

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 (21-27 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:

Fourth Sunday of Advent Psalter Wk 4, Year C/1
Sat: 5.35pm Rosary, 6:00pm **Mass**
Sun: 8.30am & 10am **Mass** Mon: 8.30am **CS**

Christmas Eve:
Tue: 5.30pm Carols & 6pm **Mass** on Marist Lawns
8.30pm Carols & 9pm **Vigil** - Church

Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord:
Wed: 8.30am & 10am **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: 30 Jan.*
Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. *Next date 25 Jan.*

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.



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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
Thanks to everyone who chipped in to help prepare the Christmas Celebrations. Being my first Christmas in the parish it is still a learning curve for me. Melanie & Christina have been proficient in the parish office & great to work with. Our **Parish Sacred Heart School staff** are always welcoming & supportive. **Marists staff** have helped in many ways especially with the outdoor Mass. And our **fellow parishioners** have faithfully shared their gifts in ministries too many to list here. **Thanks** for all the gifts received in one form or another. On behalf of the **PPC** I pray a blessing on all our Christmas celebrations & rest over the break. I am on leave for first two week of January & we will have just the Bulletin cover for the readings- the parish news will still be updated on the website & check notice boards for events. God's blessing Fr Emil
p.s. I will hold special prayers in the church New Year's Eve, 8pm to midnight for those seeking a reflective start to 2025. **I am also seeking more characters for the Children's 6pm Mass, please contact me on 0414 523 036. 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 Yr 4 & above. See MHOc website for details: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/sacraments/first-holy-communion/>



Parish Office is now closed & re-opens Thu 2 Jan.
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 tab.
Chalk will be available in the foyer of the church 4/5 Jan for the Epiphany Blessing to mark your homes with blessed chalk for the New Year on Sun 5 January.



Our Parish Welcomes
Harriet Boyle through the sacrament of baptism this weekend. May she be richly blessed with God's presence & feel the support of our Parish & her family.

Marian Movement of Priests: invites you & your friends to THE 18TH ANNUAL CANBERRA NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL at Sacred Heart Church, Pearce Tue 31 Dec 2024. Eucharistic Adoration starts at 8pm, with Rosary on the hour (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful & Glorious). Concludes with Benediction at midnight- we receive two plenary Indulgences as we pray the *Te Deum* & *Veni Creator*.



St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) Thank you to all who have responded to the Vinnies call for goodies for the Christmas hampers. Your very donations were greatly appreciated. Best wishes to all for a *Joyous Christmas & a Happy New Year!*



Please see the [Catholic Voice](#) article to read Archbishop Prowse's Christmas Message on Hope. A link will also be on our [website](#).



The **Christmas Dues Envelopes** are available in the church. Your donation supports the Clergy of the Archdiocese. *Thank you for your donation.*

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal Collection
Your Wonderful Support is Needed!
Help *life saving assistance to displaced people whether from war or climate change in Asia, the Middle East or Africa* as well as *student assistance in the Middle East*. Communities in India, Africa & Papua New Guinea along with local works by The Farm in Galong & The Home in Queanbeyan will also be assisted. Please donate via our Qkr! App under "Special Appeals", via the credit card slip avail at the main entrance of the church or cash in an envelope marked with the Appeal. Queries to: Deacon Joe Blackwell 0407 909 295. You can see the full notice on our [website](#).



CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday 24th December
The 5.30 Carols & 6pm Children's Mass is held on the Marist Junior School Lawns: All other Masses are at Sacred Heart—MHOc Parish

Commentators and Lectors
6.00pm JL Wilson & V Palmer
9.00pm C Mesiku & D Smith
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm B Wilson & **Volunteer please**
9.00pm B & R Usback
Acolytes:
6.00pm M McAppion 9.00pm G Joseph
Music Ministry:
6.00pm D Fitzsimons 9.00pm S Taylor
Altar Servers:
Trained servers please volunteer at Mass
Welcome Ministry:
6.00pm & 9.00pm **Volunteer at Mass please**

CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday 25th December
Commentators and Lectors
8.30am M & E Tsen 10am C Laslett & C Mesiku
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
8.30am **Volunteer at Mass please**
10am V Pembrey & **Volunteer at Mass please**
Acolytes
8.30am P Collins 10am G Selleck
Music Ministry
8.30am K Fatiaki 10am M McKenna
Altar Servers:
Trained servers please volunteer at Mass
Welcome Ministry
8.30am F Nichols & B Garrety
10.00am **Volunteer at Mass**

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THE SUNDAY OF 28/29 December 2024
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Year C/1
Commentators and Lectors
6.00pm M Blackmore & D Smith
8.30am M Louis & **Volunteer please**
10am JL Wilson & C Mesiku
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm **Volunteer please**
8.30am M Louis 10am R Usback
Acolytes:
6.00pm P Verdon 10am M McAppion
8.30am P Supple
Music Ministry:
6pm, 8.30am & 10am **Volunteers please**
Altar Servers: Trained servers please volunteer at Mass
Church Linen (January): P Cullen
Welcome Ministry:
6.00pm M Blackmore 10am F Mendes
8.30am N Hatley
Altar Care (Dec 23): V Bray

Please note check your rosters for the weekend of 4/5 Jan as there will be no bulletin printed for 28/29 Dec.

School of Religion Enrolments are open for Term 1, 2025 (Yrs 1-6) for children attending Non-Catholic Schools. Starts 12 Feb from 4-5pm.
<http://www.mhoc.org.au/ministries/school-of-religion/>

