



Holy Family Church (HFC) and Office  
167 Bugden Avenue, Gowrie ACT 2904

Sacred Heart Church (SHC)  
100 Casey Cres, Calwell ACT 2905

Parish Suburbs: Banks, Calwell, Chisholm, Conder, Fadden, Gilmore, Gordon, Gowrie, Isabella Plains, Macarthur, Richardson, Theodore, Tharwa & rural surrounds in ACT.

Parish Schools: St Clare of Assisi, Conder; St Francis of Assisi, Calwell; Early Learning Centre - SFA, Holy Family School, Gowrie; Early Learning Centre - HFS, St Mary Mackillop College - Isabella and Wanniasa Campuses.

Website: <https://ccparish.org.au/>  <https://www.facebook.com/CCPTuggeranongSouth/>  
Read our Parish Bulletins here: <https://ccparish.org.au/about-us/bulletin/>  
Mass Sunday Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@corpuschristisouthtuggeran8526/streams>

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**20th & 21st December 2025**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**What is happening this week?**

<b>Fri 19th Dec</b>	05:00-6:00pm 06:00pm	HFC HFC	Adoration Mass
<b>Sat 20th Dec</b>	09:00am 10:00am 05:00-05:30pm 06:00pm	SHC HFC HFC HFC	Mass Reconciliation Reconciliation Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 21st Dec</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	08:00am 10:00am 05:00-05:30pm 06:00pm	HFC HFC HFC HFC	Mass Mass (livestreamed) Reconciliation Mass
<b>Mon 22nd Dec</b>	Office closed.		
<b>Tues 23rd Dec</b> <i>St John of Kanty</i>	05:30pm	HFC	Mass
<b>Wed 24th Dec</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	06:00pm 08:15-09:00pm 09:00pm 12:00midnight	SFA HFC HFC HFC	Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass Christmas Carols Christmas Eve Mass Midnight Mass
<b>Thurs 25th Dec</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)</i>	08:00am 10:00am	HFC HFC	Christmas Morning Mass Christmas Morning Mass
<b>Fri 26th Dec</b> <i>St Stephen, the first Martyr</i>	No Mass		



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**Good Samaritan Sister Rita Fitt** was a beloved Pastoral Associate during the history of our parish and has sadly gone to eternal rest. She is well remembered by a number of our people. Sr Rita's funeral will be live-streamed on Saturday 20th December through the Tobin Brothers Website at 9.30am.

**Parish Safeguarding Commitment:**

Corpus Christi Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the center of all of our thinking and action. For more information, visit the Canberra Archdiocesan website at: <https://cgatholic.org.au/professional-standards>.

**Communicating Concerns:** Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Simon or the Parish Office. Alternately, please phone the Parish Office to organise a time to talk with Fr Simon. Specific safeguarding issues can also be emailed to Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) by emailing [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au) or phone 02 6239 9806.

*This is the last weekend of Advent and we continue to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ in glory by responding thoughtfully to the moments of each day. In the last days of Advent, the focus is shifting to remembering the coming of Christ at Christmas.*



**Friendship Coffee This Weekend - A Christmas present for that someone who has everything!**

The Corpus Christi Parish Social Justice Group is selling East Timor Friendship Coffee after the Masses this weekend on 20 and 21 December. The money raised from the coffee sales will go towards supporting the farmers who grow the coffee. It will also pay the salary of a Braille teacher, Prisca Júlia Meluk de Jesus Lobu, at the Fuan Nabilan Education Centre for Blind and Vision Impaired students, first aid equipment at Fuan Nabilan and building a home in Kerala. Don't miss out on the chance to buy our 250g bags of coffee beans and ground coffee for only \$10 each. Let's make a difference together!

The nativity scene in the church has developed on the sanctuary during the four weeks of Advent and we have been encouraged to wait in hope for the coming of our saviour. In the first week we were called to open our hearts to the Lord represented by the empty stable. In the second week we were called to contemplate the ordinary everyday events of our lives represented by the animals who gather in anticipation of the Lord's birth. The empty crib helped us to recognise during the third week about how we see that our lives are lived, not solely for ourselves. **In week four the shepherds gather which recognise that God reaches out to all people regardless of their status or position.** On Christmas Eve, Mary and Joseph arrive at the stable and at the Midnight Mass baby Jesus is placed in the crib. The Wise Men arrive at the stable on the Epiphany to present their gifts before the Lord.



**Volunteers Needed for Christmas Mass Rosters!**

The roster is in the foyer. Thankyou for sharing your gifts!

**For Christmas Eve Mass at St Francis of Assisi.** We need some ushers/welcomers and collectors. If you can help, please put your name on the list in the foyer.

**Also the cleaning Roster** If you could assist with some cleaning of the church for Christmas on Tuesday 23rd Dec between 9am and noon, please put your name on the list.



We thank everyone in our Parish, who participated in our 'Advent Program' this year. We hope this program helped you to have a

spiritual renewal and deep connection with God in life. Watch this space for expanded programs next year.

**Christmas at Corpus Christi Parish Tuggeranong South**

**Wednesday 24 December  
Christmas Eve Masses**

**6pm outside at St Francis of Assisi School  
120 Casey Cres., Calwell.  
(bring a chair or rug to sit on, sunscreen,  
hat, water to drink)**

**9pm Holy Family Church Gowrie  
Carols begin 8.15 pm**

**Thursday 25 December  
Christmas Day Masses**

**Midnight Holy Family Church Gowrie**

**8am Holy Family Church Gowrie**

**10am Holy Family Church Gowrie**

**Thursday 1st January 2026  
New Years' Day Mass**

**9:30am Holy Family Church Gowrie**

**Thank you from Vinnies Calwell and Gowrie Conferences.**



Our conference volunteers would like to offer our gratitude to every parishioner who donated food, gifts, and gift cards to our Parish Giving tree, gave monetary donations to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal and purchased Christmas cards and calendars during the last three weekends. We are completely overwhelmed by the depth of your generosity and consideration for others. Between our two conferences we distributed 140 hampers to our companions accompanied by a \$20 voucher for fresh items, gifts / gift cards for their children and Share the Dignity Bags for our female companions. We could not have done this without the incredible support of you our parishioners and the Holy Family Primary and Pre- School communities. While our companions cannot thank you directly, please be assured that your donations will bring great joy to their Christmas Day celebrations. God bless and Happy Christmas to you all.

*Paula Bounds (Gowrie Conference President) and Frances Neuss (Calwell Conference President) and our members.*



Wishing you and your families a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed year in 2026 and safe holidays.

## ARCHDIOCESE EVENT NOTICES

### Christmas Mass Collection for 2025 Archbishops Christmas Appeal Support is Needed!

Help life saving assistance to displaced people or people under threat of displacement whether from war or, climate change in Asia, the Middle East and Africa, female access to education in Pakistan as well as student assistance in the Middle East. Communities in India, Africa and Timor Leste along with local works by The Farm in Galong and The Home in Queanbeyan will also be assisted. Donations can also be sent to: Archbishop's Christmas Appeal, GPO Box 3089, Canberra ACT 2601.

### 31 December | New Year's Eve MMP Prayer Vigil

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil, Marian Movement of Priests: at Sacred Heart Church, Pearce Wed 31 Dec 2025. Eucharistic Adoration starts at 8pm, with Rosary on the hour (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful & Glorious). Concludes with Benediction at midnight- we receive two plenary Indulgences as we pray the Te Deum & Veni Creator.

### 1-7 January | Immaculata Mission School 2026 - Our Father" - join us and go deeper in God's goodness and love!

What is it? A wonderful opportunity to grow in faith through daily Mass, Adoration and times of prayer, fantastic Catholic speakers (including international speakers Steve and Katey Norman from Renewal Ministries), share groups, fun activities, friendship and lots more.

What is the theme? "Our Father" - join us and go deeper in God's goodness and love!

When is it? 1-7 Jan for youth and adults (14 years and up); 1-5 Jan for married couples and families (includes children's ministry)

Where is it? Armidale, NSW For costs, more information and to register visit [www.immaculata.org.au/ims](http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims) Registrations close 23rd Dec.

### 23-27 January | Trendsetters 2026 - A Jesus Youth Discipleship Retreat

Navigating your faith into adulthood can be challenging, especially in a fast-paced world! Trendsetters is a time for you to set your eyes on God through ENCOUNTER of His Love and a RENEWAL of your faith! Dates: 23-27 Jan 2026 (5 DAYS) Location: YWAM Canberra, Watson, ACT 2602 Who: Highschool Graduates and Uni students (ages 18-23) Registration closes 11 Jan. For more information contact: Email - [canberra@jesusyouth.org.au](mailto:canberra@jesusyouth.org.au) Tanya Jojo – 0431805052

### Caritas Australia appeals for support for vulnerable communities across Africa

Across Africa, millions of people are trapped in a desperate struggle for survival. Conflict, violence, hunger, and displacement are tearing communities apart. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and across the Horn of Africa, the situation is critical. In response, Caritas Australia is supporting partners across the region to provide vital aid including emergency shelter, food and nutrition support, and access to clean water. Your support is urgently needed. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Africa Crisis Appeal, either online [www.caritas.org.au/africa](http://www.caritas.org.au/africa) or phone 1800 024 413

### Vacancies at Supported Independent Homes

At Marymead CatholicCare, there are currently vacancies in two of our residential Supported Independent Living homes within the NDIS CHOICES Program, supporting and empowering people with disabilities, including: a modern home in Kambah for supported independent living, sharing with two friendly, mature individuals; and Dorothy Sales Cottages in Hughes specifically designed for individuals with acquired brain injury. Contact our CHOICES and Aged Care number at 6163 7647.

### Vocations Discernment Dinners - alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House

First Thursday of the month. 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 [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au).

### Natural Fertility Management

Local health professionals and qualified instructors are available to help you understand and manage your fertility in an effective and non-invasive manner. Achieve or avoid pregnancy naturally. Address reproductive health issues holistically. See Fertility Awareness Methods at [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

### Follow Catholic Voice

<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicVoiceAustralia/>

<https://www.instagram.com/thecatholicvoice/>

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## ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

I would like my donation to be:

| \$20 | \$50 | \$100 | \$150 | Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Rev \_\_\_\_\_

(Block letters please)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed my | Cheque | Money Order

I prefer to use my | Bankcard | Visa | Mastercard

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Expires \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please send to:

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal

Attn: Deacon Joe Blackwell

GPO BOX 3089, Canberra ACT 2601

Fertility Awareness Methods



Archdiocese of  
Canberra Goulburn

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Rita Fitt SGS, Lynette Tankey, Kevin O’Shea, Maria Perre, Gerard Estrop, Paul Robertson, Dorothy Strickland, St Aileen Wailes RSM (Yass/Goulburn), Marie Smith , Joan Brearley, Sr. Elizabeth “Liz” West, Patricia Andrew, Patricia Betts, Tony Sayer, Denis O’Brien, John Luan Nguyen, Matthew McGrail-Penca; Wade Lovekin, Bishop Pat Power, Debra Bayley, Col Berryman, Dr Neil Harrigan, Patricia Patterson, Ofelia Co, Anna Ivec, Dennis Tarbuck, Dennis Sleigh, David Haire, Teresa Maiuto, Steven Gleeson, Emmanuel Day, Giovanni Feltrin, Joy Huber, Ruth Faulder, Epifanio Bl Encina, Ann Pearson, *May they rest in peace.*

**SICK:** *We pray for...* Nan Falson, Perry Hardman, Kaye Carrett, Lynn McMahon, Janice Lapworth, Alan Minjoot, Patricia Davies (a.k.a. Dr. P. Hilton), Harold Palmer McCann, Monique Hall, Bob Curtis, Monica Nulley-Valdes, Christopher Price, Geoff Cobden, Judy Reid, Anthony Kelly, Ray Brown, Adrien Samuel, Shane Davie, Maureen King, Sue, Johanna, Cassandra, Maverick Tracey, Francis Cheong, Christine Hall, Peter Maguire, Shona Johnstone, Brian Armstrong, Karen Nixon, Maurice and Vivienne Muscat, Annie Chamberlain, Perry Hardman, Jenny Keen, Wendy Roberts, Patrick Roberts, Harry Parvizi, Margaret Holberton, Gavin O’Brien, Flora Martone, June Lever, Hannah Thomas, Karen Nguyen, Delia Alexander, Jessica Bernadette Elena, Howard Murray, Diane Savage, Barbara Savage, Zenilda Gama, Ayla Haragli, Judith & Werner Kley, Melvyn & Cheryl Nerva, Merle Shep, Dot Pestana, Margaret Latham, *and all our sick family members, friends and parishioners.*

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** *During December we remember* Anton and Lionel, Primo Benavidez, Enma Iglesias, Adela Cruz, Carlos De Leon, Ventura Cruz, Lynnette Russell, Robert Pereira, Betty Kennedy, Eileen O’Keeffe, Jessica Harris, Jim Sharman, Manuela Lopera, Ronald Buckley, Santo (Tony) Dattilo, John Berry, Edgar Casas, John Hudson, Desmond Pereira, Josepha Koster, Alma Armstrong, Valda Ryan, Ernie Wickson, Abraham Arulandandam, Fr Albert Havas, Michael Lennon, Maria D’Ambrosio, Lucia Pallamountagne, James Kropp, Linda Casey, Jeffrey Hudson, Joan Enghari, Joan Willemsen, Annunziata Muscat, Eileen Bale, Leo Hioly Chang, Margaret Harrison, Maria Tran, Carlos Carrin, Maurice Beale, Kevin Gallagher, Judith Owen, Pierina Benassi, Rinaldo Iarossi, Elenita Pesigan, Keith Holberton, Agnes Savage *and all of our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith . If you wish to have your loved one entered into our Book of Remembrance and remembered each year, you will find a form in the foyer.*

Roster 20th & 21st December 2025— 3rd Sunday of the Month					NEXT WEEK Roster 27th & 28th December— 4th Sunday of the Month			
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8am	Sunday 10am	Sunday 6pm	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8am	Sunday 10am	Sunday 6pm
Acolyte/ Senior Server	Raul	Roehl	David	Tom	Eugene	Val	Max	Claudia
Altar Servers	Hunter E Neriah V	Chloe M Patrick M Samuel M	Chloe W Holly W Jakob K	James W Harrison W	Kane V Jed C	Riley L Amy L Patrick M	William S Elise S Scarlet C	Joe P Max P
Readers	Anne R Lynn B	Judy B Alwyn D	Catherine D James M	Christine W Paddy M	Roehl O Suzanne M	Kerry W Erica D	James M Monique E	Lisa C Paula B
Music/DPO	Pete S DPO Michael	Lorna Geoff, Ryan DPO Angus	Jeremiah W DPO Samuel	Chris & Paula B	C for C DPO Rudy	Lorna G, Geoff R DPO Han T	Christopher G & the Youth Group DPO Tom B	Gerard H & Brigita O DPO needed
Offertory Procession	vacant	Lau Family	Walker Family	vacant	Cruz Family	Erica D	Amy & Annabelle S	Pond Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Lyz A Esther O	Trudy D Veronica M	Jane C Don Velasco	Claudia M Meg T	Ann R Anne G	Angie N Jennifer H	Denise M Peter D	Bob C Jane M
Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy in the school holidays				No Children’s Liturgy in the school holidays			
Cuppas	vacant	Alice Aurora	Jane David	Vacant	vacant	Laura & Chloe	Marian & Ian	vacant
Collector bags & clear boxes		Jason Alice	Gayle	Paul		Gerard B	Geoff S	Ophelia D-C
Sanigun after Mass	volunteers needed	volunteers needed	Geoff	volunteers needed	vacant	vacant	vacant	vacant

***Please remember to tick your name off the list when you come before Mass.***

If you wish to contribute monetarily to our parish we thank you. There is a number of ways that you can do it.  
 via Direct Debit, you will find the forms at the entrance table in the foyer.  
 The blue Direct Debit Request is for the Central Presbytery Fund (1st Collection) and the Pink Direct Debit Request is for the Church (2nd Collection).  
 By Credit-Card, the yellow form is for the Presbytery Fund (1st Collection) and the purple form is for the Church Account (2nd Collection).  
 Alternatively you can donate using your credit-card via Qkr! or use the tap machines in the foyer of the church,  
 On our website at <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/corpuschristiparish>  
 Or Cash donations are collected at the metal collection points and with collection bags during mass. *We are very grateful for your donation.*