

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 (5 Apr - 11 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:

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Psalter Week 1, 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: 24 Apr.

Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. Next date 26 Apr.

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays 11am-12pm (or by appointment)

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: Sat 5 Apr 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.



Mary Help of Christians Parish 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: Tuesday 8 April

- ◆ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group
- ◆ PFC Meeting - Parish Office - 6.15pm

Wednesday 9 April

- ◆ School of Religion 4pm - Hall/Church
- ◆ FHC Session 4 & Practise - Church 6.30pm

Thursday 10 April

- ◆ Friendship Grp - Brunch at the Natl Museum Acton
- Saturday 12 April** (Working Bee - Church 1pm)

- ◆ FHC Candidates at Mass

Palm Sunday 13 April & Beginning of Holy Week

- ◆ FHC Candidates at both Masses, cake after the 8.30am mass
- ◆ Lenten Discussion Group - Hall 11am Session 5

Tuesday 15 April

- ◆ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group
- ◆ Parish Office Closed (School Holidays)

Wednesday 16 April

- ◆ Baptism Preparation Evening - Hall - 7pm

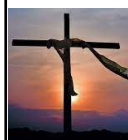


First Holy Communion Cake 13 April

Catherine West will be celebrating with cake after the 8.30am Mass on 13 April, all welcome to join them in the Parish Hall for cake & a hot cuppa!

Easter in our Parish 2025

- 13 April - Passion Sunday 8.30 & 10am
- 17 April - Holy Thu, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
- 18 April - Marist, Stations of the Cross 10-11.00am
- 18 April - Good Friday, Passion of our Lord 3pm
- 19 April - Easter Vigil 6pm
- 20 April - Easter Sunday 8.30am & 10am



We are looking for volunteers for various roles over Easter. Please see the sheets in the main foyer. Or speak directly to Fr Emil. *Thankyou.*

Pope Francis in his 2025 Lenten Message, "Let us journey together in hope" can be sourced on our website: <https://www.mhoc.org.au/news/>



Monthly Morning Teas 6 April

Please join us in the Hall for a cuppa after the Sunday 8.30am & 10am masses. We will also be using this opportunity to farewell **Denis & Jacinta O'Brien** after the 10am Mass, please bring a plate of food to share if able.

wishing you
ALL THE BEST



Shepherd's Corner

Next week is Psalm Sunday & at each Mass we have our First Holy Communion Candidates taking their first Communion. At each Mass the two-centre isles will be allocated to the families, so please use the side pews. This can be novelty for weekly Catholics to sit in a new spot! *If you received a prayer request card from one of the children & would like to write a message of congratulations on a card please return to me or the parish office by Wed 9 Apr.*

Finally next week season 5 of **The Chosen** begins at Hoyts Woden. This will be a great way to prepare for Easter- an excellent series on Jesus, getting close to a billion views! *God's blessing Fr Emil*



Please start to bring your boxes & envelopes back from next weekend by bringing them up during the offertory procession & place them in the basket in front of the altar.

You can also donate the money raised directly to caritas.org.au/project-compassion by ph 1800 024 413, scanning the QR code or via our Qkr! App under ACG Special Appeals. Thank you for standing with us, as we **Unite Against Poverty this Lent.**



Bus Trip! The Friendship Group are heading to Penrose Park visiting our shrine & for the Rosary & Mass on **Tue 13 May.**

Cost \$50, stopping Goulburn for breakfast & BYO lunch. Departing 7.30am on Murphy St, behind the school/church, return approximately 6pm. RSVP, ASAP to Faye 0451 683 099. *All Welcome.*

Church Cleaning - Working Bee

Sat 12 Apr, 1pm. With the important season of our faith, Easter fast approaching, we are calling for helping hands on Sat 12 April at 1pm, for some cleaning, wiping, polishing etc...

Church Clean-up that needs to be done (cloths/polish provided). So please, if you can help, come along & help in keeping our beautiful Church so inviting. 'Many hands make light work'. Any children in attendance are their parent/carer responsibility. Contact the Parish Office or speak directly with Fr Emil if you have any questions.

Work-Bee



ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES For The Sunday Of 12/13 April 2025

Palm Sunday, Year C/1

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm S Short, A Smith & M Blackmore
8.30am E & M Tsen & R Langford
10am F Pelosi & S Taylor

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm M Jacob
8.30am P Collins
10am C Paraglli

Acolytes:

6.00pm I Noble
8.30am G Joseph
10.00am G Selleck

Music Ministry:

6pm D Fitzsimons
8.30am S Fatiaki
10.00am C Walshe & D Kenny

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen April: B Wilson

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm M Blackmore
8.30am D Perera
10.00am R & B Usback
Altar Care (April 7): M Jacob

SAY YES TO REFUGEES

Palm Sunday Rally – Permanent Visas for All

The St Vincent de Paul Society supports refugees & asylum seekers still stuck on temporary visas for a decade. Thousands can't seek our permanent protection in a fair & timely way. Join Vinnies to call for an end to this injustice at **1pm on Sunday 13 April in Civic Square.** Anglican Bishop Mark Short & a Canberra refugee will speak at the rally. Tim, Vinnies Refugee Support. 0416 062 849.



Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Anniversaries: Emily Maude McMahon,
Fr Patrick Donovan & Fr Michael O'Dowd.

We also pray for the members of the Askander & Shano families. May they all rest in peace.



CHRISM MASS – Join the Archbishop & the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Mon 14 Apr at 5pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most beautiful Holy Week Mass. It is in this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed & consecrated. *Everyone is most welcome.*



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday & the Divine Mercy image were given to us by Jesus through St Faustina & completes the Sacred Heart Devotion.

We will hold the Divine Mercy Holy Hour, with Benediction, at Sacred Heart Church from 2-3.00pm on Sunday 27 April. All Welcome.