



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

18-19 November 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

9:15am Mass
6pm Holy Hour and
Reconciliation

Thursday

9:15am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass
7:30am Morning Beans
12:00pm Mass

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass

Sunday

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

Faithful in Small Matters

(Matthew 25: 14 - 30)

I was talking to a group of small children about the gifts God had given them. One girl seemed unconvinced. Her older sister, she told me with dewy-eyed admiration, had all the talent in the family: intelligence, athletic ability, and creativity. She herself, however, had none.

On the contrary, I assured her, she had many gifts of her own. She had a generous love for her sister, a pleasant personality, a warm smile, and a way of making people happy to talk with her. These were talents from God, too, and I urged her to name other things she was good at that were less obvious than these.

Some weeks later I was at home, having a bad spell of writer's block, and began to feel frustrated with the blank computer screen. Going to the mailbox to retrieve my letters, I noticed one printed in pencil. It was from the little girl I had spoken with, and inside the envelope was a crayon drawing with these simple words pencilled alongside: *You have talents. God created you to use your talents. NAME THEM.* In a moment, my sense of failure was gone, replaced by a child's wonderful courage. She gave the story of the talents back to me multiplied, and I got back to work exhilarated.

What talents have you been given by God, and how have you invested them?

Pray

You give us different gifts, Loving God. Help us to use them wisely. We will not give in. We will not give up. We will keep on using our gifts. A parable that encourages us to use the gifts God has given us to the full. I will not give in. I will not give up. I will keep on using my gifts. Amen.

Ponder

Give thanks to a woman who has inspired you with her holy fidelity. If possible, call or write and tell her what her example has meant to you. If not, spend a day appreciating her by emulating her witness. *"If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least?"*

Kids' Corner

For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. (1 Thessalonians 5: 5)

Have you ever tried to find something in a dark room? Not easy, is it? Maybe you bumped your knee or tripped and fell. Ow! Jesus was born into a world that was like a gigantic dark room with no windows and no other way out. People had turned away from God's laws and were lost in darkness. Jesus is the light of the world. We who follow him are his children. With Jesus, we will always find our way to light and life.

Dear Jesus, light our way to heaven. Amen.

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St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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

This Weekend's Readings:

Proverbs 31:10-13, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

Parish News and Events

- * **Tuesday 21 November 2023 5:30pm-7:00pm | Adult Faith Formation**
Topic: Catholic Social Teaching
- * **The Chosen Discussion Group | Wednesday 22 November at 10:00am.**
All are invited to join Fr Troy to watch a few episodes of Season 2 of The Chosen followed by a discussion group.
- * **RCIA program and Alpha | Parish rooms on Thursdays at 7:00pm.** If you would like to find out more about the program please contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au
- * **Morning Beans for Young Adults | Friday 24 November at 7:30am-9:00am -**
Blossoms Café Ngunnawal —spill in at anytime!
- * **Car Boot Sale | Sunday 26 November 10:30am—2pm**
\$10 per spot—contact the parish office to book a spot.



Final Anointing Mass for 2023 and Senior's Morning Tea

Thursday 30 November at 9:15am
Please bring a plate of festive delights to share!





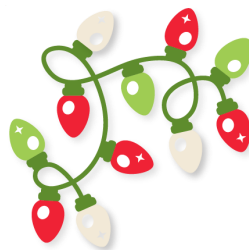
- * **19 November:** Craft and Furious
- * **26 November:** Fatima is a Crafty Place
- * **3 December:** The Mystery Channel
- * **10 December:** Youth and Altar Server Christmas Party
See flyer for details.

Volunteers Needed!!!

We are getting ready for our Advent and Christmas!

We need your help to put up lights and decorations in preparation for the first week of Advent. If could spare any time at all, please come along and help. **Saturday 2**

December 2023 from 9:00am 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 or call 0472 921 518.



Community Carols

Leading up to Christmas an opportunity exists for people to join a community carols group. All age groups are invited to express an interest to join a Holy Spirit Christmas Carols Choir this season. If you're interested in joining, please contact: theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Limited Parking in the Church Grounds—26 November

On Sunday 26 November at 9:00am, the car boot sale participants will be setting up their stalls in the basketball courts. There will be limited car parking spaces available in the church grounds and parishioners are encouraged to park at the school or in the nearby reserve area.

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



For those who are sick

Jim Banks
Dorrell Hogan
Kathy Morris
Elisabeth Faith O'Connell
Caitlin Wigglesworth
Kwang Hui Lim
Grant
Maria Therese Cummins
Gail
Elizabeth
Adriano Cesar Junior
Maria Teresa Meireles
Theresa and Joseph Tan
Cyril Jolicoeur
Bill Honess
Ghlyanne Chelmiah
Tony Johnston
Jaya Raghwan
Julie Mirfan
Paul Johnston
Edwin Joseph Dsouza
Alan Kay
John Sweeny
Sharron Davis
Michelle
Mark Bush
Salvacion Vargasž
Caroline Galea
Maria Stark

Anniversaries

Leonila Mercado
Judith O'Neil
Joan and John Cleary
Bobbie Selems

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

[Prayer Requests](#)



Good Shepherd Hall Refurbishment

This week we received confirmation that the Good Shepherd school hall will be undergoing major refurbishment starting Monday 20 November. We have been advised that this work is expected to take around 6 months to complete. Parish Masses and events will be impacted including access to the church when parking at the school carpark. The initial changes include:

- ◆ **Weekend Masses**— we will set up chairs in the foyer meeting room and outside as required.
- ◆ **Weekday Masses**—will be moved to the parish office due to construction noises.
- ◆ **Car Park and access**— those who park at Good Shepherd school carpark will need to access the top gate of the school by following the red line below.
- ◆ **Christmas Masses**—these will be held at St John Paul II College, Gungahlin Drive, Nicholls.

Please be patient with us as we navigate the upcoming disruption to church access and services. We will tweak the arrangements as we receive more information and will keep you updated on any changes. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or concerns.



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 Sunday 24 December are asked to **complete the form** in the foyer, online <https://forms.gle/iAbkVX5kMWk7BoSJA> or using the QR code by **Friday 15 December 2023**

Practice times as follows:

- * Saturday 23 December 11:00am-1:00pm
- * Sunday 24 December 11:00am-1:00pm



YOUNGER CHILDREN

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

Community Messages



“Living in the comfort of the Holy Spirit”. Acts 9:31

Date: Saturday 25 November 2023 (9.30am-4.00pm)

Venue: St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT 2604

Admission is FREE, BYO lunch. Boxed lunch available at nominal cost, RSVP by 22 November 2023 to p1.rebello@gmail.com

For enquiries please contact: Parveen: 0439642571; Winnie: 0451015527; Prakash 381446; Shan: 0412310364; Tom: 0434689957

The **CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE** – *Bach's Advent Cantatas*. Choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll, will be performing JS Bach's Advent Cantatas BWV 61, 36, 62 and 1, on Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm, and Sunday 3 December at 2.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit www.canberrabachensemble.com

A Retirement Celebration in Honour of Graham Pollard

In honour of Graham's contribution to our schools and parishes, we warmly invite colleagues, friends and parents, past and present, to join us for refreshments.

Date: Wednesday 6 December 2023

Time: 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Venue: St Matthew's Primary School

RSVP: 30 November 2023 office.stmatts@cg.catholic.edu.au or 6254 2653



Employment Opportunity—Part Time Parish Secretary Charnwood

Applications are invited for the position of Parish Secretary for St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Charnwood. This is a 12 month contract, part time position of 10-12 hours per week.

Please contact the Parish Priest—Fr Gerrard McCormick at Charnwood@cg.org.au for a copy of the duty statement and the Selection Criteria. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



Help us decorate the Church this Christmas by making decorations



We are decorating our church this year with artwork from our children. Please join us and colour in or make your very own decoration to be put up in the church.

Colour in sheets are available in the foyer.

Please return them by Friday 1st December 2023.



Holy Spirit Parish Gungahlin

Car Boot Sale

Someone's trash can be your treasure!



**\$10 per spot -
contact the parish
office to book yours.**

**Saugage sizzle, cakes
and coffee available.**



**93 Burdekin Avenue, Amaroo
6242 9622 or office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au**

Volunteer Opportunity – Parish Finance Council

The Parish is looking for a person to fill the role of Treasurer on the Parish Finance Council. The role of the PFC is to monitor the finances of the parish and advise the Parish Priest and Parish Pastoral Council on budgets, income, expenditure, future trends, and financial requirements.

This involves attending four meetings per year (roughly every three months). The meetings generally last about one and a half hours. There is a small amount of reading and email correspondence. Someone who has an understanding of income and expenditure statements and balance sheets would be desirable.

Please note that the role of Treasurer is assisted by the parish finance officer. He prepares the monthly financial statements, quarterly BAS, annual financial reports, annual budgets, meeting agendas and deals with various financial issues.

For applications or enquiries, contact Tony Rose at the office on Tuesdays or Fridays or by email gungahlin.finance@cg.org.au



December and Christmas Roster

Please let us know if you are available to help out in December and at our Christmas Masses.

[Roster Form](#)

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH-YOUTH ALTAR SERVER - PARTY

LASER TAG

10TH OF DECEMBER- AT
ZONE 3: 3 PM - 4:40 PM

RVSP

<https://forms.gle/y9Pc3B5Vw3WCjA8>



WHAT TO BRING

1. \$5 FOR THE FEE
2. SNACKS TO SHARE
3. COMFY CLOTHING
4. A WATER BOTTLE
5. A CARRY-ON BAG

WHO-WHY-WHERE-WHAT-WHEN

- CONTACT - MATTHEW ALLEN BY EMAIL: YOUTH@HOLYSPIRITGUNG AHLIN.ORG.AU
- CHRISTMAS PARTY - A FUN PARTY FOR THE ALTAR SERVERS AND THE SUNDAY'S YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS
- EVENT - LASER TAG
- LOCATION- ZONE 3, 28 WEEDON CLOSE BELCONNEN
- DATE & TIME - 10TH DECEMBER
ARRIVAL: 3:00 PM
PICKUP: 4:40 PM

RSVP BY THE 26TH OF NOVEMBER!
COME ALL & LETS HAVE FUN

St Francis Xavier Church Feast Day Mass and Picnic

To celebrate the feast day of St Francis Xavier, Hall parishioners are having a Mass and a picnic in the church grounds at Hall on **Saturday 2 December at 5pm** (weather permitting). Please bring everything you need for a picnic and you may like to bring a plate of food to share with others. Parishioners from Amaroo are very welcome to us. The rural atmosphere and views from the church grounds will make it a special experience for many.



A priest and a rabbi are in a car crash and it's a bad one. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither one of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi says, "So you're a priest. That's interesting; I'm a rabbi. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace."

The priest replies, "Oh, yes, I agree. It's a miracle that we survived and are here together." "And here's another miracle," says the rabbi. "My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink the wine and celebrate our good fortune," he says, handing the bottle to the priest. The priest nods in agreement, opens the wine, drinks half of it, and hands it back to the rabbi.

The rabbi takes it and puts the cap back on. "Aren't you going to have any?" asks the priest. "Not right now," says the rabbi. "I think I'll wait until after the police make their report."

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

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Mondays 1:00pm Parish Office

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