



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

9-10 December 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent | Year B



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

Comfort with a Catch

"There's good news, and there's bad news". A whole body of jokes begin this way, and we laugh ruefully because that statement is generally true. The news is hardly ever good or bad, but rather a blend of results better for some than others. One ball team beats another; is this good news, or bad?

John the Baptist preaches repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Good news or bad? It's great news for sinners who repent. It's good news for people who yearn to be forgiven and know they have reason to be. It's not good news for people who have no intention of leaving their sin behind. And it's positively bad news for the self-righteous, convinced of their innocence and resentful that sinful types are getting off the hook.

The message of John the Baptist is comfort with a catch. The catch is baptism, a drowning to the old way and a resurrection into grasping new life. We can't find comfort in religion – not this religion! – if we intend to remain just as we are. John's baptism is with water, bracing and cold. The Mighty One is coming along soon with fire and spirit. Things are going to change.

Pray

God, our comfort and our strength, open our senses to hear your promise of liberation. Guide us to bring words and deeds of comfort and hope to the world. Amen.

Ponder

Give a little comfort this season. Listen to someone who has a story to tell. Include the lonely at your table. Remember the poor. *"His baptism will change you from the inside out"*.

Kids' Corner

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight all paths. (Mark 1: 3)

Getting ready for Christmas is a lot of fun. Whether it's buying presents, baking cakes or decking the halls with boughs of holly, most of us look forward to this time of year more than any other. The best part is welcoming Jesus, who came as a tiny helpless baby to ask for our love. Picture yourself entering the stable with Mary and Joseph and the animals all around you. How does it feel to pick baby Jesus up and hold him in your arms?

Welcome, Baby Jesus! We receive and offer your love in our world. Amen
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St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

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

God of patience, show us your wisdom in time,
that we may grow to expect your action on your time.
Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us
receptive to your timing in others. Help us see the long view
when we are caught in the frustration of waiting.
Amen.

This Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8

Parish News and Events

- * **The Chosen Discussion Group | Wednesday 13 December 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

Advent Holy Hour—Preparation for Christmas

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

Talk at 6:00pm | Confessions available.

Topics:

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



Community Messages

- * **Tuesday 12 December at 6:00pm | Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House.** For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.
- * **13 December | Zoom Information Evening – Ministry to the Newly Married**
Are you recently married (in the past 2 years) or about to be married? Details: Ralph & Angela (m) 0401 994 081 OR Helena and Richard on 0405 440 463 (e) contact@newlymarried.org. More information <https://bit.ly/MinistryNewlyMarried>. Register before 12 Jan.
- * **7-14 January 2024 | Summer School of Evangelisation - Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW**
Summer School is a week-long, live-in, life-changing retreat featuring praise and worship, inspiring talks, engaging liturgy, time to chill & learn and more in the midst of a community of 150+ young people aged 16-35. Registrations open 31st October. More info: contact@summerschool.org.au. Bookings: summerschool.org.au

Advent Reconciliation



TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 7:00PM

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



For those who are sick

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
Maria Stark
Julie Morgan
Tim Watson
Jim Banks
Barbara Kirk
Seán Burke

Anniversaries

Angela Brown
Luke Donohue

Recently Deceased

Cathy Cleary

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 and Christmas

Advent and Christmas is the time for giving. Here are a couple of 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.

Delivery of Christmas Hampers!

Parishioners are invited to help with delivering Christmas Hampers to Gungahlin families. Hampers will be ready to be delivered after the 5 pm Mass on the 16/12/22 and after 8am and 9:30 am Mass on the 17/12/22. Our Vinnies team have been working very hard to collect goodies and will coordinate all the Hampers over that weekend. Please mark the date in your diaries and come along and help us spread some Christmas cheer!



What's happening this Advent and Christmas

Tuesday 19 December 2023

- ◆ 7:00pm Reconciliation Service

Saturday 23 December 2023

- ◆ 11:00am Children's Nativity Practice**

Sunday 24 December 2023 | Christmas Eve

- ◆ 11:00am Children's Nativity Practice**
- ◆ 6:00pm Children's Nativity Mass**
- ◆ 8:30pm Carols**
- ◆ 9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass**

Monday 25 December 2023 | Christmas Day

- ◆ 9:00am Christmas Day Mass**

St Francis Xavier Hall

- ◆ 7:00pm Carols
- ◆ 7:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

**Events to be held at St John Paul II College Nicholls.

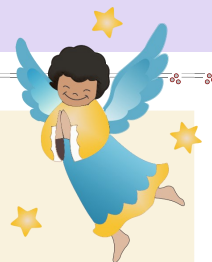


2023 Advent and Christmas Reflection Book - With Expectant Hearts

Grab your copy this weekend \$6.00 only! See foyer cabinet for details.

Dear God, amidst the busy lead up to Christmas, grant us serenity. Help us release the burdens and embrace joy. Fill our hearts with gratitude, turning stress into opportunities for love and connection. May the true spirit of the Advent season fill us with peace, kindness, and the warmth of shared moments.

Amen.



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

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.**

**Sunday
10 December
10:30am to 2pm**

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

Christmas Flyer Letterbox Drop

Flyers with Christmas Mass times are ready for distribution to all suburbs in the Parish.

We need your help!!

Please take some flyers this weekend and drop them into the letterboxes of the people in your street or area. And surrounding new areas! Thank you.



Christmas Roster

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

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

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Parish Groups

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

St Vincent de Paul | Drazen Roginic President

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Call to Connect | Maureen Hilton

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Holy Spirit Prayer Group | Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028
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