

OUR PARISH
Contact the Parish Pastoral Council through the office email.

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 (14-20 Dec)
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 Advent Psalter Wk 3, Year C/1
Sat: 5.35pm Rosary, 6:00pm **Mass**
Sun: 8.30am & 10am **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**
5pm - 6pm Evening Prayer & Adoration

The Pines Living, Farrer, Mass 11am held on the last Thursday of the month. Note Next date: 19 Dec.
Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. Next date 21 Dec.

RECONCILIATION (Confession):
Saturdays 11am-12pm (or by appointment)
FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: Sat 1 Feb 2025
'The Five First Saturdays' Held on the 1st Saturday of the month: **Mass 9.30am**, followed by **confessions** with **benediction 10.30am**, concluding with a **Marian Movement of Priests cenacle**. See blue flyer.

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.



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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:
Sunday 15 December
♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass last for 2024
Wednesday 18 December
♦ School of Religion - Finished for 2024 - back 12/2/2025
Thursday 19 December
• Church carpark - pot hole repair 10-12pm

Parish Office closed: Friday 20 December & re-opens Thursday 2 January.

Please note Fr Emil will be on leave Thursday 2 Jan to Friday 17 January. Please phone the office & leave a message if your matter is urgent.

Please hand any **mass intentions** directly to the priest. We will be welcoming Fr Bernie Patterson on the weekends of 4/5 & 11/12 January.

There will be a bulletin cover only provided for the weekends of 28/29 December & 4/5 January, any notices will be available on our [website/news](http://www.mhoc.org.au) tab.

Vinnies update
Christmas cards \$5.00 per pack & *Columban Calendars* \$10.00 each are available to purchase in the foyer of the church. Payment for these can be left in the Vinnies poor box in the wall. Once again we are calling for goodies for our festive **Christmas Hampers**. Items such as tinned ham, Christmas cakes/puddings, chocolates & nuts are in demand & will help our companions celebrate Christmas. Please place under the Christmas Tree in the church until **Wed 18 Dec**. For more info. about the work of the conference contact: *Mark Mooney 0450 354 551*.





School of Religion Enrolments are open for Term 1, 2025 (Yrs 1-6) for children attending Non-Catholic Schools. Next year we welcome back our Catechists: *Gabriel Joseph, Chris Rule & Coleen Nash*. A big thank you to you all! Enrolments are open & the first session will be Wed 12 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/>



Second Rite of Reconciliation
Dates & Locations:
•17 Dec 6pm St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah
•18 Dec 7pm at Corpus Christi, Gowrie
•20 Dec 7pm at Parish of the Transfiguration Curtain



Shepherd's Corner
Congratulations to our year six class (and families) who graduated from our Parish School of Sacred Heart on Friday. It was a moving Mass & dinner that night. With such a busy term there was a collective sigh of relief across all schools as we head into the summer break. This weekend a priority is the sign up sheet for ministries over Christmas & January please put your name down if you can help. *God's blessing Fr Emil*



2025 Sacramental Programs
Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Sacramental Program enrolments are open & close 5 Feb 2025. The program/s start Wed 12 Feb, 6.30pm in our church. Enrolments are open to children baptised Catholic in Year 4 & above. See the MHOc website for details: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/sacraments/first-holy-communion/>
Save the date: the *Confirmation* Sacramental Program is for students in Year 6 & above. Enrolments open 25 Jun 2025 & the program will begin on 30 Jul. Details: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/sacraments/confirmation/>





Our Parish Welcomes
Roman Gargiulo through the sacrament of baptism this weekend. May he be richly blessed with God's presence & feel the support of our Parish & his family.

Archbishop's Christmas Crib Award
Join the Archbishop's Christmas Crib Competition! Submit a photo & brief description of your nativity scene by **Mon, Dec 16**, for a chance to win a special gift during the Cathedral's Christmas Eve Mass. Celebrate the Christmas Story with your community! For entry details see the Catholic Voice <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/share/>



Jubilee of Families European Pilgrimage
St Peter's Parish, Pambula, & Fr George Ogah invite you to join our Pilgrimage. Be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints. <https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/pv2539/>
19 May-4 June, 2025. Info. pambula@cg.org.au

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE SUNDAY OF 21/22 December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C/1
Commentators and Lectors
6.00pm M Blackmore & S Peake
8.30am E & M Tsen
10am J Wilson & JL Wilson
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm J Grima
8.30am P Collins
10am R Usback
Acolytes:
6.00pm A Smith
8.30am G Joseph
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 (December): V Pembrey
Welcome Ministry:
6.00pm P Verdon
8.30am B Garrety
10.00am L Henshaw
Altar Care (Dec 16): S Topp



MHoC - Christmas Mass times 2024
Christmas Eve Tue 24 Dec
No 5.30pm Mass at MHOc
5.30pm Carols & 6pm Children's Mass held at Marist College Canberra, Junior School lawns (BYO own, picnic blankets etc.)
Wet weather: to be held at Sacred Heart Church.
9pm Vigil at Sacred Heart Church (MHOc)
Christmas Day Wed 25 Dec
8.30am & 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church
The **Christmas Dues Envelopes** are available in the church. Your donation supports the Clergy of the Archdiocese, particularly the Parishes that struggle financially. *Thank you for your donation.*

Christmas & January Rosters
Volunteers are needed for the Christmas & January, *Lector & Extra-ordinary Ministers* rosters. Please write your name on the sheet/s provided at the main entrance of the church.
*A reminder that the **Code of Conducts** are also available here for any volunteer or parishioner to sign to help keep our Parish safe (expire 3 years)*



Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6pm at Marist College Junior School Lawns. Characters for the Nativity needed. We are after children to volunteer as the characters in the nativity & to do some reading. Any parents of children who would like to be involved can contact *Fr Emil, 0414523036*. We will aim to have a practise in the morning of 24 Dec.

Please remember all of our faithful departed: Anniversaries: Patricia Kin Oung, Helene Rey & Fr Albert Havas. May they all rest in peace.

