

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 (7 – 13 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:
Second Sunday of Advent Psalter Wk 2, Year C/1
Sat: 5.35pm Rosary, 6:00pm **Mass**
Sun: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8.30am & 10am **Mass** 11am Hour of Grace
Mon: 8.30am **CS**
Tue: 5.30pm **Mass** Wed: 8.30am **Mass**
Wed: 11.30am **Funeral Mass** for William Porter
Thu: 8.30am **Mass**
Thu: 1.00pm **Funeral Prayers** for Jackson Todd
Fri: 8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church,
9.00am Rosary, 9.30am **Mass**, with Marist Staff
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 7 Dec
'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 web-site 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.



Mary Help of Christians Parish

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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.



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/>

Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Recent deceased: William Francis Porter & Jackson Wright Anderson

Anniversaries: Helene Rey, John Winston, Adrian Kiernander & Fr Paul Stack
May they all rest in peace.

Coming up in the Parish:

Sunday 8 December

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Wednesday 11 December

- School of Religion - Church/Hall from 4pm
- Baptism Preparation Evening - 7pm Hall

Pearce Shops Community Carols 7pm Dec 9, Wet weather plans -held at SH Church (MHOc). All Welcome!

Sunday 15 December

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass last for 2024

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 He's back by popular demand!
Can you find Adrian, Benny, Charlie & Derrick's fifth cousin **Eric** in the Church?
He's always finding a new place to hide!

 **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/>

Shepherd's Corner

The past couple of weeks have been full of graduations & ceremonies for our Parish School of Sacred Heart & Marist College, we give thanks for all that the staff & families do to link into the life of our faith & ultimately into the Sunday Eucharistic where the community of communities gather.

We have had **email** problems this past week, our apologies if communication has been slower than usual. The **next two Fridays** we are having 12 hours of prayer in the Church, feel free to come & spend some time with Jesus to ponder & pray in silence like Mary & Joseph did that first advent.

God's blessing Fr Emil

 Our lovely **generous parishioners & Marist College** have lovingly filled our freezer with meals. Please pop by & grab one for someone in need or for yourself!

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 back of the church on the table under the pin board, behind the last pew. *A reminder that the Code of Conducts are also available here for any volunteer to sign to help keep our Parish safe.*

The **Sacred Heart School community** wish to thank all parishioners for their support of our major fundraiser for 2024, The Twilight Fair. Thank you for donating, volunteering & attending our event.



ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE SUNDAY OF 14/15 December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent, Year C/1

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm A Smith & S Short
8.30am M & P Supple
10am S Topp & N Torres

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm B Gaynor
8.30am J Coyte
10am B Usback

Acolytes:

6.00pm S La Vita
8.30am P Collins
10.00am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm Volunteer please
8.30am S Fatiaki
10.00am H Palafox

Altar Servers: Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen (December): V Pembrey

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm P Heffernan
8.30am D Perera
10.00am S Topp

Altar Care (Dec 9): M Paragalli

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*. The conference will be collecting donations at **Woden** For more info. about the work of the conference contact: *Mark Mooney 0450 354 551.*



Second Rite of Reconciliation

Dates & Locations:

- 5 Dec 5.30pm
St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka
- 17 Dec 6pm
St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah
- 18 Dec 7pm at Corpus Christi, Gowrie
- 20 Dec 7pm at Parish of the Transfiguration Curtain



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

An **Hour of Grace** will be held in the Church on Sun 8 Dec, 11-12noon (after the 10am Mass)- all welcome.



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.

