

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 (13 Apr - 19 Apr)

Remember to turn your phones off when in the church. A prayerful silence is respectfully requested as we gather to celebrate Eucharist.

Sacred Heart Church Mass & CS Times:

Third Sunday of Easter, Psalter Wk 3, Year B/2

Sat: 6:00pm **Mass** Sun: 8.30am & 10.00am **Mass**
Mon: 8.30am **CS** 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

The Pines Living Farrer Mass 3pm last Thu of month
Note date change for April is Thu 18th at 3pm.

Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am last Sat of the month

RECONCILIATION (Confession): Sat 11am-12pm

(or by appointment). **NO Reconciliation Sat 20 Apr.**

Available at St Anthony's Wanniasa Sat 9-10am

St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka Sat 11-12pm & Parish of the Transfiguration, Curtin Sat 5-5.30pm

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: Sat 4 May

'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

The Parish Feast day is six weeks away. Two initiatives I am promoting, with PPC blessing, are the **MenAlive** weekend & a **formal Marian Consecration** of the Parish.

For **MenAlive** the planning team will man a table after each Mass for next few weeks to encourage Men to register. It is already shaping up to be a very significant event for the parish & beyond. For the **33 day Marian consecration** please consider an optimal at-home-personal-retreat where you read two pages a day of the Book by Fr M. Gaitley. We are starting a few days early in case people miss a day or two.

Books are still available from the parish office or see me after Mass (I have a few in the sacristy- to borrow or \$25 to purchase). If you like to get a glimpse first you can do the first week here: <https://media.benedictine.edu/consecrate-yourself-to-mary-start-days-for-33-days-to-morning-glory>.

God's blessing Fr Emil

p.s. there are good articles about our **MenAlive** weekend in **The Catholic Voice**- available in the foyer- as well as an article about Kathryn Hailey's "1986 Holy Spirit Banner" resurfacing! There is also an article about our very own woman acolytes in our parish! <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/current-edition/>

Coming up in the Parish:

Thursday 18 April

♦ Friendship Group - Hall-10am-Games Morning, UNO
Note: The Parish office is closed Tue 16 & 23 April due to school holidays as well as Thu 25 due to Anzac day & Fri 26 April.

Please hand any mass intentions directly to Fr Emil & phone the office & leave a message for anything urgent & Fr Emil will get back to you.

Please note that Fr Emil will be away on a 3 day retreat the weekend of 20/21 April. We will be welcoming Fr Leonse Kurian & Fr Chris de Souza that weekend to say Mass. See This **Week in the Parish** for Reconciliation times in other local churches.

Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Anniversaries: Archbishop Thomas Cahill, Anthony Short, Mgr Patrick Haydon & Mgr Edward Favier. May they all rest in peace.



Parish Consecration to Immaculate Heart of Mary:

with PPC approval, I will lead the parish in a '33 days to Morning Glory: do-it-yourself Retreat' for the Parish Feast Day on 24 May. This is based on a book by Fr Michael Gaitley, of that name, over 2 million copies have been sold. **18 books** are available for loan or donation to cover the cost, \$25 at the parish office.



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.



MHOC Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA

The next session will be held on **28 Apr.**

This post Easter session is called

Mystagogy where we reflect on the Baptisms & Confirmations of our RCIA candidates who are now Catholics. All those involved with the journey are welcome to attend including the Faith Enrichment group.

Held in the Parish Hall 11.30-12.30pm Sun 28 Apr.

Please note there will be a planning meeting held from 12.30pm for the group to discuss the topics for the rest of the year. Save the dates for 12 May, 26 May, 9 June & 23 June.

Life is for Living: The Spirituality of Ageing a workshop facilitated by Kerin Caldwell SGS Sat 27 Apr 10am until 3pm. Register at: CGwomen.com.au \$20. MTea & ATea provided, bring your own lunch. **Venue:** Parish Centre 3 Strangeways St, Curtin



Healing Rally with Damian Stayne - Wed 1 May

@ St Peter Chancels Church, Weston Street, Yarralumla, 7-9:30pm. All welcome! Praise, worship, healing prayer & joy. Damian is a Catholic lay evangelist from the UK. He ministers powerfully in the charisms of preaching & healing. To register call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.

18 April | Roundtables – Sacramental Initiation

Join us 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: cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables. Online (Zoom) & In-Person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Manuka)

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE SUNDAY OF 20/21 April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm M Egan-Richards & D O'Brien

8.30am G Joseph & J Pearson-Lee

10am J Allen & **Volunteer please**

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm A Smith

8.30am J Coyte

10am C Paragalli

Acolytes:

6.00pm P Verdon

8.30am P Supple

10.00am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm Volunteer please

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am Volunteer please

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen April: L Bell

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm D & C Nash

8.30am B Garrety

10.00am R & B Usback

Altar Care (April 15): S Topp

Note:

A reminder to leave parking at the church for limited mobility parishioners during weekend mass times.



Communion to the Homebound

We are looking for **Volunteers** to take communion to the Homebound as well as The Pines & Goodwin nursing homes in Farrer. This is a very fulfilling ministry. We have loved ones who deeply value

connection to the Eucharist & the parish community. Fr Emil will be running an explanation of this Ministry & provide some training on Thu 11 April after the 8.30am mass & after the weekend masses on 18/19 May. If you can help but not make the training please contact the parish office or speak with Fr Emil.

Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery & the Archbishop's House. Held on the second Thursday of the month.

For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.

19-21 April | Three day silent retreat

For young men discerning a Vocation to priesthood. Contact Vocations Director, Fr Emil Milat at emil.milat@cg.org.au for more information. Flyer available on our website: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/news/>

Opposing the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

Online open letter to ACT MLAs - at <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/actcampaign> - The aim is to reach 10,000 signatures. See their about page' is at <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/about>. HOPE's sole issue is preventing euthanasia and assisted suicide, i.e. it is a single issue organisation. The Director is Branka, contactable via director@noeuthanasia.org.au

