

OUR PARISH
Contact the Parish Pastoral Council through the office email.
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

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT
MHoC Parish & the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn are committed to the care, wellbeing & protection of children, young people & people at risk in our community. If you need to communicate any concerns, please contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Contacts displayed on the posters on the main church notice boards & our website.

Our parish is supported by CCTV and S1 Security. Smile!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH (15 Mar - 21 Mar)

Remember to turn your phones off when in the church. A prayerful silence is respectfully requested as we gather to celebrate Eucharist.

Sacred Heart Church Mass & CS Times:

Second Sunday of Lent, Psalter Week 2, Year C/1

Sat: 5.35pm Rosary, 6:00pm **Mass**

Sun: 8.30am & 10am **Mass**

Mon: 8.30am **CS** Tue: 5.30pm **Mass**

Wed: 8.30am **Mass**

1.00pm **Funeral Mass for John Wilson**

Thu: 8.30am **Mass**

Fri: 8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church,

9.00am Rosary, 9.30am **Mass**

5pm - 6pm Evening Prayer & Adoration

The Pines Living, Farrer, Mass 11am held on the last Thursday of the month. **Note Next date: 27 Mar.**

Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. **Next date 29 Mar.**

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays 11am-12pm (or by appointment)

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: Sat 5 Apr 2025

'The Five First Saturdays' Held on the 1st Saturday of the month: **Mass 9.30am**, followed by **confessions** with **benediction 10.30am**, concluding with a **Marian Movement of Priests cenacle**. See blue flyer.

BAPTISMS: Baptism information please see our website or contact the 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.



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

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For information on how to join planned giving or donate to our parish see our website: www.mhoc.org.au/planned-giving/

Our parish acknowledges & celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land & we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Shepherd's Corner

During the Week we had sad news that John Wilson who lives in Hodgson St (not to confuse with others of same name) died unexpectedly. He had few health issues but still a shock to the family. John along with his family have been active in the

parish for many years. John's funeral is scheduled for Wed 19 March at 1pm in our church. John had a huge devotion to St Mary MacKillop (his "girl friend")- I pray he is with her now in glory. He had a boarder renting a room who now has to vacate if anyone is looking to let a room please let me know. *God's blessing Fr Emil*

Adult Faith Formation (second meeting) - Hall Lentin Discussion Group Sun 16 March 11am.

Continuing our journey of metanoia (conversion & repentance) with the theme the Transfiguration of Christ (Luke 9:28-36). All are welcome to join us for discussion, fellowship, the breaking of bread & prayer using the "Metanoia" program book published by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. Copies of the book will be available at the meeting.



menALIVE Recharge 24 May.

In recognition of the Jubilee Year menALIVE invite you to recharge on **Sat 24 May, 2-5.30pm** in the Parish Hall, followed by Rosary & joining the 6pm Vigil Mass at MHoC Parish, Pearce. Shared meal after Mass. Let's reinforce & continue the learnings of last year's weekend; contact Mat at 0438 446 489 or speak with Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au. menALIVE website: <https://menalive.org.au/>



Interested in joining the Music Ministry?

A BBQ is being held Sun 23 Mar, 5pm in the Hall/Presbytery for anyone interested in helping with music ministry. If you have a musical gift... singing, playing an instrument or can help with preparing the PowerPoint slides, contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au



Archdiocesan Farewell to Fr Tony Percy

Archbishop Christopher will lead the Archdiocese in a farewell to Fr Tony at a **5.00pm Mass** on the Solemnity of St Joseph, **Wed 19 March**, at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest ACT. The **Mass** will be followed by light refreshments in Haydon Hall at 6.00pm. *All Welcome*

Lenten Season 2025:

Stations of the Cross:

After 8.30am Mass on Thursday's.



2nd Rite of Reconciliation - Tue 1 April 6pm after 5.30pm Mass for Weston Creek, Nth Woden & MHOc.

Lenten Discussion Group

A small group will meet after the Friday morning 9.30am mass in the Hall for a chat & a cuppa. The group will meet again from Friday 7 Mar. *All Welcome.*

Lent 2025 with The Catholic Guy; Bruce Downes

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God & prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. If you would like to receive free daily inspirational videos to help you make this Lenten Journey more powerful & prayerful, sign up at: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

Coming up in the Parish:

Monday 17 March - St Patrick's Day & Commencement of Harmony Week
Tuesday 18 March

♦ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group

Wednesday 19 March -

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

♦ School of Religion 4pm - Hall/Church

♦ First Holy Communion Session 1 - Church 6.30pm

Thursday 20 March

♦ Friendship Group- Hall - 10 -12pm - Scattergories

Friday 21 March - Harmony Day

Sunday 23 March

♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass.

♦ Lentin Discussion Group - Hall 11am Session 3

♦ Music Ministry BBQ from 5pm - Hall

Tuesday 25 March - The Annunciation of the Lord

♦ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group

Please remember all of our faithful departed:



Recent deceased:

John Wilson & Maria Savazzi

Anniversaries: Robert John Walters, Kathleen Johnson, Patricia Kin Oung & Roderick Owens & Fr John O'Dwyer. May they all rest in peace.

Update on the February Financial Contributions:

Parish: Planned giving/Loose/TAP - \$5971.65
Parish: Planned giving C/C, DD, Qkr - \$7879.00
Clergy - 1st Coll giving/Credit Card - \$5910.65
Budgeted/Actual Year to date Variance:
Budget: \$29,666.00, Actual \$27,405.85
Variance (\$2,260.15)

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE SUNDAY OF 22/23 March 2025

Third Sunday of Lent, Year C/1

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm S Short & A Smith

8.30am G Joseph & R Langford

10am R Coggan & F D'Castro

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm M Egan-Richards

8.30am S West

10am J Zaide-Crombie

Acolytes:

6.00pm P Verdon

8.30am P Collins

10.00am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm Volunteer Please

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am M McKenna

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen March: M-A Kitchen

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm E Neal

8.30am N Hately

10.00am F Mendes

Altar Care (March 17): M Paragalli



Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school.

Thanks to Caritas Australia & the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000L water tank. Teachers & students now have access to clean drinking water at their school & are able to focus on education.

Please donate today, through the donation boxes, envelopes, by scanning the QR code, **online at:**

caritas.org.au/project-compassion,

Or by calling: 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



Our Parish Welcomes

Hudson Chambers through the sacrament of baptism this weekend. May he be richly blessed with God's presence & feel the support of our Parish & his family.

St. Thomas More Forum on Wed 26 March.

Join us as Dr. Trudy Dantis, National Coordinator for the Synod of Bishops 2021-2024 shares her experiences from the global Synod Assembly & the shaping of the Church's future. 7.30-9.30pm. More info. & to register: <https://bit.ly/stmf-260325>



Our lovely **generous parishioners & Marist College** have lovingly filled our freezer with meals. Please pop by & grab one for someone in need or for yourself!