

OUR PARISH

Contact Parish Pastoral Council via email: ppc.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" - 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 now supported by CCTV and S1 Security. Smile!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH (27 Jan - 2 Feb)

Fourth Sun in Ord Time, Psalter Week 4, Year B/2

Sacred Heart Church Mass & CS Times:

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

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

CS=Communion Service.

Mon: 8.30am **CS** Tue: 5.30pm **Mass**

Wed: 8.30am **Mass** Thu: 8.30am **Mass**

Fri: **8.30 Mass (not 9.30am)**

5.30pm Evening Prayer & Adoration

Sat: 6.00pm **Mass**

Sun: 8.30am & 10am **Masses**

The Pines Living Farrer Mass is held at 3pm on the last Thursday of the month.

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

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

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

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: 'The Five First Saturdays'

Held on the 1st Saturday of the month:

Mass held at **9am** followed by **confessions** with **benediction** at **10am**, concluding with a **Marian Movement of Priests cenacle**. For more Info. see blue flyer in the main Foyer.

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 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.

Live Stream Mass Cathedral : Mon—Sat 12.15pm & Sun 11am: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>



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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

This week I had an inspiring planning meeting with the Parish Faith Enrichment Team, we are blessed to have a solid group that meets fortnightly to deepen their faith.

We will combine with the RCIA candidates for Lent, which starts in two weeks, topics & dates will be in the bulletin. It was also great to begin meeting with the staff of our parish school. We are blessed to have David Austin as our new principal & such a dedicated & fun group of staff.

Also I would like to offer a new initiative for 2024. **First Saturday of the Month Fatima devotions:** They will be on each first Saturday in our church. There will be a **9am Mass** followed by **Confessions with benediction at 10am**, concluding with a **Marian Movement of Priests cenacle**. For more info. about first Saturday devotions see the blue flyer "The Five First Saturdays" in the foyer.

All Welcome.

Finally, I left a few prayer cards to St Michael & a book on the Outback Chapel where I was parish priest for 4yrs. I like to promote popular piety as Pope Francis expounded in his first encyclical, as it is great dimension to aid Catholic prayer.

God's blessing Fr Emil



MHOC Adult Faith Enrichment

The program resumes Sun 11 Feb with light refreshments served after the

10am Mass. There will be a structured discussion held between 11.30am & 1pm.

A great space for non-Catholics to learn about our Catholic Christian tradition & for Catholics, practising & non-practising, to discuss & share in their understanding of scripture, prayer, the Sacraments, the Mass, the Church its traditions teaching, ministry & mission. Qu. to Fr Emil through the Parish office.

Upcoming discussion topics include:

11 Feb: The Sacraments of the Church

25 Feb: Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism & Confirmation

10 Mar: Sacraments of Initiation – Eucharist

All welcome to join us!

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Sacramental Program enrolments are now open for children baptised Catholic in year 4 & above. **The program/s start Wed 7 Feb.**

See the MHOC website for details: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/sacraments/first-holy-communion/>



School of Religion Enrolments are open for Term 1, 2024 (Primary).

The first session will be **Wed 7 Feb** from 4-5pm in the Hall & Church. Please see our website for more program information & for details on how to enrol via Qkr!

<http://www.mhoc.org.au/ministries/school-of-religion/>



Our Parish Congratulates

Patrick Hartwell & Emily Kelly on their upcoming marriage next weekend Saturday 3 February 2024 at 2.30pm.

Our parish wishes them a lifetime of love & happiness together.

Vocations Dinner held at the Archbishop's House, Thu 8 Feb, 6pm for a hearty meal, insightful discussions & prayer.

This evening is designed for men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. Please RSVP to vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.



Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Recent deceased: Mary McDermott, Darrell Lind & Joan Perry.

Anniversaries: Elizabeth & Joseph Nadackuthazha & Fr John McCusker.

We also remember the deceased members of Sydney University Medicine class of 1972.

May they all rest in peace.



Please note that the Funeral Mass for Mary McDermott will be held on Monday 5 Feb at 11am.



Become a Parish Youth Coordinator—

We seek to raise up a new generation in the life & mission of the Catholic Church. The positions generally follow the academic year 2.5-7.5 hrs/wk. Please see this link for details & a brochure.

www.cgevangalisation.org.au/parish-youth-coordinator/

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE SUNDAY OF 3/4 February 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm M Egan-Richards & B Gaynor

8.30am R Langford & J Pearson-Lee

10am B Layton & S van der Linden

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm A Smith

8.30am D Perera

10am J Zaide-Crombie

Acolytes:

6.00pm I Noble

8.30am P Collins

10.00am G Selleck

Music Ministry:

6pm Volunteer please

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am Volunteer please

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen February: V Palmer

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm M Blackmore

8.30am D Perera

10.00am R & B Usback

Altar Care (January 29): B Simpson

Please note Parish Office is closed Tue 30 Jan. Normal office hours will resume Wed 31 Jan.

Please hand Mass intentions directly to Fr Emil prior to or after mass. *Thank you.*

Coming up in the Parish: Thursday 1 February

♦ Friendship Group returns for 2024 - Hall 10-12pm.

Friday 2 February - Mass at 8.30 not 9.30am.

♦ World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, The Presentation of the Lord.

Word of God Sunday, 4 February

♦ Monthly Morning Teas after, 8.30 & 10am Masses.

Wednesday 7 February

♦ School of Religion recommences - Hall/Church 4pm.

♦ First Reconciliation & Holy Communion Combined Parent Information Evening, (Parents only need to attend) - church 6.30pm start.

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 February

♦ Presentation Masses for the First Reconciliation & Holy Communion Candidates.

♦ MHOC Adult Faith Enrichment resumes, see notice.

Tuesday 13 February

♦ PPC Meet - 6pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Wednesday 14 February - Ash Wednesday

♦ **Mass** times: 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm.

♦ School of Religion - 4pm - Church & Hall

♦ First Reconciliation - Session 1, Church - 6.30pm

♦ Baptism Preparation Evening - 7pm - Hall