

## OUR PARISH

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## 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

**Third Sunday of Advent, Psalter Week 3, Yr C/2**  
**260 people are now welcome at our church.**

**Sacred Heart Church Mass & CS Times:**  
**CS=Communion Service. Sign-in sheets available at each Mass/CS & Cbr Check in App.**

Mon 8.30am CS Tue 5.30pm Mass  
Wed 8.30am Mass Thu 8.30am Mass;  
Fri 8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church,  
9.00am Rosary, 9.30 Mass.

5.30pm Evening Prayer & Adoration.  
Sat 6.00pm; Sun 8.30am & 10.00am Mass  
*The Pines Living Farrer*, Mass Fri 17 Dec 2pm.  
*Goodwin Village*, Mass Sat 18 Dec 9.30am.

## RECONCILIATION (Confession):

**11am-12pm Saturdays.**

*Masks optional & social distancing applies.*

**BAPTISMS:** Baptism information may be gained through our website or parish office.

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

The BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL is open daylight hours each day for Adoration & quiet prayer. The chapel is not to be used while Mass is being celebrated.

Please do not leave cut flowers or candles in the Chapel.

## Homilies:

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

**Live Stream Mass** is still available from our Cathedral : Mon—Sat 12.15pm & Sun 11am:  
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

## November Parish Financial Contributions:

Envelope Planned giving/loose/TAP - \$5390  
Credit Card/DD/Qkr Planned Giving - \$10,187.50  
Clergy - 1st Collection/Credit Card - \$5013.05

The **Archbishop's Christmas Appeal** s available on our Qkr! App. Please see: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/all-events/> to read a message from Deacon Joe Blackwell regarding information about how the funds are used & for more information.



## Mary Help of Christians Parish South Woden, PEARCE ACT

Parish Priest: Father Richard Thompson VF CSM RAN Rtd ChLJ  
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*Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.*

## "Archdiocesan Zoom Advent Groups"

Join a Zoom Advent reflection 4pm this Sun 12 Dec or 10am this Tue 14 December.  
Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540.

Be enriched by the reflections of our Archbishop & of lay people from around our Archdiocese on *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' document on the family. Videos & handouts freely available at [www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT)



## Update on Christmas Masses

### Christmas Eve Friday 24 Dec:

6pm – Children's Mass at Marist College Canberra Junior School Lawns. BYO blankets & chairs to sit on. If there is wet weather the mass will be moved to Sacred Heart Church, max. 260 people). Bookings required per current government guidelines. Try Booking is now open, link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVSYF>.



The link will close at 3pm on 22 December. 9pm Vigil Mass at the Church; no bookings required for masses at Sacred Heart Church.

*No Midnight Mass this year*

**Christmas Day:** Christmas Masses at the Church- 8.30am and 10am; no bookings required. We look forward to having you back with eased restrictions this year.

## Simbang Gabi 2021, 15-23 December,

Please join the Simbang Gabi celebration of nine consecutive Masses at **St Monica's Church, Evatt**. This is a traditional *Filipino novena* to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Our Lord Jesus. The Masses will *commence at 8pm* and will be celebrated in English. For more details please contact Fr Loi Viovicente on 02 6241 3364.



## St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)

Thank you to all who have responded to the Vinnies call for goodies for the Christmas hampers. Your donations are greatly appreciated. We are still in need of some more goodies to make the hampers truly festive. Tinned ham, Christmas cakes or puddings, chocolates and nuts are in demand and will help our companions celebrate Christmas.

All goodies will be gratefully received under the **Christmas tree** until Wed Dec 15. Best wishes to everyone for a joyous Christmas, from the Vinnies Team.



## Advent Wreath Blessing (said by all)

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples; He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; He is the Saviour of every nation; He is the Light of the world.

As the Bishops of the world prepare for the 2023 Synod in Rome, and as our Archdiocese contributes its input, we "walk together" this Advent season into closer communion, with a more Christ-centred mission while opening genuinely inclusive participation possibilities for our Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*For more information & to make your own or a group submission go to:*

<http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

See our website for the Prayer for the Synod:  
<http://www.mhoc.org.au/uncategorized/synod-prayer/>



## Coming up in the parish:

### Wednesday 15 December

♦ Last day to put bulletin notices in until 12 Jan. If you have any intentions after this time, please hand them personally to Fr Richard or Fr Alex, thank you.

### Thursday 23 December

♦ Office Closed - reopens Wed 12 January 2022



We have the **Christmas and January Lector and Extra-ordinary Ministers Rosters** at the back of the church behind the last pew on the table under the pin board.

Please write your name in the spaces provided to volunteer for these masses. Thank you kindly.



Thank you to Kat Doyle & her team for all of your wonderful work with the Children's Liturgy this year. You have brought smiles, knowledge & enjoyment to their Sundays.

## Position Vacant: Parish Admin Support Assistant

Part-time permanent two days, supporting parishes inputting financial data, producing reports & quarterly BAS.

**Applications close 13/12/21.** Contact [deborah.foote@cg.org.au](mailto:deborah.foote@cg.org.au). For full information see: <https://cgatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/>

## Weekend Masses. Please remember:

- Numbers limited to **260 (1 person or family per 2 square metre rule)**.
- By Law, use the "Check in CBR" App. Sign in sheets are still be available if the App is not working. Remember you can apply for a Check in CBR card if you are unable to use the App.
- No standing around the interior walls,
- Help sanitise the pews after each mass,
- Masks are encouraged but no longer mandatory,
- If you have any symptoms of being unwell, please DO NOT come to the Church,
- 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, Lockdown in the ACT, Where to get tested and NSW/ACT border residents etc.
- Please continue your financial contribution to support our Archdiocesan Clergy & the running of your parish. The parish running costs have not decreased.

The Parish Council and Finance Council thank you for your continuing support & understanding.



## Please remember all of our faithful departed:

**Recent Deceased: Sr M Andre Guthrie**  
**Anniversaries: Guadalupe Jacalan, Eulalia Jacalan, Eleanor Sabin, Glen Cappello, Fr Paul Stack & Fr Albert Havas.**  
*May they rest in peace.*



## ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF 18/19 December

Forth Sunday of Advent - Year C/2

### Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm C & L Laslett  
8.30am E & M Tsen  
10.00am S Topp & N Torres

### Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm F Egan-Richards  
8.30am L Chan  
10.00am J Bradley

### Acolytes: Deacon Matt Ransom

6.00pm P Verdon  
8.30am G Joseph  
10.00am G Selleck

### Music Ministry

6.00pm Volunteer please  
8.30am Volunteer please  
10.00am H Palafox

### Altar Servers

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass  
**Church Linen December:** K Devenny

### Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm P Verdon  
8.30am N Hately  
10.00am R & B Usback  
Altar Care (Dec 13): V Bray

