

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 (15-21 Aug 2026)

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 Week 4, Year A/2

Sat: 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm **Mass**

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

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

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

Fri: 8:45am **Prayers** 9.10am **Rosary** 9.30am **Mass**
5.00pm - 6.00pm Evening Prayer & Adoration

The Pines Living, Farrer, Mass 11am held on the

last Thursday of the month. Next date: **27 August**

Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last

Saturday of the month. Next date: **29 August**

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays 11am-12 noon (or by appointment)

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: **5 September**

The Five First Saturdays Held on the first Saturday of the month except 4 July: **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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Parish Officer: Carmela Sampaga

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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 &



Our Confirmation Sacramental Program for children has commenced, and will finish on **29 August** with the second of two Confirmation Masses. Details [HERE](#)
Please pray for all our Confirmation candidates as they begin this important stage in their faith journey



Confirmation

Parish Finances	Year to 31 July		
	Budget 2026	Actual 2026	Actual 2025
Parish Giving	\$106,165	\$106,480	\$107,385
Other Income	\$18,088	\$20,661	\$26,198
Total Income	\$124,253	\$127,141	\$133,583
Expenditure	\$117,481	\$101,278	\$112,575

Thank you for your continued generosity. Year-to-date Parish Giving is in line with both budget and last year. Other Income is \$2,573 above budget, mainly due to higher receipts from Sacramental Programs. Last year's Other Income also included \$6,225 in donations toward the computer replacement.

Year-to-date expenditure is \$16,203 under budget and \$11,297 lower than last year. This partly reflects delayed invoices, with the remaining savings arising from careful cost management and a focus on essential repairs. Work to refresh the church and grounds will commence soon, and note we need a surplus to cover loan repayments.

Coming up in our Parish

Friday 14 August

- ♦ Vigil Mass - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Church - 6pm

Saturday 15 August

- ♦ Mass - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Church - 9:30am

Wednesday 19 August

- ♦ School of Religion - Hall - 4pm
- ♦ Confirmation Program Session 3 - Church - 6:30pm

Thursday 20 August

- ♦ Friendship Group - Memory Card Game - Hall - 10am
- ♦ Home Rosary - 6:30pm for a 7pm start - HERNANDEZ Family Home at 14 Dalyell St, CHISHOLM
- ♦ Baptism Preparation Evening - Hall - 7pm

Parish Office Closure

The office will be closed on **Tuesday, 18 August**, for staff training. Email enquiries remain available.

Shepherd's Corner



Next week is a big week for our Archdiocese, with the bi-annual festival week leading up to the Assembly. The week will include: a big launch of the new Catholic Education **Apostolic Plan for 2027-2033** at the National Convention Centre, the Ordination to Permanent Diaconate of Don Gomez, the Assembly, and other events. The Archbishop has invited us all to seek the intercession, by a novena, of St Mary McKillop for a graced-filled week. More info in the Bulletin & website on these events. On other news: **I will be attending the Annual Marian Movement of Priests retreat 17-19 August, liturgies will continue on those days.** The Parish office will be closed most Tuesdays for a while due to staff training. Also, happy 84th birthday, on Sunday, 16 August, to Vivienne Pembrey another very active & devoted parishioner. - *God's blessings Fr Emil*



Baptism of Maria Inoue Francisco Maala
Sunday, 16 August 2026
11:30am

Travelling Statue of Mary | 20 August, 7pm

The Travelling Statue of Mary will visit the BRAY's family home for an evening of rosary, prayer, and fellowship. Pls contact **Kathy** at **0411490361** to join. If you're interested to host or assist with organizing contact Parish Office: 6286 1908 or Fr Emil.

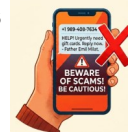


Claim the Date: Tuesday 1 September, 11am Morning tea with Marists Conway House.



The yr 10 boys would like to invite any parishioners who might be able to tell them a bit of the history of their house namesake, Fr Ailbie Conway, our first Parish Priest; if you have any pictures, stories or would just like to learn more yourself pls come along. They will be working in the Parish/School grounds to help us begin spring that day, too.

Parish Safety Notice: Beware of Suspicious Text Messages Please be cautious if you receive text messages claiming to be from a priest or parish contact—especially if the message comes from an unknown number, creates a sense of urgency, or asks for a quick reply. Click this [LINK](#) for guidance. *Your vigilance helps protect our community from scams and impersonation attempts.*



MINISTRIES & ROSTERS FOR 22/23 August 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm J Caddy & B Gaynor

8.30am C West & R Langford

10am A Kaushal & C Paragalli

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm A Potanin

8.30am S West

10am R Usback

Acolytes:

6.00pm M Fitzsimons

8.30am P Collins

10.00am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm *Volunteer needed pls.*

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am M McKenna

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen: MA Kitchen

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm P Verdon

8.30am F Pelosi

10.00am C Rollason

Altar Care (22 August) V Pembrey

Please Remember In Your Prayers



We remember in our prayers recently deceased [Gertrude Fletcher, 98, mother of Fr Steve Fletcher, Missionaries of God's Love Moderator](#) and all our faithful departed, especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

[Wladyslaw and Maria Tadewicz, Elvis Aaron Presley, Fr Thomas Moore and](#)

[Fr Daniel Leahy](#)

May they rest in peace

Wider Church & Community Notices

Check [MHOC News](#) & [Facebook page](#) for more details

16 August | SOUTHSIDE HYMN FESTIVAL | 2:00-4:30pm

Join choirs and musicians from six southside parishes—Curtin, Gowrie, Kambah, Yarralumla, Pearce and Narrabundah—at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin. All parishioners and families are welcome. **Free admission and afternoon tea.** Organised by the Knights of the Southern Cross and supported by the CSCC. For details, email Bob Perkins at perkins.family@aapt.net.au.



Archdiocesan Assembly Festival 2026

The Archdiocesan Assembly Festival has begun across the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, leading up to the Archdiocesan Assembly on **Saturday, 22 August 2026, 9am-4pm**. With the theme **"Get Up! Listen! Go!"**, Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites us to pray, listen and discern together as we seek to renew the life and mission of our local Church. Find out more, including Assembly locations and activities, in the [Archdiocesan Assembly Festival flyer](#). To participate, register [HERE](#). See the upcoming events [HERE](#)