

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 1

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday: 10am Mass, Tuesday: 5.30pm, Wednesday & Thursday: 8.30am; Friday: Divine Office Morning Prayer 8.45am, 9.30am Mass; 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):

For month of January by appointment only.

BAPTISMS: The next information session will be held on **Tuesday 13 February 2018, 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall. 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.

17 & 24 February "Evenings for the Engaged"

Evenings for the Engaged, marriage preparation program, will be held over two consecutive Saturdays in 2018. Enquiries to Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634."

Lectors, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers' Rosters for the January break -

We need **your** help over the January break. Please put your name on the Roster sheets, located at the back of the church to assist.



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

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Parish Secretary: Megan Loughlin **Office Hours:** 9am – 3pm Tuesday - Friday

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Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.

**Happy New Year 2017. We CAN Begin Again
Through Jesus Christ**

New Year's Eve celebrations are staggered around the globe due to the different time zones, but we all have this in common, no matter where we live geographically - we welcome the end of one calendar year and the beginning of a new one. The manner of celebrating may differ, but we also share a common hope, that we can begin again. That hope can find its ultimate fulfilment by turning to the One who can make all things new, Jesus Christ.

Nations use different calendars, but the passing of one year to the next is universally marked by a deliberate period of reflection concerning the year that passed and a pledge to begin anew, to change, in the year to come. This is because we all hunger to be made new and, intuitively, we all know that means we must change within if we want to experience change around us.

I pray that in the Year of Our Lord, 2017, we may all find the fullness of grace and the new beginning which comes through entering into a living relationship with the One who makes all things new, Jesus the Christ. (Rev. 21:5) There is a universal longing in every human heart to be made new, to begin again, because the Holy Spirit prompts it. It leads us back to the One who created us - and who can re-create us - through Jesus Christ.

In and through Jesus Christ, there is a path to being made new. He walked that path up the mountain of Golgotha, and through the tomb to the Resurrection. That promise of being made new,

being born again, is at the heart of the Gospel, the Good News! St. Paul reminded the Christians in the City of Corinth - and reminds every one of us - **"whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."** (2 Cor. 5:17)

New Year's Eve is a global existential moment, ripe with anticipation and expectations. It invites a spiritually cathartic time of reflection, offers us hope for change and invites us to make new choices. Resolutions can become reality, when we turn to the One who makes it possible, the One who truly makes all things new, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Our choices make us become the persons we become. In our choosing we not only have the potential to change the world around us, we change ourselves. In 2018, may we choose to live our lives in, with and for Jesus Christ. That is the way to turn those resolutions into reality and experience a real New Year.

Deacon Keith A. Fournier, Editor in Chief of Catholic Online.
(taken from www.catholic.org, edited for publication)

We pray for James Davidson who will be baptised at Sacred Heart Church this weekend. May God's richest blessings be with James and his family at this special time.



Parish Office Hours The Parish Office will reopen Wednesday 3rd January and will be on restricted hours over the school holiday period. Please note will have intermittent email & phone access until Fri 12th Jan due to computer & phone line installation in new office, then the big move will commence!
Thank you for your understanding and patience.



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 6/7 JANUARY 2018**

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm Please see sign up sheets

8.30am Please see sign up sheets

10.00am Please see sign up sheets

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm Please see sign up sheets

8.30am Please see sign up sheets

10.00am Please see sign up sheets

Acolytes:

6.00pm I. Noble

8.30am B. Uzomanze

10.00am P. Supple

Altar Servers

6.00pm Please see sign up sheets

8.30am Please see sign up sheets

10.00am Please see sign up sheets

Welcome Ministry

6.00pm D. & C. Nash

8.30am P. & F. Nichols

10.00am R. & B Usback

Altar Care (1 January): Pat Cullen

Rosary Crusade (31 December):

Kelly Family, 2/4 Hodgson Pl, Pearce. Ph 6286 2626

Music Ministry

6.00pm Volunteer pls

8.30am Volunteer pls

10.00am Volunteer pls

Church Linen for JANUARY

Kamini Devenny

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or tribunal@cg.org.au. All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

Remembering our faithful departed family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto Gordana Jelic, Jack Smith, Salvatore Rizzello and Sandra Tilley who died recently and Zygmunt Tomaszewski whose anniversary occurs at this time. We also pray for the souls of Antonio and Filomena Zappia.

May they rest in peace.

Thank you for your generous support for the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal. We raised \$2129.50.

