

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 (12 Apr - 18 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:

Palm Sunday Psalter Week 2, Year C/1

Sat: 5.35pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass with FHC Candidates
Sun: 8.30am & 10am Mass with FHC Candidates
Mon: 8.30am CS (Communion Service)
Tue: 5.30pm Mass Wed: 8.30am Mass
Holy Thursday 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross at Marist
Good Friday 3pm Passion of the Lord SH Church
Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Easter Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses
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 26 Apr.

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays 11am-12pm (or by appointment)
FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: Sat 7 Jun 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

We begin Holy Week with the long tradition of re-enacting Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is great to have 61 children making their First Holy Communion at the Masses this weekend, waving Palms & processing- symbolically laying the Palms at Jesus' feet. Thank you to Christina our Sacramental Coordinator who has so competently done all the admin for the program. Thanks to Laura Stumbles & the staff at Sacred Heart School & Kirsty Bell & the Staff at Marists junior school. Also, Gabriel & the Parish School of Religion volunteers. Thank you to parents for their participation in the program. The schedule for the Easter ceremonies is in the Bulletin- may the flood gates of grace be open for us this Pascal Triduum in the Jubilee Year.
God's blessing Fr Emil



Bus Trip! The Friendship Group are heading to Penrose Park visiting our shrine & for the Rosary & Mass on **Tue 13 May**. Cost \$50, stopping Goulburn for breakfast & BYO lunch. Departing 7.30am on Murphy St, behind the school/church, return approximately 6pm. RSVP, ASAP to Faye 0451 683 099. All Welcome.



CHRISM MASS - Join the Archbishop & the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Mon 14 Apr at 5pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most beautiful Holy Week Mass. It is in this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed & consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

The annual **Good Friday Holy Lands Appeal** supports the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land & helps to preserve the sacred places. They provide welfare assistance to local Christians in health, education, employment, housing, parishes & orphanages. **Please help by donating to the appeal.** Envelopes are available throughout the Church, or you can donate via the **Qkr! App**.

Easter Offering Envelopes, all donations received go toward supporting the Clergy in our Archdiocese. You will find envelopes at each entrance to the church. Thank you for supporting our priests.

3 - 5 May | Vocations Discernment Silent Retreat St Clement's Galong NSW. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. Two days of insightful input within a retreat centre of noted deep spiritual ambience. To RSVP please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

23 - 25 May | Marriage Enrichment Weekend We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together & live your best life in love! Come & join us at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW - a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wvme.org.au

Planning to marry in the Catholic Church? See the Archdiocesan Marriage & Family webpage to view the preparation programs at: www.marriagefamily.org.au. Enq: marriagepreparation@cg.org.au or text Helena on 0405 440 463.

Caritas AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent

Please start to bringing back your boxes & envelopes by taking them up during the offertory procession & placing them in the basket in front of the altar. You can also donate the money raised directly to caritas.org.au/project-compassion by ph 1800 024 413, scanning the QR code or via our Qkr! App under ACG Special Appeals. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

First Holy Communion Cake 13 April
Catherine West will be celebrating with cake after the 8.30am Mass, all welcome to join them in the Parish Hall for cake & a hot cuppa!

Coming up in the Parish:
Tuesday 15 April
♦ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group
♦ Parish Office Closed (School Holidays)
Wednesday 16 April
♦ Baptism Preparation Evening - Hall - 7pm
Thursday 17 April - Holy Thursday
♦ Friendship Grp - Hall - 10-12pm Trivia & Hot Cross Buns
Please note: that the Parish Office is closed Tuesday 22 & Friday 25 April. If your matter is urgent phone the office & leave a message for Fr Emil.

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES
17 APRIL HOLY THURSDAY 7pm
Commentators & Lectors M Blackmore & G Joseph
EoM of the Eucharist B Wilson, M Louis & V Pembrey
Acolyte P Collins
Music Ministry S Taylor
Altar Servers A Farrugia-Borg, G Davidson & trained servers **please speak with Fr Emil**

18 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY 3pm
Commentators & Lectors A Smith & C Tantri
St John's Passion: G Joseph
Others: M Fisher
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist B Wilson
Acolyte S La Vita
Music Ministry C Walshe & D Kenny
Altar Servers Trained servers **please speak with Fr Emil**, thank you.
Welcome Ministry J & B Wilson

19/20 APRIL EASTER WEEKEND
Easter Vigil 6pm
Commentators & Lectors
6.00pm B Gaynor, I Laria
C Laria, John Wilson
8.30am G Joseph & **Volunteer please**
10.00am S Short & M Fisher
Acolytes & Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm G Selleck & A Smith
8.30am P Supple & **Volunteer please**
10.00am M McAppion & V Pembrey
Music Ministry
6.00pm M McKenna
8.30am K Fatiaki
10.00am C Walshe & S Taylor
Altar Servers
6.00pm A Farrugia-Borg, G Davidson & trained servers **please speak with Fr Emil**
8.30am Trained servers **please speak with Fr Emil**
10am A Farrugia-Borg, G Davidson & trained servers **please speak with Fr Emil**



Church Linen April: B Wilson
Welcome Ministry:
6.00pm C Nash
8.30am P Heffernan
10.00am B & R Usback
Altar Care (April 20): R Usback



Divine Mercy Sunday
Divine Mercy Sunday & the Divine Mercy image were given to us by Jesus through St Faustina & completes the Sacred Heart Devotion. **We will hold the Divine Mercy Holy Hour, with Benediction, at Sacred Heart Church from 2-3.00pm on Sunday 27 April. All Welcome.**

Please remember all of our faithful departed:
Recent deceased: Christopher Hudson
Anniversaries: Antonio Gaifen, Florian Falez, Bob Bliss, Anthony Short, Giovanna Bonofiglio & Archbishop Thomas Cahill.
May they all rest in peace.