

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 (26 Sep-2 Oct)

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:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter Week 2, Year A/2

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

Sun: 8.30am & 10:00am Mass

Mon: 8.30am CS Tues: 5.30pm CS

Wed: 8.30 am CS Thu: 8.30am CS

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

The Pines Living, Farrer, Mass 11am held on the last Thursday of the month. Next date: **29 October Goodwin Village, Mass** 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. Next date: **31 October**

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays 11am-12 noon (or by appointment)

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: 7 November

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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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 &



112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday, 27 September 2026

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Even Just One of These Children." To help celebrate this special day, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has developed online resources accessible through this [LINK](#).

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please check this [LINK](#) *"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change."* - Saint Padre Pio

Coming up in our Parish Thursday 1 October

♦ Friendship Group - Health Packs - Hall - 10am

♦ Travelling Statue of Mary - Hall - 12 noon

Sunday 4 October

♦ Monthly Morning Teas - Parish Hall - after 8:30am & 10am masses

Pls NOTE: No Confessions until 10/10.

Travelling Statue of Mary | Thursday, 1 Oct 12noon

The Travelling Statue of Mary will visit the **Parish Hall** in **PEARCE** for a noontime of rosary, prayer, and fellowship. Pls contact **Shirley Topp** at **62865952** to join. If you're interested to host or assist with organizing contact Parish Office: 6286 1908 or Fr Emil 0414 523 036

October Mass Counts

During October, all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to conduct Mass Counts **at every weekend Mass** across all parish Mass centres. The first count will take place on the weekend of **3-4 October**.

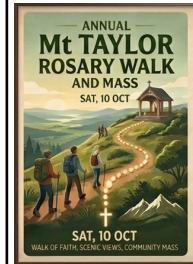


School of Religion – Term 4

The last School of Religion class for Term 3 was held on **Wed, 23 Sep 2026**. Term 4 classes will commence on **Wed, 4 Oct 2026**, and conclude on **Wed, 16 Dec 2026**.

Shepherd's Corner resumes in the October 10/11 issue

Mt Taylor Walk & Mass - 10 October



Details [HERE](#)

Or, visit the News section of the website.

Fatima Day Pilgrimage to Penrose Park 13 October

Registration is **OPEN**

26 seats booked.



Healing Mass with Fr Roza Palić – Friday 23 October from 5.00pm at MHOC. Join us for a special evening of prayer and healing, including Mass, Exposition, a talk, guided meditation, Benediction and personal prayer for healing. Fr Roza will also bless rosaries, holy objects, water, oil and salt; *please bring and label your own items*. Everyone is welcome. More information, visit godislove.net.au/canberra.html by clicking the link.



Sacred Heart School Twilight Fair

Friday, 6 November, 3:30pm–7:30pm Enjoy rides, games, food, stalls and a Mega Raffle! Donations of pre-loved toys and books (*no soft toys*), handmade crafts and volunteers are welcome. Stallholder applications are open. **Details [HERE](#)**

Please Remember In Your Prayers

We remember in our prayers recently deceased **Beryl Mary Hodges**, the deceased members of our parish family & all our faithful departed, especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **John Kitchen, Manuel Barriera, Margaret Julia Wilkins, Joseph Justin Contiguglia, Fr Denis Walsh. Fr Dermot O'Hurley & Fr Joseph McDonnell** *May they rest in peace.*

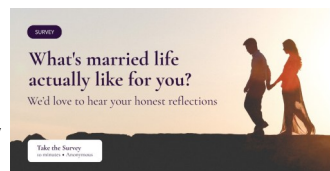


Wider Church & Community Notices

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

Research into the First 10 Years of Marriage

Couples within their first 10 years of marriage are invited to share their experiences in an anonymous and confidential survey funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The findings will help inform pastoral support and resources for married couples. Please complete the survey by **30 Sep 2026** at thepmrc.org/



MINISTRIES & ROSTERS FOR 3/4 Oct 2026

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A/2

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm J Caddy & S Short

8.30am R Langford & G Joseph

10am JL Wilson & A Kaushal

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm M Jacob

8.30am M Louis

10am V Pembrey

Acolytes:

6.00pm M Fitzsimons

8.30am P Collins

10.00am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm D Fitzsimons

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am S Taylor

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen: B Wilson

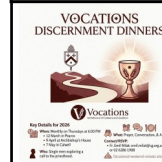
Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm P Verdon

8.30am F Pelosi

10.00am F Mendes

Altar Care (3 October) R Usback



Vocations Discernment Dinner

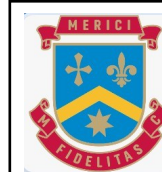
Thu, 8 October 6PM Archbishop's House

Who: Men exploring a call to the priesthood

Contact Fr Emil at emil.milat@cg.org.au

Spring Morning Tea

The Marymead CatholicCare Auxiliary invites you to a Spring Morning Tea on **Tuesday, 13 October 2026, from 10am to 12pm** at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla. Enjoy delicious food, craft, preserves and raffles while supporting Marymead CatholicCare's work with children, young people, families and communities. Tickets are **\$45 per person**



Braddon Catholic Girls High School – 50th Reunion (Yr10, 1974 & Yr 12, 1976)

Saturday, 17 October 2026 | 3–7pm

Merici College, Wise Street, Braddon

Bookings are essential. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased via Humanitix by

searching "Merici Alumni" and selecting "Class of 1974/1976 Reunion Braddon". **Please RSVP by 1 Oct.**

Formation Forum

The Cenacle's fifth Formation Forum, **"What is the Role of the Church in the World?"**, will be held on **Thurs, 22 Oct, 6–8pm**, at Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, and online via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 875 8756 8719). Guest speakers are Anne Kirwan and Luke Maher. Free registration is required at tinyurl.com/formation-role.