

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 (20-26 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:

Fourth Sunday of Advent Psalter Wk 4, Year A/2

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

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

Mon: 8.30am **Mass** Tue: 5.30pm **Mass**

Christmas Eve:

Wed: 5.30pm Carols & 6pm **in SHC**

8.30pm Carols & 9pm **Vigil** - Church

Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord:

Thu: 8.30am & 10am **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: 29 Jan.

Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. Next dates 20 Dec & 31 Jan.

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays 11am-12pm (or by appointment)

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: Sat 3 Jan 2026

'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

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for our Christmas Carols & Masses. Melanie & Christina have worked cheerfully with dedication and skill in the parish office. Melanie will have a farewell in the New Year and I will announce her replacement. A special thank you to the local Vinnie's group (& those helping with the giving tree) for sharing the Christmas spirit via the hampers. On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council I pray a blessing on all our Christmas celebrations & rest over the break. And finally, thank you for all the gifts received in one form or another.

God's blessings Fr Emil



Volunteers needed for Nativity Characters:

6pm Children's Christmas Mass.

We have the Holy Family, we have the shepherds but we still need three kings.

If your child would like to take part contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au or ph: 0414 523 036.



2026 Sacramental Programs

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Sacramental Program enrolments are now open. The program/s start Wed 11 Feb, 6.30pm in our church. This program is for children baptised Catholic in Year 4 & above in 2026. See the MHOC website for details: <http://www.mhoc.org.au/sacraments/first-holy-communion/>



School of Religion Enrolments are open for Term 1, 2026 (Yrs 1-6) for children attending Non-Catholic Schools. Enrolments are open & the program starts back Wed 11 Feb 2026 from 4-5pm in the Hall & Church. Please see website for details on how to enrol via Qkr!

Parish Office is now closed & re-opens Wed 7 Jan.

Please note Fr Emil will be on leave Tuesday 30 & Wednesday 31 December. There will be a Communion Service instead of Mass on those days. Please phone the office & leave a message if your matter is urgent.

Please hand any **mass intentions** directly to the priest.

There will be a bulletin cover only provided for the weekends of 27/28 December & 3/4 January, any notices will be available on our [website/news](http://www.mhoc.org.au) tab.

MHoC - Christmas Mass times 2025

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 December

No 8.30am Mass at MHoC

6pm Children's Mass

held at Sacred Heart Church (MHoC)

8.30pm Carols, 9pm Vigil

Held at Sacred Heart Church (MHoC)

Christmas Day Thursday 25 December

8.30am & 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church



Archbishop's Christmas Appeal Collection

This year's appeal will help provide *life-saving assistance to displaced people and people at risk of being displaced, whether from war or climate change in Asia, the Middle East or Africa as well as assisting females seeking education.* Communities in the Holy Land, India and the Philippines, along with local works by The Farm in Galong & The Home in Queanbeyan will also be assisted. Please donate via our Qkr! App under "Special Appeals", via the credit card slip available at the main entrance of the church or cash in an envelope marked with the Appeal. Queries to: Deacon Joe Blackwell 0407 909 295.



Our Parish Welcomes

Harper & Harry Keogh into the Catholic Church as well as Roy Owen, Benjamin & Kaeli Knight & Liam O'Kane through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May they be richly blessed with God's presence & feel the support of our Parish & their families.

Marian Movement of Priests: invites you & your friends to the 19TH ANNUAL CANBERRA NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL at Sacred Heart Church, Pearce Wed 31 December. Eucharistic Adoration starts at 8pm, with Rosary on the hour (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful & Glorious). Concludes with Benediction at midnight- we receive two plenary Indulgences as we pray the *Te Deum* & *Veni Creator*.



Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Recently departed: Mary Kitty Joseph, Demetrio Espinoza

Anniversaries: Eleanor Sabin, Stan Kwiatkowski & Fr Edmund Ryan
May they all rest in peace.



CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday 24th December

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm JL Wilson & C Laslett

9.00pm V Pembrey & **Volunteer please**

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm B Wilson & **Volunteer please**

9.00pm **Volunteers please**

Acolytes:

6.00pm M McAppion 9.00pm P Collins

Music Ministry:

6.00pm C Walshe & J Lee 9.00pm S Taylor

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm & 9.00pm **Volunteer at Mass please**

CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday 25th December

Commentators and Lectors

8.30am A Smith & C West

10am **Volunteer please** & M Fisher

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

8.30am S West & **Volunteer at Mass please**

10am V Pembrey & **Volunteer at Mass please**

Acolytes

8.30am P Supple 10am G Selleck

Music Ministry

8.30am **Volunteer please** 10am C Walshe & singers

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Welcome Ministry

8.30am & 10.00am **Volunteer at Mass**

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES

FOR THE SUNDAY OF 27/28 December 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Year A/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm A Smith & S Short

8.30am **Volunteers please**

10am M Murgliston & M Fisher

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm V Pembrey

8.30am **Volunteer please** 10am B Wilson

Acolytes:

6.00pm I Noble

8.30am P Supple 10am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm **Volunteers please** 8.30am S Fatiaki

10am M McKenna

Altar Servers: Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen (January): M Supple

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm P Verdon

8.30am N Hatley 10am S Topp

Altar Care (Dec 22): C Donohoe

Please note check your rosters for the weekends of 3/4 & 10/11 Jan as there will be no bulletins printed for 28/29 Dec or 3/4 Jan.

The **Christmas Dues Envelopes** are available in the church. Your donation supports the Clergy of the Archdiocese. *Thank you for your donation.*