

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 (22-28 November)

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:
Our Lord Jesus Christ Psalter Week 2, Yr C/1

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

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

Mon: 8.30am **CS** Tues: 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**
5.00pm - 6.00pm Evening Prayer & Adoration

The Pines Living, Farrer. **Mass** 11am held on the last Thu of the month. *Next dates: 27 Nov & 18 Dec*
Goodwin Village. **Mass** 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. *Next dates: 29 Nov & 20 Dec*

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays 11am-12pm (or by appointment).

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: Sat 6 Dec 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.

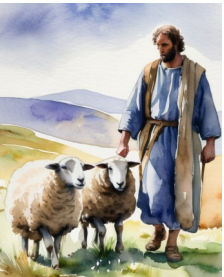


Shepherd's Corner

This week our local Vinnie's group have their annual Ozanam Appeal for their twinned parish- this way of giving support has the advantage to know the funds will be used with direct contact.

After the 10am Mass is the next adult formation – these are always insightful with rich discussion. And thanks again for all who helped towards the great success of the St Joseph Men's Camino. You can read the Catholic Voice [article](#) online & there are hard copies placed in the foyer.

God's blessings Fr Emil



Parish Finances

Year to 31 October

	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Actual 2024
Parish Giving	\$148,330	\$151,170	\$143,737
Other Income	\$25,080	\$32,493	\$30,617
Total Income	\$173,410	\$183,663	\$174,354
Expenditure	\$163,610	\$165,313	\$190,663

Parish Giving is \$7,433 above last year & \$2,840 over budget. Total income is \$10,253 over budget & includes \$6,225 donations towards the cost of the new parish computers. **We thank the generosity of our parishioners which is helping to cover the principal repayments on our building loan.**

Expenditure to date is a little over budget but this includes \$7,800 for the new computers which only \$2000 was budgeted for. Expenditure in 2024 included substantial presbytery capital repairs.

Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Recent deceased:

Murray Scott

Anniversaries:

*Tony Carroll, Matt Carroll, Angelarosa Paragalli,
Manual Barriera & Fr Gregory McMahon.
May they all rest in peace.*

During November we pray for All Holy Souls in Purgatory. You are invited to write names of your loved ones in the Memorial book inside the church, the names written in the book & any names written on the **November Mass envelopes** will not be published in the bulletin however the Memorial book will be brought up at the Offertory procession & will contain all the names from the envelopes given.



2026 Sacramental Programs

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Sacramental Program enrolments are open & close 4 Feb 2026. The program/s start Wed 11 Feb, 6.30pm in our church. This program is for 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 24 Jun 2026 & the program will begin on 29 Jul 2026. More details to come.



School of Religion Enrolments are open for Term 1, 2026 (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 11 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/>

**The Vinnies Conference - Ozanam Appeal
Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 November.**

This fundraising appeal will go to supporting our twinned conferences in Indonesia, to improve lives & boost outcomes for rural communities. We will be seeking donations over the weekend after each Mass. If you have any questions about the work the Vinnies conference members do on behalf of the Parish, contact Mark Mooney on: 0450 354 551.



3 Permanent Part-time Parish Officer Positions Available, West Belconnen, based in Kippax.

On 1 Jan 2026 the parishes of St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood & St John the Apostle, Kippax are combining to form the new parish of **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, West Belconnen.** There are 3 positions available: *Parish Officer - 24 hours per week - 18 hours per week & - 6 hours per week. Employment conditions subject to the Clerks Award. For a copy of the Duty Statement/s email kippax@cg.org.au or charnwood@cg.org.au Applications addressing the Selection Criteria & current CV to be sent to the Parish Priest, Fr Tru Nguyen MSC tru.nguyen@cg.org.au by close of business Fri 5 Dec 2025. More details on the MHOC [website](#):



ROSTERS FOR PARISH 29/30 November 2025

First Sunday of Advent, Year A/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm A Smith & S Peake

8.30am J Lee & R Langford

10am V Pembrey & M Fisher

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm M Jacob

8.30am M Louis

10am C Paragalli

Acolytes:

6.00pm A Smith

8.30am G Joseph

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 November: B Wilson

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm R & F Armstrong

8.30am P Heffernan

10.00am R & B Usback

Altar Care (November 24) S Topp

Coming up in the Parish:

Tuesday 25 November

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

Wednesday 26 November

♦ School of Religion - Hall/Church - 4pm

Thursday 27 November

♦ Friendship Group - Hall - **10.30am** - Bingo

Sunday 30 November - 1st Sunday of Advent

♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Tuesday 2 December

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

Wednesday 3 December

♦ School of Religion - Hall/Church - 4pm

Thursday 4 December

♦ Friendship Group - Hall - Christmas Lunch

♦ Serra Club - Hall - 5.30-7pm

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation - Parish Hall

Next dates: Sun 23 Nov & 14 Dec 11.30am.

Held after the 10am Mass. These RCIA sessions are also good for those thinking about becoming Catholic or full initiation into our Church. Speak with Fr Emil for info.0414523036 or emil.milat@cg.org.au.

Our Parish Congratulates

Brian & Rhonda Usback

Celebrating their 60th

Wedding Anniversary

on Thursday!

Your love story is an inspiration, showing that true love grows stronger with each passing year. We pray that God will hold you both in his love always!

