

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 (26 Apr - 2 May)

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 Easter Psalter Week 3, Year C/1

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

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

2.00pm Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour

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, 9.30am **Mass**
5pm - 6pm Evening Prayer & Adoration

The Pines Living, Farrer, Mass 11am held on the last Thursday of the month. Note Next date: 29 May.

Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. Next date 31 May.

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

It has been moving to see the impact of the passing of Pope Francis on the general community, with flags at half-mast across Australia. Just as the death of a grandparent can stir up the realisation of the need for deep family heritage as integral to

developing your identity, I pray that this last week and Pope Francis' funeral this weekend will touch many to renewal of their Easter faith and baptismal identity as a child of God. This Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, marks the 20th anniversary of the death of St Pope John Paul II. Both Popes were known for their focus on God's Mercy. This Sunday afternoon we have a special Holy Hour in the church from 2pm to 3pm, aimed at receiving quiet astounding graces that are promised to those that reverence the Divine Mercy Image. I will play a video to begin at 2pm to explain more. It will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Confessions. All welcome.

God's blessing Fr Emil



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.

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



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.



24 May | Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians Pilgrimage Place

MHoC Parish South Woden becomes an official pilgrimage place for the Jubilee year on May 24, the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians.

To celebrate Fr Emil will give a special blessing & anointing prayer after the Saturday & Sunday Masses & two events have been planned for the weekend, *see details below:*

24 May | menALIVE Recharge

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/>

25 May | Clare de Salis Talk

Clare de Salis will give a short sharing at the 10am Mass Pearce and then talk more at length about being a Catholic, 24 years old, an athlete (100 & 200 metre runner) and an exercise physiologist. All ages are very welcome to come and join us in the parish hall afterwards for a cuppa and Clare's sharing of the inspiring power of Christ in her life.



Please bring back your boxes & envelopes by bringing 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.*



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.*

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES

For The Weekend/Sunday of 3/4 May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter, Year C/1

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm B Gaynor & M Egan-Richards
8.30am P Collins & G Joseph
10am J Wilson & JL Wilson

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm A Caddy
8.30am M Louis
10am S Topp

Acolytes:

6.00pm A Smith
8.30am P Supple
10.00am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm D Fitzsimons
8.30am S Fatiaki
10.00am S Taylor

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen April: V Pembrey

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm P Verdon
8.30am R & F Armstrong
10.00am F Mendes
Altar Care (April 28): C Donohoe

Coming up in the Parish:

Tuesday 29 April

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

Wednesday 29 April

♦ School of Religion - Hall/Church 4pm

Thursday 1 May

♦ Friendship Group - Hall - 10am-12 noon, Bingo

♦ Serra Club - Hall - 5.30-7pm

Sunday 4 May

♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass
♦ Monthly Morning Teas after 8.30 & 10am masses
Parish Office Closed Tue 29 April & Fri 2 May



Our Parish Welcomes

Mia Elix & Emma Brown into the Catholic Church this weekend. May they be richly blessed with God's presence & feel the support of our Parish & their family.

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.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Recent deceased: Fr Michael Fallon (MSC)

Anniversaries: Cynthia Smith, Manuel Bar-

reira, Fr Edwin O'Donnell, Fr John Butz & Bishop Peter Ingham.

May they all rest in peace.

