

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 (8-14 August)

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:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3, Year A/2

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

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

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

Wed: 8.30 am **Mass** 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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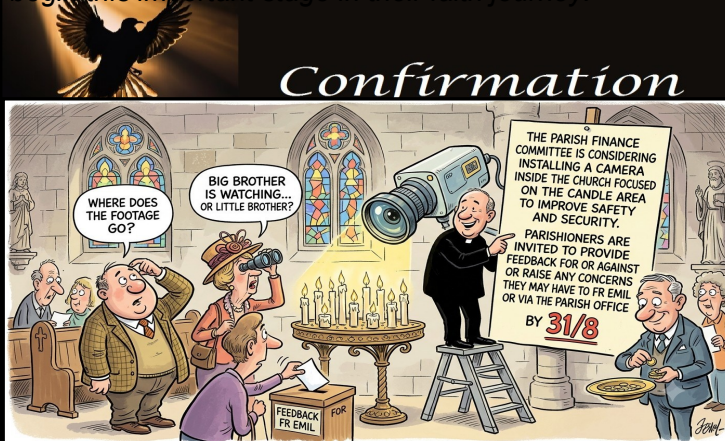
Safeguarding Contacts: Brian Usback / Anne Hayes - wodensouth.safeguarding@cg.org.au

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



Coming up in our Parish

Saturday 8 August

- ♦ Mass - Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross - Church - 9:30am

Sunday 9 August

- ♦ Healing Service after 10am mass - Church

Wednesday 12 August

- ♦ Prayer Service for Matthew Jess - Church - 11am
- ♦ Confirmation Program Session 2 - Church - 6:30pm

Thursday 13 August

- ♦ Friendship Group: Health Packs - Hall - 10am
- ♦ Weekly Rosary - 12nn - Parish Hall

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

Healing Service after 10am Sunday mass | 9 Aug

Supported by the Community of the Risen Lord (CRL) Canberra. For information about CRL, check their website:

risenlordcommunity.com.au



Travelling Statue of Mary | 13 August, 12nn

The Travelling Statue of Mary will visit the Parish Hall for a noon time of rosary, prayer, and fellowship. Pls contact Shirley at **0419865956** to join. If you're interested to host or assist with organizing contact Parish Office: 6286 1908 or Fr Emil.



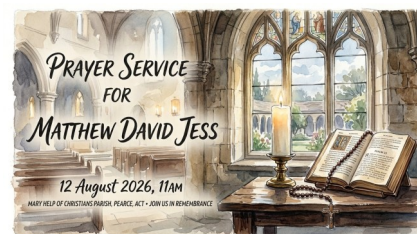
Shepherd's Corner

Next Tuesday is the five yearly Australian census, let us pray that Aussie's will tick the relevant faith box under religion, obviously Catholics tick that option. It provides vital planning data for church services, not to mention the political influence for Catholics and Christians. We pray for the intercession of "our own saint" Mary McKillop, on her fast day, to help our nation encounter the love only Jesus- as God made man- can give. As Peter's faith in Jesus, in today's gospel, eventually drew Jesus into the boat, may our faith draw him to the boat of our families, parish, and nation. Note: the special Masses for the Holy Day of *The Assumption* in the Bulletin. - God's blessing Fr Emil



Prayer Service for Matthew David Jess

12 August 2026,
11AM



Please Remember In Your Prayers



We remember in our prayers recently deceased **Kate Dean** and all our faithful departed, especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **John Garrety, Louis Joseph, John Timothy St Leger Moss Snr, Fr Bede McPhillips, Fr Gregory Collins, Fr Adrian Cork, Fr Brian Lohan & Fr Patrick Cusack** May they rest in peace

Wider Church & Community Notices

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



EXPANDED SCHEDULE: ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL 10 - 12 AUGUST 2026

From 10-12 August, St Christopher's Cathedral will be welcoming St Carlo Acutis' major relic, his pericardium, the membrane that surrounds the heart. As the first 'Millennial' saint, his spirituality and example encourage the faithful to lean closer to Jesus, so that we too, like St Carlo, can be transformed into Love through the Eucharist. The schedule of events will be as follows: [HERE](#)

MINISTRIES & ROSTERS FOR 15/16 August 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm A Smith & P Tamayao

8.30am G Joseph & J Pearson-Lee

10am C Niap & S van der Linden

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm G Gavran

8.30am P Collins

10am B Usback

Acolytes:

6.00pm P Verdon

8.30am P Supple

10.00am G Selleck

Music Ministry:

6pm *Volunteer needed pls.*

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am C Walshe & D Tantri

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen: MA Kitchen

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm C Nash

8.30am N Hatley

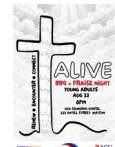
10.00am J & B Wilson

Altar Care (15 August) R Usback

ALIVE: BBQ + Praise Night | ACU Watson

Join us for an evening of renewal, encounter, and connection with other young adults.

Date: August 13 Time: 6:00 PM Details [HERE](#)



Vocations Discernment Dinner at the Archbishop's House : Thursday 13 August

6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil Milat 0414 523 036

16 August | SOUTHSIDE HYMN FESTIVAL | 2:00 pm

Choirs and musicians from 6 parishes (Curtin, Gowrie, Kambah, Yarralumla, Pearce and Narrabundah) have accepted the invitation to play and sing at the Southside Hymn Festival from 2.00-4.30pm at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Curtin ACT on Sunday, 16 August 2026. Parishioners and families from all parishes are invited to attend. FREE admission and afternoon tea. Organised by the Knights of the Southern Cross and supported by the CSCC. E-mail Bob Perkins at perkins.family@aapt.net.au



Second Archdiocesan Assembly Saturday, 22 August 2026

Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites all to participate in the upcoming Archdiocesan Assembly, will focus on listening to the Holy Spirit. *All are warmly encouraged to take part in this shared journey of faith and discernment.* Register [HERE](#).

