



# 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

25-26 November 2023

The Feast of Christ the King | 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  
NO 12:00pm Mass

### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

### Sunday

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

## Ultimate Power

The church year ends this week. Our calendar is not far behind. These endings carry a certain finality about them. We've spent the year studying Matthew's gospel, with its emphasis on God's kingdom. We look forward to the start of a new cycle following Mark, who ponders the identity of Jesus and the meaning of his coming. We're always glad to get to Advent, the happy season of warmth and giving. But before we leap into tomorrow, this church year has one more lesson to teach us.

The liturgical calendar always ends with Christ the King (Jesus Christ, Heart of the Universe), but the readings for this feast are remarkably different each time. In Matthew's year, Christ's kingship is defined in terms of judgment. A ruler has the power to separate good from evil, lives worthy of reward from those deserving punishment. Rulers establish the rules and enforce them. But in Matthew's judgment scene, the rules turn out to be completely different from what everyone expected. The Son of Man doesn't quiz people about whether they went to church or obeyed the commandments. No one is asked about divorce or sexual purity or saying their prayers. What does concern the king is how the saddest members of society are being treated.

If we took the quiz today, how would we do? This is an appropriate reflection for the end of the year. It's also a good time to consider how we might prepare to pass this exam at the mother of all endings.

## Pray

Joy-making, shepherding God, your love, goodness, mercy, and grace are constantly before us. May we know you so well that we implicitly trust you, and unselfconsciously live to your glory and praise. Amen.

## Ponder

Find a way to answer the needs of the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and the naked, the sick and imprisoned, in the upcoming year. Gifts of generosity, hospitality, and compassion are always in season. *"I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me"*.

## Kids' Corner

*... whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25: 40)*

On her way to school, Marty smiles at an old man waiting at the bus stop. Marty has no idea that the man is on his way to visit his wife in the hospital, but her smile cheers him up. He's still smiling when he gets on the bus. Earlier, someone was rude to the bus driver, but the man's smile makes him forget, and the driver smiles at the next person he sees – a teenager who wants to run away from home. The teen can't help smiling back. She decides to go home and smile at her mum instead of running away. All this good was started with one smile.

Lord Jesus, bless all good things done in your name. Amen. [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



## St Francis Xavier Hall

### Sunday Mass

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

## This Weekend's Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28, Matthew 25:31-46

# Parish News and Events

- \* **The Chosen Discussion Group | Wednesday 29 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](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)
- \* **Morning Beans for Young Adults | Friday 1 December at 7:30am-9:00am -**  
Blossoms Café Ngunnawal —spill in at anytime!



**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! All Are Welcome!**





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

## Good Shepherd Hall Refurbishment

Work has now begun at Good Shepherd school hall and parishioners should take care when accessing the church as there are construction fencing near walkways. 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 continue to be at the church until the noise level becomes unmanageable.
- ◆ **Car Park and access**— those who park at Good Shepherd school carpark will need to access the top gate of the school—the gate closest to the church near the school hall will be locked.
- ◆ **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.

## 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.



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  
Ghlyianne 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  
Julie Morgan

### Anniversaries

Kathleen Sullivan  
Vernon Norris  
Paul Achi

### Recently Deceased

HFM Fonseca  
Turin Gunapala

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

[Prayer Requests](#)

## Advent Holy Hour—Preparation for Christmas

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm

Talk at 6:30pm  
Confessions available.

### Topics:

6 December: Prayer  
13 December: Conversion  
20 December: Discerning the Will of God



### 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](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au) or call 0472 921 518.



### 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 to be held at John Paul II College:

- \* 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.

Holy Spirit Parish Gungahlin

# Car Boot Sale

Someone's trash can be your treasure!



**POSTPONED**  
DUE TO WEATHER

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

Saugage sizzle, cakes  
and coffee available.



Sunday  
26 November  
10:30am to 2pm

93 Burdekin Avenue, Amaroo  
6242 9622 or [office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

# Community Messages

- \* **Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm & Sunday 3 December at 2.00pm | 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](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com)
- \* **Wednesday 6 December 2023 4:00pm-5:30pm | Graham Pollard Retirement Celebration**  
In honour of Graham's contribution to our schools and parishes, we warmly invite colleagues, friends and parents, past and present, to join at St Matthew's Primary School. **RSVP:** 30 November 2023 [office.stmatts@cq.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.stmatts@cq.catholic.edu.au) or 6254 2653
- \* **Marymead CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn** extends sincere thanks for your support during 2023. Thank you for your interest and prayer, and for the financial donations made in support of our homeless women at MacKillop House. Since opening its doors in June 2020 MacKillop House has given accommodation to 125 single women aged between 18-80 in the 'big house' and 20 Mothers with some 34 accompanying children in the 6 Villas on the same property. The generosity of many has enabled the refurbishment of 25 bedrooms to continue and carpet to be replaced. We are excited to have recently installed 2 air-conditioning units in common areas in preparation for a hot summer. The need is great! We welcome donations small or large it will make a difference! As we are a for purpose organisation all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. You can do so via our website <https://mccg.org.au> and go to the 'donate' box at top right of page (then follow prompts), or by direct transfer: BSB: 062-786; Account Number 00010602; Account Name: CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn. Please indicate that the donation is for 'MacKillop House' and email advice to [Noelene.quinane@mccg.org.au](mailto:Noelene.quinane@mccg.org.au) Sincere thanks. Every blessing for Advent, Christmas and the approaching New Year.—Sr Noelene Quinane rsj



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH-YOUTH ALTAR SERVER - PARTY**

**LASER TAG**

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

**RVSP**  
<https://forms.gle/y9Pc3Sb5VWl3WGJA8>



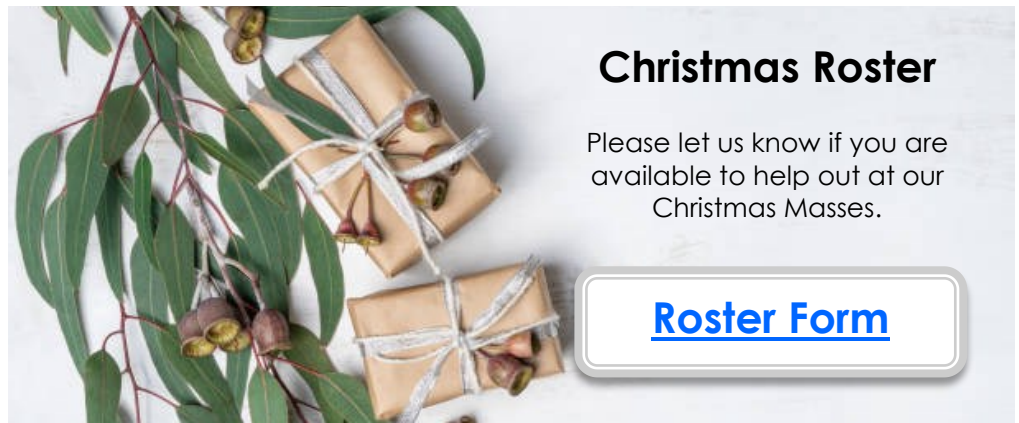
**WHAT TO BRING**

- 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@HOLYSPIRITGUNGAHLIN.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**



## Christmas Roster

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

[Roster Form](#)

## 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](mailto:theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)

## 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!



## CONNECT WITH US

**Parish Priest:** Fr Troy Bobbin

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Eden Langlands

### Parish Office and Presbytery

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**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):** Sean Ryan

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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](mailto: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](mailto:socialjustice.hsp@gmail.com)

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**Youth Ministry** | Matthew Allen  
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**Young Adult Ministry** | Melwyn Monteiro  
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**Care Group** | Sonja Vocisano  
P: 0438 699 591

**Community Garden Group** | Parish Office  
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