

**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 (8 Mar - 14 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:**

**First Sunday of Lent Psalter Week 1, 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** Thu: 8.30am **CS**

**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/](http://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**

Big thank you to those in our parish who have responded so far to the Budget presentation a couple of weeks ago & increased or joined the direct debit planned giving, some have told me they will increase the giving through the tap machine each week.

We have increased so far about \$5000 per annum which is getting closer to covering the budget, the loan principal repayments are still not covered. It is difficult with the increasing cost of living. The forms are still available at each entrance & as always please contact Melanie in the office you need any assistance.

We turn to the Lord who always provides for his people. All welcome to join the faith formation Lenten group after Mass on Sunday 9 Mar 11am. And sadly, we farewell Chris, Joyce & the Mesiku family who are suddenly following a job path in Queensland next week. We will miss the family at the 10am Sunday Mass, we pray the Lord's blessing on their new future. *God's blessing Fr Emil*



**Adult Faith Formation/Lentin Discussion Grp 9 Mar**

To help us in our journey of metanoia (conversion & repentance) this Lent, Fr Emil has arranged for those interested, to come together in a Lentin discussion group using the "Metanoia" program book published by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong which is available from the Parish office for **\$10.00 each**. The first session will be held Sun 9 Mar with the theme 'temptation & resistance' after 10am Mass in the Hall, *all welcome to join*



**Vocations Dinner: Pearce Presbytery, Thu 13 Mar**

6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil 0414 523 036 [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au).



**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](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au). menALIVE website: <https://menalive.org.au/>



**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:**

**Tuesday 11 March**

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

**Wednesday 12 March**

◆ School of Religion 4pm - Hall/Church

**Thursday 13 March**

◆ Friendship Group- Bus trip to Batlow

**Sunday 16 March - Second Sunday of Lent**

◆ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass.

**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

**Please remember all of our faithful departed:**

**Anniversaries:** Kyle Glenn Esclero,

Frederick Bartholomew Wilkins,

Bruno Wolnicki, Fr Vincent Pierse &

Archbishop Patrick Frances.

*May they all rest in peace.*



**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](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)



**ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES  
FOR THE SUNDAY OF 15/16 March 2025**

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C/1

**Commentators and Lectors**

6.00pm B Gaynor & M Egan-Richards

8.30am A Wolnicki & P Collins

10am J L Wilson & J Allen

**Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

6.00pm F Egan-Richards

8.30am C West

10am R Usback

**Acolytes:**

6.00pm A Smith

8.30am G Joseph

10.00am G Selleck

**Music Ministry:**

6pm Volunteer Please

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am C Walshe & C Patron

**Altar Servers:**

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

**Church Linen March:** M-A Kitchen

**Welcome Ministry:**

6.00pm C Nash

8.30am B Garrety

10.00am S Topp / B Garrety

**Altar Care (March 10):** C Donohoe



This year we share 3 stories from around the world. Meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam & **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity & create better futures for themselves & their communities.

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

[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion),

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



**Parish Consecration to St Joseph:** on his feast

day 19 March 8:30am Mass. There are copies of the prayer in the foyer if you like to join & cannot be at the Mass. All invited to pray this for a Novena- nine days before or after the date.



**Bus Trip!** The Friendship Group are

heading to Batlow visiting an orchard &

having lunch in Tumut on **Thu 13 Mar.**

Depart 7.30am on Murphy St behind the school/church, return at approximately 6pm.

Cost \$95 including bus, morning tea & lunch.

**RSVP, ASAP** to Faye 0451 683 099.



**First Reconciliation.** Our Parish congratulates the children who completed their First Reconciliation program this past week.

