

OUR PARISH
Contact Parish Pastoral Council via email: pcc.mhoc@gmail.com

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" - Philimon 1:20b



Our parish is now supported by CCTV and S1 Security. Smile!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Third Sunday of Advent, Psalter Week 3, Yr A/1

Sacred Heart Church Mass & CS Times:

CS=Communion Service.

Remember to turn your phones off when in the church, thank you.

A prayerful silence is respectfully requested as we gather to celebrate Eucharist.

Mon: 8.30am **CS** 46th Anniversary of Dedication of our Church Tue 5.30pm **Mass**

Wed 8.30am **Mass**

6.00pm **Second Rite of Reconciliation**

Thu 8.30am **Mass**

Fri 8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church,
9.00am Rosary, 9.30am Mass
5.30pm Evening Prayer & Adoration.

Sat 6.00pm **Mass**

Sun 8.30am & 10.00am **Mass**

The Pines Living Farrer: Mass on the last Friday of the month at 2pm.

Goodwin Village, Mass on the last Saturday of the month at 9.30am.

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Sat 11am-12pm (or by appointment).

BAPTISMS: Baptism information may be gained through our website or parish office.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, at least 6 months notice is essential. Phone the Office for details.

The BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL is open day-light 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.

Homilies:

Fr Richard has his weekend homily recorded. To listen, go to our website.

Live Stream Mass is still available from our Cathedral : Mon—Sat 12.15pm & Sun 11am:

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

November Financial Contributions

Parish: Planned giving/Loose/TAP - \$4807.55

Parish: Planned giving C/C, DD, Qkr - \$9927.50

Clergy - 1st Coll giving/Credit Card - \$4659.95



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

Parish Priest: Father Richard Thompson VF CSM RAN Rtd ChLJ

Deacon: Matt Ransom (part time)

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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.



MHOC - Christmas Mass times 2022

Christmas Eve Sat 24 Dec

6pm Children's Mass is being held at Marist College Canberra, Junior School lawns (BYO own chairs, picnic blankets etc.)

In the case of wet weather the Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church.

9pm Vigil at Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Day Sun 25 Dec

8.30am and 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church

The **Christmas Dues Envelopes** are available in the church. Your donation supports the Clergy of the Archdiocese, particularly the Parishes that struggle financially. Thank you for your donation.

Christmas & January Rosters

Volunteers are still needed for the Christmas & January, *Lector & Extra-ordinary Ministers rosters*. Please write your name on the sheet/s provided at the back of the church on the table under the pin board. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Music Ministry—New Volunteers Please!

"The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, & active participation in liturgical celebrations ..." (Sacrosanctum Concilium 14)

One way is through the music ministry, which is in great need of new voices and instruments, as the **roster for 2023** is being prepared. We are very keen to hear from anyone with musical ability. Contact: at christiane.patron@icloud.com.

We also need musicians for the 6pm Children's Mass being held at Marist on Sat 24 Dec. Please contact Christiane or the office if you are able to help out. Thank you.



Our Parish Congratulates

Eric Joseph & Yen Le on their upcoming marriage next weekend Sat 17 Dec 2022 at 3.30pm. Our parish wishes them a lifetime of love & happiness together.



Our parish welcomes Audrey Wilson into the Catholic Church through the sacrament of baptism this weekend. May she be richly blessed with God's presence & the support of our Parish & their families.

2023 Sacramental Programs

Reconciliation & First Holy

Communion Sacramental Program

enrolments are open & close 16 Feb 2023.

The program is open to children baptised Catholic in Year 4 & above. See the MHOC website for details: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/sacraments/first-holy-communion/>

Save the date: the *Confirmation* Sacramental Program is for students in Year 6 & above. Enrolments open in April & the program will start on 3 May.

Details: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/sacraments/confirmation/>

School of Religion

Enrolments for the 2023 School of Religion program are open. The first session will be held on Wed 8 Feb 2023 from 4-5pm in the Church.

Details on this program & how to enrol via Qkr! are located on our website: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/ministries/school-of-religion/>

Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Recent Deceased: Wayne De La Mezzo

Anniversaries: Domenico Paragalli,

Adrian Kiermader & Fr Albert Havas.

May they rest in peace.



ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special *Advent appeal* for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter & Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections will support *Mudra Sprava (Wise Action)*, a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation Ukraine.

The organisation has three focus areas:

- Evacuation of people from frontline territories;
- Food packages for people in need;
- Shelters for internally displaced persons.

Find out more at: www.catholic.au

To make a **secure donation** via **Bpoint** to the Archdiocese please scan the QR code. You can also access this appeal via our **Qkr! App**. **Cash donations** can be labelled for the Ukraine Advent Appeal & placed in one of our collection station.



Our lovely & **generous parishioners** along with **Marist** have lovingly filled our freezer with meals. Please pop by & grab a meal for someone in need or for yourself!



St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) - Update

Christmas cards, \$6 per pack for 10 cards & *Columban Calendars* \$10 each are now available to purchase in the foyer of the church. Payment for these can be left in the Vinnies poor box in the wall.

Once again we are calling for goodies for our festive **Christmas hampers**. Items such as tinned ham, Christmas cakes/puddings, chocolates & nuts are in demand & will help our companions celebrate Christmas. All food gratefully received & to be placed under the Christmas Tree in the church until **Wed 14 Dec**. *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Vinnies!*



Please join us for a **BBQ** after the **10am mass**. Put on by Vinnies to say thank you to the parish for their wonderful support his year. Great snags on offer.

Please come along & meet the Vinnies team & mingle with fellow parishioners.

For more information about the work of Vinnies in the parish contact: Mark Mooney 0418 632 325



Ministry to the Newly Married (MNM)

Registrations Close 13 Jan

MNM is a mentoring program for couples who have married in the last 2 years or who intend to marry in the next 6 months.

The program aims to foster the development of relationship skills & support the marriage. The opening dinner will be on 7th Feb 2023. For more info & to register go to: <https://bit.ly/MinistryNewlyMarried>. Contact Ralph & Angela with questions: 0401 994 081 or Helena & Richard: 0405 440 463, you can also email: mnm@grapevine.com.au

**ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES
FOR THE SUNDAY OF 17/18 December**

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A/1

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm E Easton & S Short

8.30am M & P Supple

10.00am A Bakker & R Coggan

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm B Gaynor

8.30am C West

10.00am B Usback

Acolytes: Deacon Matt Ransom

6.00pm S La Vita

8.30am P Collins

10.00am N Weir

Music Ministry:

6pm & 8.30am Volunteers Please

10am H Palafox

Altar Servers

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen December: P Cullen

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm E Neal

8.30am N Hatley

10.00am J Clark

Altar Care (December 12): V Pembrey

