

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 (23-29 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:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Wk 1, Yr C/1

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

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

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

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

Fri: 8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church,

9.00am Rosary, 9.30am **Mass**

5pm - **5.30pm** Evening Prayer & Adoration

6pm - Confirmation Candidate **Mass**

The Pines Living, Farrer, Mass 11am held on the last Thursday of the month. Note Next date: 25 Sep.

Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last

Saturday of the month. Next date 30 Aug.

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays 11am-12pm (or by appointment).

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Next date: Sat 6 Sep 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.



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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

Next week we have one of the annual highlights of parish life: The Sacrament of Confirmation with about 50 young parishioners. The Archbishop will be the celebrant Friday night 6pm (so the Holy Hour will end early at 5:30pm).

I have been delegated to do the Confirmations on the Saturday night 6pm Mass. For the Saturday night will have the central pews allocated to the families- if parishioners could sit on the side isles please. It has been a huge Administrative & pastoral effort, with our always competent & hard working Sacramental Coordinator Christina & Melanie in the parish office. Thank you also to the Staff & Volunteers at our Parish Sacred Heart Primary School, Marist & School of Religion. They have all contributed with talent & enthusiasm. We have a retreat day in parish center this coming Thursday. Please pray along with me for the Holy Spirit to connect with the families & the parish in a special way next weekend. *God's blessing Fr Emil*

Confirmation Candidate Morning Tea 24 August

As a part of the Confirmation candidates 'Acts of Service' they will be holding a Parish morning tea on Sun 24 August after the **10am Mass**. Please come along! *All Welcome!*



EXPLOSION is a Catholic Youth Conference coordinated by the Disciples of Jesus Community in Canberra. Open to students in years 7-12 who want to seek to answer the big questions about life & faith. This year we will be looking at the question that Jesus poses to His disciples in John 6, "Have I not chosen You?" Oct 8-11, St. Clare's College, Canberra. More information - <https://www.explosionyouth.com/> Register using the QR code



U-turn youth team visit: on Wednesday 17 Sept, a gathering for youth & young adults from around 6pm onwards. A night of fun, Christian testimonies & prayer. Held in the parish hall & church. Anyone interest to help plan this youth event please contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au



Various Positions Vacant for the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn. 3 Parish Officer & 1 Parish Office Manager, all part time, located in Tumut, Tuggeranong, Bungendore & Gungahlin. Please see our [website](http://www.mhoc.org.au), News tab for details.

Canberra Catholic Ball Sat 27 Sep 2025, 7pm

Step back into the Golden Age of Hollywood at this year's Catholic Ball!

Young adults (18-35) are invited to dazzle us with the glitter & gleam of old.

The Marion, \$95.55, expect drinks, canapes, music, dancing & laughter with friends old & new.

Please see Facebook for more information or see this [link](#) on the Eventbrite website to buy tickets.



Next Mt Taylor prayer walk: after the successful walk last year, we plan to do a *Stations of the Cross* walk starting 11am with 12noon Benediction & lunch at the peak, on

Saturday 13 September. More information to follow but claim the date. This is will the first Saturday after the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis - we will seek his intercession for our parish youth.

Magnificat Voices of Springtime

Sat 20 Sep, 1-4pm, Chambers Pavilion, Aust Centre for Christianity & Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton. It has been 10 years since Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'. This talk will focus on building our integral, Marian vision of ecology & relationship. Guest presenters Marist Br Michael Green & Jeni Miller. A time of shared ecumenical, spiritual conversations & prayer fueled by Magnificat wisdom. Please join us! Registration fee **\$20**, contact brendanbergin@mcc.act.edu.au



STAND FOR LIFE with the Australian Christian Lobby at the Babies Booties event, **11.30am - 1:30pm on Wednesday 27th August 2025** at Parliament House in Canberra. Supporting pro-life. MPs & Senators will speak at the event. For more information & or attend this event, register at -

<https://www.acl.org.au/babybooties/>

There is plenty of parking under Parliament House & in the car parks around. Contact for the event is Sarah at ACL - volunteer@acl.org.au

This is the 3rd annual event of this kind with the initial impetus to support the Babies Born Alive Bill.

ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES

For The Weekend/Sunday of 30/31 August 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C/1

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm S Peake & A Smith

8.30am J Lee & M Mugliston

10am A Kaushal & M Fisher

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm A Taylor

8.30am M Wolnicki

10am B Wilson

Acolytes:

6.00pm C Patron

8.30am P Collins

10.00am G Selleck

Music Ministry:

6pm D Fitzsimons

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am M McKenna

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen August: M Supple

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm M Blackmore

8.30am N Hately

10.00am J & B Wilson

Altar Care (August 25): S Topp

Coming up in the Parish:

Tuesday 26 August

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

Wednesday 27 August

♦ School of Religion - Hall/Church 4pm

♦ Confirmation Program - Session 4, Church 6.30pm

Thursday 28 August

♦ Friendship Grp - Brunch at Film & Sound Archive

♦ Confirmation Retreat Day

Friday 29 & Saturday 30 August

♦ Confirmation Mass – Church – 6pm

Sunday 31 August - Social Justice Sunday

♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Tuesday 2 September

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

Wednesday 3 September

♦ School of Religion - Hall/Church 4pm

Thursday 4 September

♦ Friendship Group - Hall -10-12pm Scattergories

♦ Serra Club - Hall - 5.30 -7pm

Sun 7 Sep - World Day of Prayer for Creation

♦ Father's Day Collection for Retired Priests

♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

♦ Monthly Morning Teas after 8.30 & 10am Masses

Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Anniversaries: Frederick John Joshua Wilkins,

Mervyn Charles Crane, Fr James Gunning &

Fr Michael O'Sullivan.

We also pray for the souls of

Filipp Fimmaro & Salvatore Barbaro.

May they all rest in peace.

