

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 (24 Feb - 1 Mar) Second Sunday of Lent, Psalter Week 2, 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**
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.



Coming up in the Parish: Wednesday 28 February.

♦ School of Religion - 4pm - Church & Hall

♦ First Reconciliation - Session 3, Church - 6.30pm

Thursday 29 February

♦ Friendship Group - Meet at front of church at 10am & then onto Caffé Cherry Beans at Majura Park

Saturday 2 March

♦ Fatima Devotions begin, please read note in the "This Week in the Parish" section for details.

Sunday 3 March

♦ Children's Liturgy held during the 10am Mass

♦ Monthly morning teas after the 8.30 & 10am Masses

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

Group next meet this weekend Sun 25 Feb. Light refreshments served after the 10am Mass, followed by a structured discussion between 11.30&1pm. Qu. speak with Fr Emil or office.

25 Feb: Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation

17 Mar: Sacraments of Initiation – Eucharist

24 Mar: Structure of the Mass - presented by Fr Emil

An Evening with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001.

A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books & an internationally reputed speaker & retreat-giver.

Hosted by Genevieve Jacobs AM;

Details: Wed 13 Mar, held at Marist College, Marr St in the Senior Hall. **Time:** 7.00-8.30pm.

For info. & to register, go to: <https://bit.ly/49h5sG3>



Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Recent deceased:

Anna Minh Nguyen & John Connolly.

Anniversaries: Ada Falez, Salvatore Giorgi,

Ana Agostini, Luigi Agostini, Mgr Kevin Barry-Cotter & Fr Eris O'Brien. May they all rest in peace.



Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart,

would like to thank you for your donations of Stamps to the Friendship Group. Last year they collectively raised \$33,600. It is with your efforts that the legacy of St Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today. <https://www.sosj.org.au/>. Stamps can be left in the brown box at the back of the church.

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.

The 2024 Lenten message

from His Holiness, Pope Francis can be sourced on our website <http://www.mhoc.org.au/news/>



Shepherd's Corner

As we are planning Fr Richard's belated farewell next month, similarly I am swapping the 10am Mass this weekend with the St Thomas More Campbell new PP Fr Anthony Riosa, so I can have my farewell there.

You may have seen the Daily Voice [article](#) about his Community that are the new Pastors for the Inner North Parishes.

We keep them in our prayers as they discern the best way forward for the Inner North.

We had a good meeting with the **MenAlive** planning group last week and are locking in a weekend retreat for 25 & 26 May as part of the parish feast day, this was an inspiration of Fr Richard before he left- more on this in the coming weeks. *God's blessing Fr Emil.* p.s. the next 1st Saturday Fatima devotions is 2 Mar.

Fr Richard's farewell drinks & nibbles will

be on Thu 21 Mar 5-7pm in the Sacred Heart School Hall. We will be having a retiring collection for him **this weekend**. You can drop a monetary donations to the parish office anytime. If you have any photo's you'd like to share, please contact the office.



ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE SUNDAY OF 2/3 March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm S Bartley & M Blackmore

8.30am P Collins & G Joseph

10am P Bewley & J Wilson

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm B Gaynor

8.30am S West

10am S Stephen / S Thomas

Acolytes:

6.00pm P Verdon

8.30am G Joseph

10.00am G Selleck

Music Ministry:

6pm D Fitzsimons

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am Sr Cath

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen March: M-A Kitchen

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm E Neal

8.30am D Perera

10.00am F Mendes

Altar Care (February 26): S Topp



Project Compassion

Ronita (pictured above) is 22. She lives with her husband & 2 children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, in Metro Manila in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work & provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies & continue learning in a safe & flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre & is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school & I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

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>



A Message from the PPC & Fr Emil:

If able please consider parking at the school during weekend masses so there is available parking for our **limited mobility parishioners**. We are looking at purchasing signs, if you would like to **donate** towards the cost please pop some cash in an envelope marked car parking or contact the office. Thank you.

