

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 supported by CCTV and S1 Security. Smile!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH (17 Feb - 23 Feb) First Sunday of Lent, Psalter Week 1, Year B/2

Sacred Heart Church Mass & CS Times:
Remember to turn your phones off when in the church.

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

Sat: 6.00pm **Mass** Sun: 8.30am & 10am **Masses**

Mon: 8.30am **CS (Communion Service)**

Tue: 5.30pm **Mass**

Wed: 8.30am **Mass**-World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Thu: 8.30am **Mass**

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

Note: There is Eucharistic Adoration held in the church from 10am to 9pm on Fridays during Lent.

The Pines Living Farrer Mass 3pm last Thu of month
Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am last Sat 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 9am**, followed by **confessions** with **benediction 10am**, concluding with a **Marian Movement of Priests cenacle**. See blue flyer in the main foyer for info.
BAPTISMS: Baptism information please see our website or contact the 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/>



Mary Help of Christians Parish South Woden, PEARCE ACT

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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

It was good to meet the **Parish Pastoral Council** on Tuesday. Some key decisions were to return the **limited mobility parking only for weekend Masses** signs to the side & front parking areas of the church. Some parishioners have made a **donation** for the signs if anyone else would like to help towards the cost, please contact the parish office.



Fr Richard's farewell drinks & nibbles will be on Thursday 21 March 5-7pm in the Sacred Heart School Hall. We will be having a retiring collection for him next weekend. You can drop a monetary donation to the parish office anytime. If you have any photo's you'd like to share, please contact the office.

I shared with the PPC several initiatives I am prayerfully pondering. One is a **MenAlive weekend in May**, we will have a planning meeting 7:30pm next Tue in the church rear meeting room anyone interested to help please see me. *God's blessing Fr Emil*

Coming up in the Parish: Wednesday 21 February.

- ♦ School of Religion - 4pm - Church & Hall
- ♦ First Reconciliation - Session 2, Church - 6.30pm

Thursday 22 February

- ♦ Friendship Group - Hall - 10am - 12pm
- Visit from the Mother Theresa Nuns at 10.30am

Sunday 25 February

- ♦ Children's Liturgy held during the 10am Mass
 - ♦ Adult Faith Enrichment (RCIA) meet after the 10am Mass for a cuppa or from 11.30am-1pm Hall
- Please note the Fatima Devotions begin in the church on Saturday 2 March, please read note in the "This Week in the Parish" section for details.**

Save The Date: Sun 10 Mar 10am Installation Mass for Fr Emil Milat, with our Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Followed by Morning Tea.



MHOC Adult Faith Enrichment

The next meeting is on Sun 25 Feb with light refreshments served after the 10am Mass, followed by a structured discussion between 11.30am & 1pm. Any qu, speak with Fr Emil or office.

25 Feb: Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation
10 Mar: Sacraments of Initiation – Eucharist

Lenten Season 2024:

Year of Prayer

Lent began **Ash Wednesday** 14 Feb.



Stations of the Cross: After 8.30am Mass Thu's.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation - for MHOC, Nth Woden & Weston Creek **is being held at MHOC 6pm Tue 19 Mar.**

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays in Lent begins **16 Feb**
Volunteers have kindly offered their time committing to 1 hour of prayer in the church on Friday's during Lent from 10am to 9pm. Thank you.

There are books in the foyer, you are welcome to borrow one or make a \$10 tap donation to keep it.

Lenten Discussion Group

Meet in the Parish Hall after the Friday morning 9.30am mass for a relaxed chat & a cuppa. *All Welcome.*

Lent 2024 with The Catholic Guy; Bruce Downes

If you would like to receive free daily inspirational videos to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful & prayerful, sign up at: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>
Go to <https://brucedownes.org/> for more information.

There are a few **2024 Lenten books** available in the main church foyer for a \$7 donation to cover the cost. Please pop \$ into the envelope provided & drop it into the Office mailbox in the wall by the door or you can use the TAP machine.

Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Anniversaries: Joseph Nadackuthazha, Colin Lennox, Frank Ieroianni & Fr Michael Coffey May they all rest in peace.



Fr Emil & Rev Deacon Joe Blackwell

Thank all of you for helping to raise \$2074 for the Archbishops Christmas Appeal! Along with \$1605 in Christmas Offerings for our retired priests. We give thanks for the blessings of our parish & their families.

Thank you to our wonderful Parish!

Below are your Jan Financial Contributions:

Parish: Planned giving/Loose/TAP - \$5450.65
Parish: Planned giving C/C, DD, Qkr - \$8643.00
Clergy - 1st Coll giving/Credit Card - \$4900.10

The Friendship group

meets weekly on Thu's, 10am -12pm in our Parish Hall as well as outings. The new Calendar of events is now available on our website under the Events tab & a hard copy is pinned to board in the church. *Please contact Faye for more information on: 6286 4891.*



ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE SUNDAY OF 24/25 February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm S Short & B Gaynor
8.30am C West & A Wolnicki
10am J Allen & S Topp

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm M Egan-Richards
8.30am M Tsen
10am C Paragalli

Acolytes:

6.00pm A Smith
8.30am P Collins
10.00am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm Volunteer please
8.30am S Fatiaki
10.00am M McKenna

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass
Church Linen February: V Palmer

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm E Neal
8.30am F Nichols
10.00am J & B Wilson
Altar Care (February 19): M Paragalli



Project Compassion

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of **three resilient women** (pictured above) from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.
Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.
Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.
Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trail-blazer for future generations of women in her village. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations. Please donate through the Project Compassion boxes or envelopes available in the church foyer, by calling 1800 024 413, via the QR code or via our Qkr! App under **SPECIAL APPEALS** or by visiting: <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>



Our parish welcomes Harriet Doherty, Morgan, Felix & Rex Armstrong into the Catholic Church through the sacrament of baptism this weekend. May they all be richly blessed with God's presence & feel the support of our Parish & their families.

