

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 (16-22 August)
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:
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Wk 4, Yr C/1
Sat: 5.35pm Rosary, 6:00pm **Mass**
Sun: 8.30am & 10am **Mass**
Mon: 8.30am **CS** Tue: 5.30pm **CS**
Wed: 8.30am **CS**
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: 21 Aug. Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. Next date 30 Aug.

RECONCILIATION (Confession):
Saturdays 11am-12pm (or by appointment).
FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: Sat 6 Sep 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 19 August
 ♦ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group
Wednesday 20 August
 ♦ School of Religion - Hall/Church 4pm
 ♦ Confirmation Program - Session 3, Church 6.30pm
Thursday 21 August
 ♦ Friendship Group - Hall -10-12pm Stamps
 ♦ Baptism Preparation Evening - Hall - 7pm
Sunday 24 August
 ♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass
 ♦ Morning Tea after the 10am Mass, Hosted by the Confirmation families - all welcome to join.
Tuesday 26 August
 ♦ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group
Wednesday 27 August
 ♦ School of Religion - Hall/Church 4pm
 ♦ Confirmation Program - Session 4, Church 6.30pm
Thursday 28 August
 ♦ Friendship Group - Hall -10-12pm Outing
Friday 29 August
 ♦ Confirmation Mass – Church – 6pm
Saturday 29 August
 ♦ Confirmation Mass – Church – 6pm
Sunday 31 August
 ♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Ordination to the Priesthood Fri 5 Sep 6pm
 The Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn cordially invites you to the Ordination to the Priesthood of **Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran MGL & Deacon Michael Last MGL**. Presided over by Most Reverend Archbishop Christopher Prowse at St Christopher's Cathedral. Please join the faithful in this solemn celebration as the deacons are ordained as priests.

Magnificat Voices of Springtime
 Sat 20 Sep, 1-4pm, Chambers Pavilion, Aust Centre for Christianity & Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton. It has been 10 years since Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'. This talk will focus on building our integral, Marian vision of ecology & relationship. Guest presenters Marist Br Michael Green & Jeni Miller. A time of shared ecumenical, spiritual conversations & prayer fueled by Magnificat wisdom. Please join us! Registration fee **\$20**, contact brendanbergin@mcc.act.edu.au

Shepherd's Corner
 The excitement of the children preparing for the *Sacrament of Confirmation* is growing. Parents have been faithful in coming to the Wednesday evening sessions with their children & the children have been involved in weekend Masses. Note: As there will be a Confirmation ceremony on Friday 29 August there will not be a "last Friday of the month" evening healing service. Next Friday at 12noon there will be a Funeral Mass as we celebrate the life of a founding parishioner Erica Stokes in the church - her sons Paul & Tom grew up in the parish. *God's blessing Fr Emil*

EXPLOSION is a Catholic Youth Conference coordinated by the Disciples of Jesus Community in Canberra. Open to students in years 7-12 who want to seek to answer the big questions about life & faith. This year we will be looking at the question that Jesus poses to His disciples in John 6, "Have I not chosen You?" Oct 8-11, St. Clare's College, Canberra. More information - <https://www.explosionyouth.com/> Register using the QR code

Next Mt Taylor prayer walk: after the successful walk last year, we plan to do a *Stations of the Cross* walk starting 11am with 12noon Benediction and lunch at the peak, on Saturday 13 September. More information to follow but claim the date. This is will the first Saturday after the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis - we will seek his intercession for our parish youth.

90th Anniversary of St. Patrick's , Braddon
 This year marks the 90th anniversary of the consecration of St. **Patrick's** Church Braddon, which began as a church-school. The anniversary will be commemorated on Sunday, 19 **October** with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Prowse at 8am followed by refreshments. Former pupils are especially encouraged to attend the Mass. For more information please contact Ray Toohey 0411182545 or Mary Boyle, maryeboyle8@gmail.com.

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES
For The Weekend/Sunday of 23/24 August 2025
 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C/1
Commentators and Lectors
 6.00pm S Short
 8.30am G Joseph & A Wolnicki
 10am R Coggin & F D'Castro
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
 6.00pm A Smith
 8.30am S West
 10am R Usback
Acolytes:
 6.00pm I Noble
 8.30am P Supple
 10.00am M McAppion
Music Ministry:
 6pm Volunteer please
 8.30am S Fatiaki
 10.00am M McKenna
Altar Servers:
 Trained servers please volunteer at Mass
Church Linen August: M Supple
Welcome Ministry:
 6.00pm R & F Armstrong
 8.30am B Garrety
 10.00am R & B Usback
Altar Care (August 18): M Paragalli

Please remember all of our faithful departed:
Recent deceased: Erica Stokes, Mariamma Varghese.
Anniversaries: Natale Bartone, Elvis Aaron Presley & Fr Thomas Moore.
May they all rest in peace.

Parish Administrative Support Assistant for the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn. This is a full-time permanent position supporting parishes across the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn. Tasks include the inputting of financial data & reporting requirements. Part-time hours may be considered for the right applicant. Please see <https://cgcatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/parish-administrative-support-assistant/> for more information. Applications close 22 August 2025. For enquiries & a copy of the duty statement phone: 02 6239 9802.

U-turn youth team visit: on Wednesday 17 Sept, a gathering for youth and young adults from around 6pm onwards. A night of fun, Christian testimonies and prayer. Held in the parish hall and church. Anyone interest to help plan this youth event please contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au

Confirmation Candidate Morning Tea 24 August
 As a part of the Confirmation candidates 'Acts of Service' they will be holding a Parish morning tea on Sun 24 August after the **10am Mass**. Please come along! *All Welcome!*