

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 2

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday: CS 8.30am, Tuesday: 5.30pm, Wednesday Requiem Mass 1.30pm, Thursday: 8.30am; Friday: Divine Office Morning Prayer 8.45am, Mass 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 13 February 2018, 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

(December cancelled) 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.

This year, the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal will be used to support:

- Our support will continue for the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal and its work in Australia & beyond.
- Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese as well as the Wilcannia Hub project, and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria and Tagbilaran, Cebu, Philippines for their Diocesan Seminary.
- Other endeavours will include support towards: Providing a school bus to transport young children to school from poor surrounding villages within the La Salette Matha Province in India and student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

Thank you for your generous support this Christmas.



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

Parish Priest: Father Richard Thompson VF CSM ChLJ RAN Rtd

Deacon: Matt Ransom (part time)

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



Coming up in the Parish:

- **Mon 11th Dec**, Carols under the Stars with the Gospel Folk Choir, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Pearce Shops (if wet weather, it will be held here at Sacred Heart Church)
- **Tues 12th Dec**, 9.30am Sacred Heart School end of year Mass, 5.30pm Mass 41st Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church
- **Tues 19th Dec**, 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Weston and Woden Parishes. Held at 7pm, Sacred Heart Church, Pearce.
- **Sat 23rd Dec** 6.00pm Vigil
- **Sun 24th Dec** Christmas Eve 10am Mass
- **Sun 24th Dec Christmas Vigil & Children's Mass** 7.00pm only
- **Mon 25th Dec** Christmas Day Mass 10am

Well they made it! The Women on Wheels

team arrived back safe and sound last Sunday from their "Ride to Reach Out - Cambodia" adventure having covered 300 kms and visiting the projects that Catholic Mission supports. The WOW team raised just over \$10,000 for projects such as the Arrupe Centre for the rehabilitation of children injured by landmine accidents. Bern, Cathy, Fran and Anne-Louise would like to thank all of the MHOc parishioners for their prayers, encouragement and financial support. Hopefully there will be a chance to share some stories and photos with you all. (some great photos on the Parish website!)



Thank you to those who participated in the raffle - below are the winners. Congratulations to:
1st prize - Dozen mixed bottles of Clonakilla wine - Mrs R Sipponen
2nd prize - 6 month gym membership Lime Gym - Mr Peter Wilkins
3rd prize - \$200 gift voucher - Mrs E Lising.



Lectors, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers' Rosters for the Christmas break – We need your help over the Christmas/January break. Please put your name on the Roster sheet, located at the back of the church to assist. Thank you.

Please note no 8.30am Mass Wednesday 13th December. A Requiem Mass will be held at 1.30pm for Fr Paul Tarpey. May he rest in peace.

Prayer for blessing of the Advent wreath (said by all)



Heavenly Father,
look upon us with love,
and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus.
Help us to love you,
and protect us during this week
as we await the coming of our Lord.
We ask this grace
in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen



SVdP Christmas hampers

Every year Christmas Hampers are distributed to individuals and families that are disadvantaged. If you would like to contribute towards a hamper or create a hamper for an individual, please take a card from the Church Christmas tree. Hampers & items can be placed under the tree up until Sunday 17th Dec. Alternatively you can donate money by placing it in an envelope in the poor box OR via the Qkr App under "Special Appeals".



THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS invites you and your friends to **THE 11th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL** at St Michael's Church, 2 Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen ACT. Sunday 31st December 2017 at 8.30pm. First Cenacle is prayed at 8.45pm (Joyful Mysteries) Second Cenacle at 9.45pm (Luminous Mysteries) Third Cenacle at 10.45pm (Glorious Mysteries) Exposition from 8.30pm until 11.45pm followed by Midnight Mass. For further inquiries:- Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

PART 2 of PSYCHOLOGY and SPIRITUALITY of RELATIONSHIP Monday 11th Dec at 6.45 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Curtin. Entry FREE. All welcome.



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 16/17 DECEMBER 2017

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm (1st Rd) V. Staggs	(2nd Rd) S. Short
8.30am (1st Rd) C. Moffitt	(2nd Rd) C. Tantri
10.00am (1st Rd) N. Torres	(2nd Rd) F. Bulbrook

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm F. Egan-Richards
8.30am B. Moffitt
1000am F. D'Castro

Acolytes: Deacon Matt

6.00pm G. Selleck	<u>Music Ministry</u>
8.30am G. Joseph	6.00pm L. Mackay
10.00am M. Doherty	8.30am Volunteer pls
	10.00am Choir

Altar Servers

6.00pm Volunteers pls
8.30am Volunteers pls
10.00am Volunteers pls

Welcome Ministry

6.00pm M. McDermott, M. Stuart	<u>Church Linen for DECEMBER</u>
8.30am K. & A. Devenny	Marianne Forshaw
10.00am S. Topp, F. Mendes	

Altar Care (11 December): Violet Bray

Rosary Crusade (10 December):

Mrs Topp, 34 Murphy Cres, Pearce. Ph 6286 5952

Remembering our faithful departed family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto Fr Paul Tarpey and Dharam Singh who died recently and Domenico Marando and John Lennon whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for the soul of Fr Gerard Mahoney CP. **May they rest in peace.**



LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER (EOM) ROSTERS: both Rosters run out mid December and the new Rosters will commence from end of January, 2018. If any Lectors/EOMs are unable to continue, wish to make a change in Mass times, or have changed contact numbers, please let Maureen Blackmore know on 0451679407 or randmblackmore@gmail.com If you read this and think "Wow! I'd like to be a part of these wonderful Ministries", give Maureen a call!

Parish Office - The Parish Office will be closed lunchtime Friday 22nd Dec and will reopen Wednesday 3rd January. Please note the office will be on restricted hours over the school holiday period. Thank you.