

OUR PARISH

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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 (16 Mar - 22 Mar)

Fifth 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 **Mass & St Patricks Day**

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

Tue: 5.30pm **Mass**

6pm Regional 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Weston Creek, Curtin & Pearce Parishes

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.

Eucharistic Adoration 10am - 9pm on Fri during Lent.

The Pines Living Farrer Mass 3pm last Thu of month

Note date change for March is Wed 27th at 3pm.

Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am last Sat of the month

Note date change for March is Sat 23rd.

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/>



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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

My formal **installation** last week at the 10am Mass by **Archbishop Christopher** moved many of those in attendance, we are blessed to have such personable Shepherd who speaks with great depth, teaching skill & humour!



Thanks to all who helped with the morning tea afterwards.

Speaking of Archbishops- it was momentous news to hear of the passing of **Emeritus Archbishop**

Francis Carroll last Thursday at 93 years of age. He Ordained me a priest & was Archbishop here for 23 years. He had a personal impact on many of us directly & obviously had a huge part in the story of God in our area being Lord Jesus' appointed Apostle for so long. *There will be Vigil Prayers held for him at St. Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka on Wed 20 Mar at 7.30pm followed by his Funeral Mass & Burial on Thu 21 Mar at 11am.*

It is a busy week next week with the regional Second Rite here on Tuesday & Fr Richards farewell Thu more info in Bulletin. *Bless Fr Emil*

Reminder: Fr Richard's farewell drinks & nibbles are being held this week on **Thu 21 Mar 5-7pm in the Sacred Heart School Hall**.

All welcome! Please bring a plate to share if you are able to & **BYO drinks**. Tea & Coffee provided.



menALIVE Weekend for Men.

What are you doing on the 25 & 26 of May? Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, & space to reflect?

Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged & inspired at weekends across Aust. Now, MHoC Parish menALIVE weekend is being organised in Pearce, conducted by experienced leaders from the menAlive Team. Register with QR Code or <https://canberracatholic.men>. See [flyer](#) in church. Enqu, ph/text Mat Wolnicki 0438 446 489, Fr Emil 0414 523 036, or Adam Wojtonis 0422 212 881.



Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Recent deceased: Thomas Fernando,
Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll.

Anniversaries: Gumercindo Jacalan,
Philip Smith, Slavko Pehar, Fr Guilford Young.
May they all rest in peace.



Easter in our Parish 2024

- 19 March - 2nd Rite Of Reconciliation 6pm
- 24 March - Passion Sunday 8.30 & 10am
- 28 March - Holy Thu, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
- 29 March - Marist, Stations of the Cross 10.30-11.30am
- 29 March - Good Friday, Passion of our Lord 3pm
- 30 March - Easter Vigil 7pm
- 31 March - Easter Sunday 8.30am & 10am

We are looking for volunteers for various roles over Easter. Please see the sheet at the back of the church on the table behind the last pew under the notice board. Or speak directly to Fr Emil. *Thankyou.*



Roundtables, Sacramental Initiation 21 Mar

Join others from around the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on the realities & process of Sacramental Initiation in the life of our Church. REGISTER at cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables. Online (Zoom) & In-Person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Manuka).

Marriage Preparation Course, 9 April

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: **FOCCUS** - Tue 9th April 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. **SmartLoving** – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463



Coming up in the Parish:

Saturday 16 March.

- ♦ Baptism Preparation - Hall 3pm with Fr Emil.
- ♦ Special Youth Group 7-8.30pm, Hall \$5 for pizza.

Sunday 17 March - St Patrick's Day

- ♦ Children's Liturgy held during the 10am Mass
- ♦ **MHOC Adult Faith Enrichment** - Hall, 11.30-1pm, discussing the **Eucharist**. Also meeting on **24th March** to talk through the structure of the mass.

Wednesday 20 March.

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

Thursday 21 March - Harmony Day

- ♦ Friendship Group - 10am Hall Talk by Red Cross
 - ♦ Fr Richard's Farewell - SH School Hall 5-7pm, bring a plate to share & BYO drinks. Tea & Coffee provided
- Note:** a reminder to leave parking at the church for limited mobility parishioners during weekend mass times.

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE SUNDAY OF 23/24 March 2024

Palm Sunday, Year B/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm S Bartley & C Paragalli

8.30am E & M Tsen

10am S van der Linden & C Mesiku

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm M-A Kitchen

8.30am M Wolnicki

10am R Usback

Acolytes:

6.00pm I Noble

8.30am G Joseph

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 March: M-A Kitchen

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm P Verdon

8.30am P Heffernan

10.00am L Henshaw

Altar Care (March 18): B Simpson



Project Compassion

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters & the dedication, passion & tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities

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>



Palm Sunday Rally: Justice for Refugees

The St Vincent de Paul Society supports many refugees &

asylum seekers who've been living in uncertainty & disadvantage on temporary visas for over a decade. Vinnies invites Catholics to join us at the Palm Sunday Rally in Garema Place at **1.00 pm on 24 March**. Fr John Woods will speak at the rally. Together we'll call for **"Permanent Visas Now"**, so that these people can begin to re-build their lives free of fear & uncertainty. Tim McKenna, Vinnies Refugee Support, Canberra-Goulburn 0416 062 849



Our parish welcomes Charlotte & Amelia Cole 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.