

OUR PARISH

Contact Parish Pastoral Council via email: ppc.mhoc@gmail.com

OUR PARISH MISSION:

"All the Church, all the Gospel, all the people, all the time"

OUR PARISH VISION:

All the Church - we will **WORSHIP** with an open heart.

All the Gospel - we will celebrate the **WORD** with joy.

All the People - we will care for the **WELFARE** of all.

All the Time - we will maintain our **WORKS** with integrity.

OUR PARISH SCRIPTURE

"Refresh my heart in Christ" - Philemon 1:20b

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH FROM 4 SEPT

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B/1

Readings: Isa 35:4-7; Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.1;

James 2:1-5; Mt 4:23 **Psalter Week 3**

10 persons maximum at each Mass allowed.

No bookings are being taken for mass.

Sign-in sheets available at each Mass, once full please do not enter the church.

Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri 10am Mass for 10 people only (not including ministers)

Sat 6.00pm; Sun 8.30am & 10am

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RECONCILIATION (Confession):

11am-12pm Saturdays. Max of 10 people (heads) in church at a time, use sign in sheet provided at side door (car park entry).

Masks mandatory & social distancing applies.

BAPTISMS: Baptism Information may be gained through the parish office.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, at least 6 months notice is essential. Phone the Office for details.

Homilies:

Fr Richard has his weekend homily recorded. To listen, go to our website.

Live Stream Mass is available from

St. Christopher's Cathedral

Mon—Sat 12.15pm & Sun 11am:

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

Rosary via Zoom Archbishop Christopher

TIME: Every Wed & Fri at 4 pm sharp!

ZOOM DETAILS: click on the link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjIvdnpFd21aVDQzWnAydz09)

[pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjIvdnpFd21aVDQzWnAydz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjIvdnpFd21aVDQzWnAydz09)

Or enter in the details below after opening Zoom;

Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332

Passcode: 543675

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES

are suspended, Until further notice. Ministers will be contacted personally as needed.



Mary Help of Christians Parish South Woden, PEARCE ACT

Parish Priest: Father Richard Thompson VF CSM RAN Rtd ChLJ

Deacon: Matt Ransom (part time)

Parish Office: 115 Hodgson Cres, PEARCE ACT 2607 Ph: 02 6286 1908

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Youth Minister - Nicholas Weir - nicholas.weir@cg.org.au

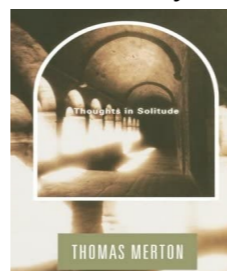
Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.



From the book: **'Thoughts In Solitude'** -
"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone." Thomas Merton

I keep this prayer with a picture of Thomas Merton on my bookshelf, facing out so I see it every day. I pray it often, especially in these COVID days.

Fr Richard.



A Blessing for all Fathers

Lord, Giver of life, bless all fathers through whom you have created life for their children. Keep them faithful and joyous in their love. Protect them from all harm, and give them health of mind and body. Help them in their every need, and hear their prayers. Give them many friends who will love them in this life, and your everlasting friendship in the next. And may your eternal embrace enfold our deceased fathers in heavenly peace. Amen.



Please remember all of our faithful departed:
Recent Deceased: Carmen Estanillo, Sylvia Keet and former Marist Brother Brian McManus
Anniversaries: Fr Gordon Kerr, Fr John McDwyer and Fr James Ryan. We also pray for the members of the Askander and Shano families.
May they rest in peace.

Virtual Parish Youth Group! Sat 11 Sept

A great way to connect and chat with our Youth Minister Nick and Fr Richard!

Get those curly questions ready and have some virtual fun connecting with others.

If you need anything, don't hesitate to email Nick at nicholas.weir@cg.org.au

Details:

Yr 5-8: 4:30pm-5:15pm

Link: <https://cg youth.whereby.com/woden>

Yr 9-12: 7pm-8pm

Link: <https://cg youth.whereby.com/woden>



"Fathers' Day Appeal"

Collection for our retired priests:

There are 28 retired priests in the Archdiocese and this Appeal helps meet their needs of provide security in their retirement years.

Please join us in generous giving.

You can make a gift today:

- By envelopes (avail at side door car park entrance) please drop any completed envelopes into the secure mail box at the parish office.
- By giving at: www.cg catholic.org.au/donate
- By calling: (02) 6239 9801

Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.

The Father's Day Appeal

Clergy Retirement Foundation

To raise funds for the care and support of our archdiocesan retired priests.

Plenary Council Post:

Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' Mark 7:31-37

The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth.

(Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, "A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002", accessed 23 April 2021, <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2002.pdf>, 10.)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/



A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER



Dear Lord,

I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper.

Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally,

I embrace You Spiritually into my heart.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

My Lord and my God.

Amen.

Mass Protocols as of 31 August 2021

1. Sunday obligation is still suspended so please consider attending a weekday mass.
2. Masks are Mandatory.
3. Numbers strictly limited to 10 people in total (not including ministers) & 1 person or family per 2m² rule once inside. When the sheet at the door is full you may not enter the church until there is room (no bookings being taken).
4. **By Law, use the "Check in CBR" App.**
5. **Entry via the upper carpark in front of the Office only. This side door will be unlocked during daylight hours.. Ensure you sign in & out on the sheet provided with your entry time & exit time to keep to a max of 10 rule.**
6. Help sanitise the pews after each mass.
7. If you have any symptoms of being unwell DO NOT come to the Church.

Please continue your financial contribution to support our Archdiocesan Clergy and the running of your parish. Our parish running costs have not decreased. See <http://www.mhoc.org.au/planned-giving/> for our EFT details and other ways to donate, thank you.

The Parish Council thanks you for your continuing support and understanding.

Our up to date **Archdiocesan Protocols for Covid-19** can be viewed on our website at: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/covid-19/>

Please see <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/> for the: Latest updates, Exposure locations, Lock-down in the ACT, Where to get tested and NSW/ACT border residents etc.

The office is still closed however is still operating remotely under the usual hours: 6286 1908 leave a message or wodensouth@cg.org.au.

