

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 (29 Mar - 4 Apr)
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:
Fourth Sunday of Lent, Psalter Week 4, Year C/1
Sat: 5.35pm Rosary, 6:00pm **Mass**
Sun: 8.30am & 10am **Mass**
Mon: 8.30am **CS**
Tue: 5.30pm **Mass, 6.00pm 2nd Rite of Reco.**
Wed: 8.30am **Mass** 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: 24 Apr.
Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. Next date 29 Mar & 26 Apr.

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
It was great to host a thank you BBQ for the Music Ministry last Sunday. It was a helpful time to share ideas & we were blessed with a lovely evening. Thanks to those that helped with food & setup. In future I hope to host BBQ's for the various Parish ministries. If anyone feels a call to help with this hospitality please let me know. Next Tuesday we have our regional 2nd Rite in the SH church. I will have several priests- so a very important Sacrament to prepare for Easter.
God's blessing Fr Emil



Vocations Dinner: Archbishops House, Thu 3 Apr
6pm Mass (in Church) followed by dinner. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. RSVP to the Vocations Director Fr Emil 0414 523 036 emil.milat@cg.org.au

Adult Faith Formation (fourth meeting) - Parish Hall
Lenten Discussion Group Sun 30 March 11am.
The theme is on homecoming using the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32). All are welcome to join us using the Metanoia" program book. Copies will be available at the meeting.





Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) & faced immense challenges after losing her father to war & raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing & farming & can now support her whole family. **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.*

Please remember all of our faithful departed:
Anniversaries: Manuel Barriera, Valerie Staggs, Richard O'Neill, Elizabeth Moloney, Jeannie Lampert & Fr Peter Costelloe. *We also pray for the souls of the Mendes Family. May they all rest in peace.*

Easter in our Parish 2025
1 April - 2nd Rite Of Reconciliation 6pm
13 April - Passion Sunday 8.30 & 10am
17 April - Holy Thu, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
18 April - Marist, Stations of the Cross 10-11.00am
18 April - Good Friday, Passion of our Lord 3pm
19 April - Easter Vigil 6pm
30 April - Easter Sunday 8.30am & 10am

We are looking for volunteers for various roles over Easter. Please see the sheet at the back of the church on the table behind the last pew under the notice board. Or speak directly to Fr Emil. *Thankyou.*

Pope Francis in his 2025 Lenten Message, "Let us journey together in hope" can be sourced on our website: <https://www.mhoc.org.au/news/>

SAY YES TO REFUGEES

Palm Sunday Rally – Permanent Visas for All
The St Vincent de Paul Society supports refugees & asylum seekers still stuck on temporary visas for a decade. Thousands can't seek our permanent protection in a fair & timely way. Join Vinnies to call for an end to this injustice at **1pm on Sunday 13 April in Civic Square**. Anglican Bishop Mark Short & a Canberra refugee will speak at the rally. Tim, Vinnies Refugee Support. 0416 062 849.

Monthly Morning Teas
Please join us next weekend in the Church Hall for a hot cuppa after the Sunday 8.30am & 10am masses. We will also be using this opportunity to farewell **Denis & Jacinta O'Brien** after the 10am Mass, please bring a plate of food to share if able.

wishing you ALL THE BEST

Part-time Grounds-Maintenance Officer
Sacred Heart Primary School, Pearce
1 day per week (12 hours per fortnight). Negotiable start time. Full-time equivalent salary; \$54 121 plus super. Overview of duties: conducting non-specialised general maintenance work & general grounds & building maintenance. **Applications due by 4 April 2025.** For more info. contact David Austin (Principal) at 6286 2443 or david.austin@cg.catholic.edu.au. Or see: <https://careers.cg.catholic.edu.au/cw/en/listing/>

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES
For The Sunday Of 5/6 April 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C/1
Commentators and Lectors
6.00pm M Egan-Richards & B Gaynor
8.30am M & P Supple
10am S Van der Linden & **Volunteer please**
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm J Grima
8.30am A Wolnicki
10am J Isidro
Acolytes:
6.00pm S La Vita
8.30am P Collins
10.00am M McAppion
Music Ministry:
6pm Volunteer Please
8.30am S Fatiaki
10.00am S Taylor
Altar Servers:
Trained servers please volunteer at Mass
Church Linen April: B Wilson
Welcome Ministry:
6.00pm P Heffernan
8.30am F Nichols
10.00am F Pelosi
Altar Care (March 31): V Bray

Coming up in the Parish:
Wednesday 2 April
♦ School of Religion 4pm - Hall/Church
♦ First Holy Communion Session 3 - Church 6.30pm
Thursday 3 April
♦ Friendship Group - Hall - 10 -12pm - Uno Cards
♦ Serra Club - Hall - 5.30-7pm
Saturday 5 April
♦ Fatima Devotions - see This Week in the Parish
Sunday 6 April - End of Daylight Savings.
♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass.
♦ Monthly Morning Teas & Farewell to the O'Brien's
Tuesday 8 April
♦ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group
♦ PFC Meeting - Parish Office - 6.15pm

Church Cleaning - Working Bee
Sat 12 Apr, 1pm. With the important season of our faith, Easter fast approaching, we are calling for helping hands on Sat 12 April at 1pm, for some cleaning, wiping, polishing etc... that needs to be done (cloths/polish provided). So please, if you can help, come along & help in keeping our beautiful Church so inviting. 'Many hands make light work'. Any children in attendance are their parent/carer responsibility. Contact the Parish Office or speak directly with Fr Emil if you have any questions.

The February 2025 **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting minutes are available on our website: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/news/>. A hard copy is also available on the back table of the church in the yellow folder. Thank you.