

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 (6 - 12 September)
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:
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Wk 3, Yr C/1
Fathers' Day, World Day of Prayer for Creation

Sat: 5.35pm Rosary, 6:00pm **Mass**
Sun: 8.30am & 10am **Mass**
Mon: 8.30am **Rosary** 8.50am **Mass** *Feast of the Nativity*
Tue: 10am - **Funeral Mass** - Mario Marchetti
5.30pm **Mass**
Wed: 8.30am **Mass** Thu: 8.30am **CS**
Fri: 8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church,
9.00am 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. *Note Next date: 25 Sep.*
Goodwin Village, Mass 9.30am held on the last Saturday of the month. *Next date 27 Sep.*

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.



Father's Day Appeal -

Collection for our retired

priests: We have 24 retired priests in our Archdiocese who are supported financially by the Clergy Retirement Foundation. Your donations provide ongoing financial support toward their health insurance, out of pocket medical bills, accommodation & general financial assistance as needed.

Gifts over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please support our retired priests via:

- Link: www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate
- On the Qkr! App under "Special Appeals"
- By envelopes in the church & entrances
- By calling: (02) 6239 9876
- Or use the QR Code

'In old age they will still bear fruit' Psalm 92:15

Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.



Coming up in the Parish:

Tuesday 9 September

- ♦ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group
- ♦ Parish Finance Council PFC - Meet Office 6.15pm

Wednesday 10 September

- ♦ School of Religion - Hall/Church 4pm

Thursday 11 September

- ♦ Friendship Grp - Hall - 10-12pm - Movie & Snacks
- ♦ Council of Priests meeting - Fr Emil in attendance

Saturday 13 September

- ♦ Mount Taylor walk & Mass - see notice

Sunday 14 September - Safeguarding Sunday

- ♦ Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass

Tuesday 16 September

- ♦ MenALIVE - Hall - 7-8am, Morning Men's Group
- ♦ Parish Pastoral Council - 6.15pm Church Room

Wednesday 17 September

- ♦ U-turn youth team visit - Hall/Church - see notice

Family Bush Dance Sat 13 Sep, 7pm
St Thomas School Hall, Boddington Cres, Kambah. Raising funds for the Kairos Prison Ministry. Entry \$10 single; \$25 family. Food & drinks available for sale. Bring coins to play games. Live Band & lots of fun. Questions: Sandy: 0421 311 626



Monthly Morning Teas

Please come along for a cuppa & a chat this weekend in the Church Hall for a hot cuppa after the 8.30am & 10am masses.



Shepherd's Corner

Happy Father's Day to all who are able & willing to exercise the Divine gift of Fatherhood. I was reading in the *Catholic Weekly* about the dramatic fall in birthrates across the western world, in Australia we are apparently down to an average of 1.5

children per family & in countries like Iran & Indonesia the replacement birthrates are fast falling. This **Father's Day** let us celebrate Men who were able & chose to have or act as a Father for someone. The parish **MenALIVE** group are planning a St Joseph's men's Camino overnight walk across Canberra on 14/11/25 to support Men & Father's with a breakfast in our Parish the morning after, more information to come.

Please also be advised that **Carlo Acutis** will be canonised 6pm Sunday 7th September our time, you can watch it live on the EWTN app.

Reminder about the Mt Taylor & U-Turn **Youth Event** notices in the bulletin - please tap into this!
God's blessing Fr Emil

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



Synodal Formation Series Explore **What** synodality, evangelisation & charisms actually mean through input from Archbishop Christopher, panel of practitioners & Conversation in the Spirit.

When: Session 1: Synodality: How can I grow in practicing synodality & share this with my community?
18 Sep 5:30-8:30pm

Session 2: Evangelisation: How do we approach evangelisation in a synodal way? **21 Oct 5:30-8:30pm**

Session 3: Charisms: How can I grow as a missionary disciple, living & leading through my charisms?
20 Nov 5:30-8:30pm **REGISTER** for each session via the link: www.cgevangelisation.org.au/events/series

Guinness & God (guinnessandgod.com)

What: A space for young adults aged 18-29, to bring their '*big questions*' with '*no pressure*'.

Anyone can come along (faith or no faith).

When: Wed, Sep 10, 6:30pm-9pm, Verity Lane, (Juliet Hall), 50 Northbourne Avenue, Civic.



ROSTERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES

For The Weekend/Sunday of 13/14 September 2025

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C/1

Commentators and Lectors

6.00pm S Short & L McNicol

8.30am M Supple & C West

10am N Torres & S Taylor

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm B Gaynor

8.30am P Collins

10am F D'Castro

Acolytes:

6.00pm P Verdon

8.30am P Supple

10.00am M McAppion

Music Ministry:

6pm Volunteer please

8.30am S Fatiaki

10.00am C Walshe & D Kenny

Altar Servers:

Trained servers please volunteer at Mass

Church Linen September: S de Silva

Welcome Ministry:

6.00pm E Neal

8.30am F Nichols

10.00am F Mendes

Altar Care (September 8): M Jacob



Mt Taylor Pilgrimage Rosary Walk & Mass

for Our Lady of Fatima Day & Carlo Acutis

Canonisation: Saturday 13 September 11am

Meet: Corner of Parkhill St & Sheehan St.

Fr Emil will lead a pilgrimage walk stopping frequently to pray the rosary until the group arrives at the summit. The **Mass** will be held at 12noon & then **BYO** picnic lunch.

Please note that the walk can be strenuous & steep on sometimes very slippery surfaces. The pilgrimage is not recommended for anyone with limited fitness



or mobility. If you believe you are fit enough to join us walking part way & then returning on your own you are welcome to do so.

Weather: the event will be postponed if it rains.

The decision made & posted on the parish website by 3pm Friday 12 September. **Needed:** good quality walking shoes, picnic food, water, mobile (or companion with one). Minors to be supervised by parent/carer. Email Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au for more information & on the day phone 0414 523 036.

Please remember all of our faithful departed:

Recent deceased: Dianne Brown, Dr Neil Harrigan, & Mario Marchetti

Anniversaries: Justine Caines, Vera Pehar,

Victims of the World Trade Center (Sept, 2001)

Fr Patrick Bermingham & Fr Thomas Long.

We also remember to souls of the Askander

& Shano families. May they all rest in peace.

