

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 **WITNESS** His love in all we do.

OUR PARISH SCRIPTURE

"Refresh my heart in Christ" - Philemon 1:20b

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH CS = Communion Service
PSALTER WEEK 3

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday: CS 1.30pm, Tuesday:

5.30pm, Wednesday: 8.30am, Thursday: 8.30am,

Friday: Friday: Divine Office Morning Prayer 8.45am, 9.30am; Exposition and Adoration 5.30-6.00pm Friday

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm **Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.00am

Mass will be celebrated at Goodwin Village for residents on the last Saturday of the month at 9.30am.

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

1100-1200 each Saturday

BAPTISMS: The next information session will be held on

Tuesday 9th May 2017, 7.00pm in the Church meeting room. Please register through the Office.

Baptisms are celebrated in Mass or at 1130am on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month. Please register for the info night.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, at least 6 months notice, please! Phone Father Richard for details.

The **BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL** is open daylight hours each day for Adoration and quiet prayer.

Please do not leave cut flowers or candles in the Chapel.

National Church Life

Survey—We have received our 8 page National Church Life Survey Profile. If you



would like to read a copy, please visit <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/profile-number> and enter the Profile Number **ZPZURQ**. If you have trouble downloading the Profile or would like a printed or emailed copy, please contact the Parish Office.



At the Saturday Vigil, 13th May we will welcome the Participants from the Music Workshop & Liturgy Formation Day as they lead our Music ministry. Please give them a warm welcome.



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

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Thank you to Maureen Blackmore, Jeanette Wilson and Celestine O'Connor who are retiring from the Liturgy team. Our Parish sincerely thanks you for your support and appreciates very much all you have done in the liturgical life of our Parish.



We welcome Danny Tantri, Graeme Selleck, Christine Volk and Peter Davies to the Liturgy Team. I am sure that the Parish will offer support as the new Team contributes to reinvigorating the liturgical life within the Parish. They join Liam Mackay, Rossen de Ramos and Carin Rollason, Christiane Patron and Kathryn Hailey to comprise our Parish Liturgy Team.

Good Shepherd Appeal THIS weekend—

Currently the Archdiocese has eight young men in the Lord in training to be our future priests. The money raised will be used to help defray the considerable costs associated with the many years of academic training and seminary formation served in preparation for priesthood.

Ways to give:

- ♦ Envelopes are available on the pews,
- ♦ Our credit card machine will be available to accept donations at the end of each Mass.
- ♦ Qkr! App for credit card donations, under the tab "Special Appeals"

Please note this appeal is not tax deductible, however a receipt will be issued for all donations via envelopes. Thank you for your generous support.

Morning tea - Please come and join us on Friday May 19 at California Cafe at 10.15am, everyone welcome!

On Wednesday, 10th May a Prayer Service will be held for Jonathan Brocklehurst at 11.30am. Mass will be at the usual time of 8.30am May he rest in peace.

School Open Days

Marist College - Sunday 7th May, 9am-12 noon with Headmaster's Address at 10am

As your Parish Priest, I want parents to be well informed of the unfolding education funding situation. Following is an extract from a letter dated 3 May from Mr Ross Fox, Director of Catholic Education CG:



"According to the information available the Coalition Government has determined to cut funding in real terms to Catholic schools in the ACT from 2018

with further significant cuts over the next ten years. This means that Catholic school in the ACT will receive less funding in 2027 than they do in 2017.

Under the current funding arrangement in place, the ACT Catholic System:

- remains the lowest publicly funded Catholic System per student in the country.
- has the widest gap in public funding per student compared to the Government System
- has one of the highest levels of private income of any Catholic System.

The Coalition Government appears to be reducing support for parent and student choice in education in the ACT. If funding is cut the risk is that the needs of students will suffer and fees for parents will be under pressure. Funding cuts for schools in the ACT does not demonstrate support for quality teaching.

The government is prioritising an abstract funding formula ahead of the real needs of students and schools in the ACT. This announcement continues to ignore the needs of the more than 17,000 students in ACT Catholic schools, their parents/guardians and teachers.

I met with Senator Simon Birmingham yesterday and expressed my deep concern with proposed cuts to Catholic Schools in the ACT.

Catholic Education will await further details of yesterday's announcement and will communicate with you further."

I am sure further details will be delivered in due course.



MHoC Parish uses Qkr! with Masterpass App to contribute

to the Church collections without the necessity of carrying cash. Please download from your App Store or contact Parish Office for more information. Please note during trial period, parishioners are referenced as 'students'. This does not replace your current Direct Debit or Credit Card donations (it can if you wish) but it can be used in conjunction with them.

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF 13/14 MAY 2017

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm (1st Rd) M. Stuart	(2nd Rd) S. Short
8.30am (1st Rd) A. Quirk	(2nd Rd) L. Quirk
10.00am (1st Rd) J. Allen	(2nd Rd) B. Bryant

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm F. Egan-Richards
8.30am S. West
10.00am M. O'Connell

Acolytes

6.00pm I. Noble
8.30am D. Tantri
10.00am F. Loyman

Music Ministry

6.00pm Heart
8.30am D. Fitzsimons/R.Dantas
10.00am Sr Kath

Altar Servers

6.00pm P. Parker, T. Newton
8.30am J. & A. Fitzsimons
10.00am A. & D. John

Welcome Ministry

6.00pm M. Kelly, P. Verdon
8.30am J. Madden, N. Hatley
10.00am L. Henshaw

Altar Care (8 May): Pat Cullen

Rosary Crusade (7 April):

Tantri Family, 32 Pridam St, Farrer. Tel: 0420 353 660

Church Linen for MAY

Mary-Anne Kitchen

The **Calvary Hospital Auxiliary** is having a **Craft and Present Mother's Day Stall** in the main foyer of the hospital on Thursday 4th May from 8.00am til 4.00pm. Please come and support us in this venture and in doing so you will be contributing to Stroke Research and Mental Health Rehabilitation. Enquiries Mary Cruickshank Phone 62544084

Last reminder: Pot Luck Dinners Interested in sharing a meal and meeting new parish friends? Pot luck dinners are being finalised. If you are interested or want to know more please call or text Kim on 0418626551

Remembering our faithful departed family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto Jonathan Brocklehurst and Br Don Gallagher who died recently and Rajeev Kaushal and Antonio Paragalli whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for the souls of Maria da Silva, Maria Carmo, Maria Borge and Teresa de Freitas.

May they rest in peace.

