to **complete the form** in the foyer, online <https://forms.gle/iAbkVX5kMWk7BoSJA> or using the QR code by **Friday 16 December 2022**



### Practice times as follows:

- \* Friday 23 December 9:00am-11am
- \* Saturday 24 December 9:00am-11am

## YOUNGER CHILDREN

are welcome to come dressed as a shepherd or angel and join the procession to Bethlehem – no practice is required.





Holy Spirit Parish  
invites you to our

# Youth & Altar Server **CHRISTMAS** *Party*

Sunday 11 December

3:00pm - 5:00pm

**Holy Spirit Parish Office**

Youth (years 6-12) are invited to stay after the party  
(5:00pm - 7:00pm) to watch a Christmas movie

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**All youth, alter servers, and  
their families are welcome**

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Please RSVP and send any dietaries to  
[youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

## Farewell Messages for Fr Mark

We would like to create a farewell book for Fr Mark with all your stories, memories and well wishes. There will be a papers and pens in the foyer for you to write your messages for us to include in the book. If you wish, you may take the papers home, write messages and decorate as you wish (feel free to include photos if you have them!). Please return them to the folder in the foyer or to the parish office. The book will be given to Fr Mark at his last Mass on Christmas Eve.



## Prayer List

### For those who are sick

Jim Banks  
Diego Castaneda  
Dorrell Hogan  
Rhonda Lipton  
Adrian Lim  
Paz Pinilla  
Carol Ooi  
Grant  
Alan Demascus  
Gowri Shivasabesan  
Kathy Morris  
Susan Metcalfe  
Carmen Degabriele  
Juana Iris Gvevara  
Sandra Cortez  
Priscila Adriano

### Recently Deceased

Gabrielle Froome  
David Croke

### Anniversaries

Walter Burke  
Mary Lewin  
Judith O'Neill  
Geraldine Crane  
George Velsos  
Kathleen Sullivan



## WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### 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

## CONNECT WITH US

**Parish Priest:** Fr Mark Croker

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Anthony (Fr Thonn) Riosa, SSS.

### Parish Office and Presbytery

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### Parish Groups

**Craft Group** | Beth Forshaw  
Mondays 1:30pm Parish Office

**St Vincent de Paul** | Maria Stark—Regional President  
P: 0468 992 034  
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**Call to Connect** | Anne Smart  
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**Reflecting on Scripture** | Fortnightly on Tuesdays  
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