

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 (27 Sept - 3 Oct)

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:

World Refugees & Migration Day

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Wk 2, Yr C/1

Sat: 5.35pm Rosary, 6:00pm **Mass**

Sun: 8.30am & 10am **Mass**

Mon: 8.30am **CS** Tues: 5.30pm **CS**

Wed: 8.30am **CS** Thu: 8.30am **CS**

Fri: 8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church,
9.00am Rosary, 9.30am **CS**
5.00pm - 6.00pm Evening Prayer & Adoration

The Pines Living, Farrer, Mass 11am held on the last Thursday of the month. *Next date: 30 Oct.*

Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. *Next date 27 Sept. & 25 Oct.*

RECONCILIATION (Confession): Usually on **Saturdays 11am-12pm** (or by appointment).

No Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Sat 4 Oct. Offered at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka 11-12pm.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: Sat 1 Nov 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.



Shepherd's Corner

Congratulations to **Hung On** who will become a Catholic at the Vigil Mass. This is happening outside the usual time of Easter for exceptional reasons. **Note:** the first RCIA session is later this month - see Bulletin for details.

There was a packed Cathedral for **Bishop Pat Power's funeral** on Wednesday with fitting tributes & media attention. He was such a key "Moses" figure for our local church -- may our young "Joshuas" now take up the mantle.

Speaking of the next generation, thank you to the students of year 6 from our Sacred Heart Parish School who did some **gardening** for the parish during the week. They were inspirational in their joyful willingness to chip in. *God's blessings Fr Emil*

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation - Parish Hall Spring Session: Sun 19 October 11.30am.

Held after the 10am Mass. We will watch a video & discuss St Cardinal John Henry Newman, who has recently been made a Dr of the Church. This will also be the **first** RCIA session for those thinking about becoming Catholic or full initiation into our Church. *Speak with Fr Emil for more info. 0414523036.*

Public Square Rosary: Sun 12 Oct, 3pm

Held at: Southlands Mawson shops.

Meet: in the little square outside Woollies, all welcome to join in this Australia wide yearly intuitive, we can make our focus on families. For more information speak with Fr Emil.

Coming up in the Parish:

Tuesday 30 September

♦ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group

Thursday 2 October

♦ Friendship Group - Hall - 10am - Health Packs

♦ Serra Club - Hall - 5.30-7pm

Sunday 5 Oct - Daylight Savings Begins!

♦ Morning Tea after 8.30 & 10am masses *All Welcome*

Thursday 9 October

Friendship Group - Hall - 10am - Stamps

Note: *Fr Emil on Annual leave: 29 Sep to 10 Oct.*

Parish Office Closed 30 Sep & 7 & 10 Oct.

No Parish Bulletin weekend of 4/5 Oct.

Fr Tom Thornton will be saying Mass on 4/5 Oct.

A Communion Service CS provided weekdays.

Seeking Marriage Course Formation Couple:

Are you a married couple who feel you have or could have a charism or passion for Faith in the context of marriage & family?

There is Marriage Course **Information Session** on October 12, 12:00 - 12:45pm for couples who want to enrich their marriage in a 7 week course &/or could eventually run the course in their parish in (starting in early 2026).

Catered Event: Complimentary wine, & nibbles.

Held: Haydon Hall, Manuka. See Fr Emil for more info.

The September 2025 Parish Pastoral Council

meeting minutes are available on our website:

<http://www.mhoc.org.au/news/>.

A hard copy is also available on the back table of the church in the yellow folder. Thank you.

Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Anniversaries: Joseph Justin Contiguglia, Fr Peter O'Leary CM, Fr Timothy O'Connell and we pray for the soul of Manuel Barriera. *May they all rest in peace.*

Parish Finance Council Update: Year to 31 Jul 2025

Budget 2025 Actual 2025 Actual 2024

Planned Giving \$103,831 \$107,385 \$101,919

Other Income \$17,946 \$26,198 \$23,319

Total Income \$121,777 \$133,583 \$125,238

Expenditure \$115,597 \$112,575 \$150,453

Planned Giving is pleasingly more than last year & above budget for the year to date. A big Thank You! **Other income** is a little more due to generous donations for our new computers. These have now been paid for & will be reflected in the coming reports.

Expenditure to the end of July is a little below budget but will correct once the payment for the computers is taken into account. Expenditure last year was higher as substantial presbytery capital repairs were required.



111th World Day of Migrants & Refugees 2025 & Jubilee of Migrants Sun 5 October

On the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (ACMRO) [website](http://www.acmro.org.au) you will find Pope Leo's message 'Migrants, missionaries of hope' as well as our Arch Christopher introducing the Pope's message. You can also read Testimonies & Reflections from Tim McKenna entitled "[Australia Should Do More to Offer Hope to Refugees](http://www.acmro.org.au)" as well as many other resources.

ROSTERS FOR PARISH 4/5 October 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C/1

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm M Blackmore & S Peake

8.30am P Collins & G Joseph

10am J Allen & R Coggan

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm M-A Kitchen

8.30am M Supple

10am V Pembrey

Acolytes:

6.00pm I Noble

8.30am P Supple

10.00am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm D Fitzsimons

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am S Taylor

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen October: P Cullen

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm C Nash

8.30am P Heffernan

10.00am J & B Wilson

Altar Care (September 29): M Paragalli

**Royal Canberra Spring Morning Tea
14 Oct 10-12pm**

The Marymead CatholicCare Auxiliary invites you to join them for delicious food, craft, preserves & raffles at Royal Canberra Golf Club - 71 Bentham Street, Yarralumla, \$45pp, book by 7 Oct at: <https://spring-morning-tea.raiselysite.com/>

ROSTERS FOR PARISH 11/12 October 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C/1

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm A Kaushal & B Gaynor

8.30am R Langford & J Lee

10am F D'Castro & F Pelosi

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm A Smith

8.30am E Tsen

10am S Topp

Acolytes:

6.00pm C Patron

8.30am P Collins

10.00am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm Volunteer please

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am C Walshe & D Kenny

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen October: P Cullen

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm E Neal

8.30am B Garrety

10.00am F Mendes

Altar Care (October 6): S Topp