

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 (29 Nov - 5 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:

First Sunday of Advent, Psalter Week 1, Yr A/2

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 **CS**

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 date: 18 Dec.*

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



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/>

Please remember all of our faithful departed: Anniversaries:

Phillip William Moloney, Antonino Ieroianni, Giuseppe Bonofiglio, Fr Thomas Wright & Fr Paul Tarpey. We also pray for the souls of the deceased members of the Friendship Group. 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.

Catenian Mass for Deceased Members & President's Morning Tea after the 10am Mass on 7 December.

Next Sunday, the Canberra Circle of the Catenian Association will celebrate its annual Mass for the repose of the souls of deceased members & wives of members at the 10am Mass. Attending members & guests are invited to join in the Parish morning tea immediately afterwards. Please bring a plate of food to share.



The November 2025 **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting minutes are available on our website: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/news/>. A hard copy is on the back table of the church in the yellow folder. Thank you.



Our Parish Welcomes

Isaac Huigsloot, Remy Nguyen, Harper & Amaya Deamer through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May they be richly blessed with God's presence & feel the support of our Parish & their families.

Shepherd's Corner

We begin a new liturgical year with Advent this Sunday- yr A (a focus on Gospel of Mathew). This Gospel, the longest, has strong ties with the Old Testament, as it quotes it often and proclaims Jesus as the inauguration of the King of Heaven on earth. I pray in this celebratory time; we find time to prepare for a new birth of Christ in our lives. We will have one Lenten group 11:30am Sunday 14 December- all welcome. *God's blessings Fr Emil*



Volunteers needed for Nativity Characters: 6pm Children's Christmas Mass.

The team that produced the dazzling costumes (including those huge Angel wings) are keen to size up & prepare the robes. If any parent would like to sign up their child to be one of the characters (Angel, Shepherd, King, baby Jesus etc), contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036 or put your details on the signup sheet in the foyer.



Update on donations raised by the Parish:

Retired Clergy/Father's Day Appeal: \$1695.00
Catholic Mission Appeal: \$908.00
St Vincent de Paul Ozanam Appeal: \$3599.35
Thank you for your kindness & generosity in helping others, what a caring parish we have.



Vinnies update

Christmas cards for sale, \$10.00 per pack & *Columban Calendars* \$12.00 each are available to purchase in the foyer of the church. Payment for these can be left in the Vinnies poor box in the wall.



Once again we are calling for goodies for our festive **Christmas Hampers**. Items such as tinned ham, Christmas cakes/puddings, chocolates & nuts are in demand & will help our companions celebrate Christmas. Please place under the Christmas Tree in the church until *Thursday 18 Dec*.



The conference will be collecting donations at **Woden Plaza on Thu 4 & Fri 5 Dec** - outside Rebel Sports, please drop in & support our Christmas appeal. We will also be seeking donations after each Mass next weekend, 6/7 December. For more info. about the work of the conference contact: Mark Mooney 0450 354 551.

ROSTERS FOR PARISH 6/7 December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent, Year A/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm M Blackmore & B Gaynor

8.30am M Louis & J Pearson-Lee

10am F Pelosi & N Torres

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm M-A Kitchen

8.30am J Coyte

10am V Pembrey

Acolytes:

6.00pm P Verdon

8.30am P Supple

10.00am G Selleck

Music Ministry:

6pm D Fitzsimons

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am S Taylor

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen December: V Pembrey

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm M Blackmore

8.30am F Nichols

10.00am J & B Wilson

Altar Care (November 27) V Bray

Coming up in the Parish:

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 & final meeting for 2025. Back 5 Feb 2026 - Hall.

♦ Serra Club - Hall - 5.30-7pm

Saturday 6 Dec - Vinnies Christmas Appeal

♦ Fatima Devotions - see This Week in the Parish

Sunday 7 Dec - Vinnies Christmas Appeal

♦ Monthly Morning Teas after, 8.30 & 10am Masses

♦ Catenian Mass for deceased members & then please join the 10am morning tea with the Parish

♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Monday 8 December

♦ Community Carols - Pearce Shops 7-8.30pm

Tuesday 9 December

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

Wednesday 10 December

♦ School of Religion - Hall/Church - 4pm

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.

