



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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



30 November/ 1 December 2019

First Sunday of Advent - Year A

What's on this week at Holy Spirit Parish

Monday

No Mass
Parish Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

7:00am Mass
6:00pm Novena
7:00pm RCIA
7:30pm HSP Prayer
Group

Thursday

9:15am Mass
7:00pm Music Practice
7:30pm Legion of Mary

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

10:00am Children's Choir
3:30pm Legion of Mary
5:15pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:00am Young Café
3:00pm Bollywood dance
5:30pm Mass
6:30pm Volleyball

Stay awake because you
don't know when your
master is coming.
(Jesus, Matt 24:42)



This weekend at 9.30am Mass we welcome all students from
ELC and their parents. It is wonderful to have you all
with us today.



You are invited!



PARISH FETE

Saturday 7 December 4:00pm—8:00pm
Amaroo 2 Oval - Access via Good Shepherd Carpark

Carols and entertainment, rides and games, petting zoo, plenty of food
vendors and market stalls.

Bring a picnic rug and come celebrate with your parish community.

A great family friendly event!

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Last chance to buy the fete hands!
Don't miss out on great savings as
you will pay a lot more on the day!

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Parish Cake Stall - It's not too late! You can still contribute
goodies such as cakes, biscuits, specialities such as rocky
road, relishes, jams. Please label with a list of ingredients
used. Please contact Maureen Hilton on 0431 123 465 or
maureenhilton@gmail.com.



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Can you help? - We need a few strong people to help set up, and pack up. If
you can help, please contact Bernadette—events.holyspiritparish@gmail.com

Christmas Raffle



Holy Spirit Catholic Church
www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/fete

Prizes:

- A Quilted Nativity Wall hanging, donated by Trisha Templeton
- A Christmas Craft pack from ABCD- Andrea Bishop Crafts and Designs including
Christmas tin of assorted tree decorations, a mini wreath and a reindeer hand towel
- A handcrafted Gingerbread House from Bite Me! Food on the Move
- A pendant and earring set from Sharpe Arte Acrylic Creations with
'Wild & Free' travel cup from Legrand Crafts
- A \$50 voucher for a Stampin' Up! in home card making class for 4 people
- A \$40 voucher from JRL Clothing

Drawn on 7 December at 7pm at the Christmas Fete

\$2 each or 3 for \$5

TODAY'S READINGS

READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5 , Romans 13:11-14 , Matthew 24:37-44

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. *Liturgy Help*

Helpful hints for this week's readings:

FIRST READING: Isaiah — ai-ZAY-uh, Amoz — AY-muhz, Judah — DZHOO-duh, Jerusalem — dzehh-ROO-suh-lehm, Zion — ZAI-uhn

GOSPEL: Noah — NO-uh

PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Religious Gifts!

Keep Christ in Christmas this year and visit the parish stall at the fete to buy religious gifts!

Lovely items for all ages:

- * Rosaries and Crosses
- * Christmas cards, decorations, wreaths
- * Religious Calendars
- * Holy Spirit Parish diaries, notebooks, pens and much much more

Children's Christmas Nativity at 7pm Christmas Eve



Children in Years 3-7 who would like to be involved in the Christmas Nativity on Monday 24 December are asked to **complete the form** in the foyer by **Thursday 12 December 2019**

Practice times as follows:

- * Monday 23 December 11am - 1pm
- * Tuesday 24 December 11am - 1pm

Advent and Christmas is the time for giving....not just of presents to our families and friends but also of ourselves, for giving of our time and sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves. An amazing benefit of giving is that it releases us from the real burden of our own financial needs. As we learn to trust God through giving, we can live confidently on what is left because we know that God is taking care of that. Here are some ways you can contribute this year:

- * **Giving Tree in the Foyer**
Please take a tag and return your chosen item by Friday 13 December. There are baskets in the church foyer and Parish Office.
- * **Delivering Christmas hampers**
This is a very rewarding experience and a great way to give to people in our community who need our support this Advent season. Christmas Hampers will be available for collection after 6:00pm, 8:00am and 9:30am Masses weekend of 14-15 December. Due to demand we will require many families to help deliver hampers.
- * **Donating to St Vincent de Paul** Christmas Appeal envelopes are available in the foyer.



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



We welcome into our community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Ava Daisy Perez

For those who are sick
*Alma Glinister
Henry Cue
Madison Grooby
Maria Joseph
Armando Sanchez
Anita Allen
Sue and Ebel Bierman
Allan Dent
Eileen Dean*

Please note: Our sick list is refreshed monthly. Names will be removed at the start of each month unless the office is notified otherwise.

Recently Deceased
Ken Martens

Anniversaries
*Bozinika Novak
Antonisa Herman
Allan Cockroft
Leo Van Haalen
Madalena Do
Alan Sargent
Kathleen Sullivan
Judy O'Neill
Vince McCabe
Paul Twigg
Bobbie Selems
Manjuh Alice Bambo*



Prayer cards are available in the church foyer

ADVENT



Today we begin our yearly pilgrimage through the events of our history of salvation starting with the preparation for the birthday celebration of Jesus and ending with the reflection on his glorious "second coming" as judge at the end of the world. We are entering the Advent season. Advent means coming. We are invited to meditate on Jesus' first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible and through the worshipping community and finally his *Second Coming* at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked.

- ★ **Start a new tradition for Advent**—Beginning December 1st read one chapter of the book of Luke in the Bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!
- ★ **2019 Advent and Christmas Reflection Book – THE WAY**—\$4.00 Only—See foyer table .

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While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance. We see the traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and hangings, plain green plants and the Advent wreath. These signs remind us that we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness around us.

What's happening this Advent

7 December 2019

- ◆ 7:30am **Garden Maintenance!** Please come along and help out.

14-15 December 2019

- ◆ **St. Vincent De Paul Giving Weekend.** Christmas Hampers will be available after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 14 December, and after 8.00am and 9.30am Sunday Masses on December 15. They can be delivered from 7.00pm on Saturday and all day Sunday.

18 December 2019

- ◆ 7:00pm **Reconciliation Service**

20 December 2019

- ◆ 1:30pm **Christmas Chairs Set Up**



COMMUNITY MESSAGES



**St John Paul II College Presents
World's Greatest Shave and Christmas
Picnic Extravaganza**

Wednesday 4 December 2019

5:00pm - 7:30pm at JPC Terrace/Oval
In support of the Leukaemia Foundation, staff and students will be participating in the World Grates Shave.

Come and enjoy an evening of musical entertainment while supporting a great cause. Please bring: picnic, picnic rug, gold coin donation, friends and family.



• A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

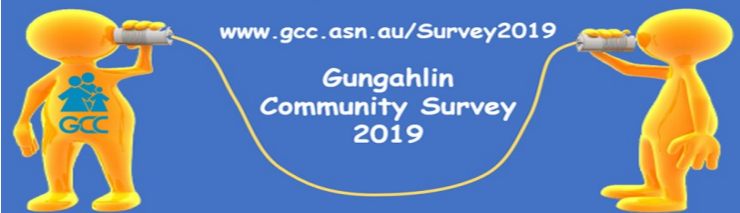


Working in Education, Health and Trades?

Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are five places left on Palms Australia's January 4th – 12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning any time in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au

• **Friar Alessandro - Monday 9 December** You are invited to an evening of Christmas music & readings with internationally acclaimed Franciscan tenor Friar Alessandro. Friar is on his first ever tour to Australia and will be accompanied by Vivian Choi (Piano) and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. **ENTRY FREE** or By Donation with all donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Mon 9 Dec (6pm), St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** at www.voicefromassisi.org.au

How do you Live, Work, Play and Learn in Gungahlin ?



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MESSAGE

The Social Justice Group, working to change big things and small, meets every month and partners with other groups where possible. Contact Paul Crowley: crowleysix@me.com



Final Youth Group for 2020

Combined Christmas Party!

Sunday 15 December
2:00pm—7:30pm



Program

Seasonal Games

Movie

**YOUTH MASS
DINNER**



All are welcome to come and celebrate together!

Haven't been to one before?

New members welcome!

Come and try it out!

A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

5 Steps to review your day before going to bed

- * Thank God for the Gifts of the Day
- * Ask for the light from the Holy Spirit to remember the day well
- * Review the events of your day
- * Thanks God again for the good memories and ask forgiveness for the bad choices you made
- * Rest in God's presents.



JOKE OF THE WEEK

Having just passed his driver's test, a teenage boy broaches the topic of use of the family car with his father. Sensing an opportunity influence the boy to become more responsible, the father gives the lad three things he must do to gain access to the car. He must (1) bring his grades up, (2) keep his room clean, and (3) get a haircut. A couple of months go by and the kid does a great a job with items 1 and 2. Again, he raises the subject of use of the car with his father, who points out that he still hasn't had his hair cut. The son replies, "Dad, have you ever noticed that in any picture of Jesus and the disciples that they all have long hair?" Replies the father, "Son, have you ever noticed that they walked everywhere they went."



CHILDREN -



Throughout Advent and Christmas, there will be copies of Children's Worksheets available in the foyer. Please bring your pencils to work on during Mass or take it home and work together with your family.

Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples. Draw yourself listening to Jesus.



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CONTACT US

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MASS TIMES AND SACRAMENTS

Weekend Mass Times

Holy Spirit Amaroo

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am* and 5:30pm

*Children's Liturgy during school term

St Francis Xavier, Hall

2nd and 4th Sun at 8.30am

Weekday Masses (at Amaroo)

Tues 9:15am Wed 7:00am

Thurs 9:15am Fri 7:00am

Reconciliation Sat 5:15-5:45 pm

Communion: Sick and

Housebound

Please contact the Parish Office

Anointing Mass

Thursday 30 January 2020 at 9.15am

Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals

By Appointment

PARISH MINISTRIES

St Vincent de Paul

Maria Stark on 0411 164 630

Care Group

Sonja Vocisano on 0438 699 591

Vinnie Costa on 0410 460 624

Seniors Group

Parish Office 6242 9622

Craft Group

Beth Forshaw on 6242 5191

Call to Connect - Women's group

Anne Smart 0415 175 802

Prayer Chain

Joe and Irma Jambor 6242 7332

irmandjoe@gmail.com

Family Groups

Jennifer Smith 6262 3532

Couples for Christ

Danny & Ner Ambida on 0448 243 508

Novena—Mother of Perpetual Help

Tom 6253 9779, Parveen 0439 642 571

Wednesdays at 6pm-6.45pm in the church

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Kathy Torcasio 0401 920 028

Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church

MenAlive Gathering

Steve Seesink 0421635675

Cursillo Movement Gatherings

Irma and Joe Jambor on 62427332

Legion of Mary

Jakub Szymanski 0406 233 830

Youth Ministry

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GIVING

We thank you for your generosity.

Credit Card Donations at Mass -Tap and Go

Use your credit/debit card to make a contribution of \$10 to the second collection.

Parish Bank Account Details

BSB: 062 786

Account Number: 00010701

Account Name: Holy Spirit Parish



SUGGESTION BOX

We love hearing from you!

Do you have any feedback, comments or suggestions? Please pop them into our "Suggestion Box" in the foyer.

Don't forget to put your name and contact details so that we can provide you with an update.

