



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

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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/>
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27th & 28th December 2025
The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
What is happening this week?

Fri 26th Dec <i>St Stephen, The first Martyr</i>	No Mass		
Sat 27th Dec <i>St John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	09:00am 10:00am 05:00-05:30pm 06:00pm	SHC HFC HFC HFC	Mass Reconciliation Reconciliation Mass
Sun 28th Dec The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	08:00am 10:00am 05:00-05:30pm 06:00pm	HFC HFC HFC HFC	Mass Mass (livestreamed) Reconciliation Mass
Mon 29th Dec <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Office closed.		
Tues 30th Dec	05:30pm	HFC	Mass
Wed 31st Dec <i>St Sylvester I, Pope</i>	09:30am	SHC	Mass followed by Rosary
Thurs 1st Jan <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	09:30am	HFC	Mass
Fri 2nd Jan <i>Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	06:00-06:30pm	HFC	Mass



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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://catholic.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 or phone 02 6239 9806.

Christmas Message from Fr Mark

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate the holy mystery of Christmas, we are invited to prepare our hearts as a manger for Christ to be born. We know the manger was not a place of comfort or perfection, but it was messy and smelly. Yet it was there that the Saviour of the world chose to enter human history.

In the same way, our hearts may not always feel ready or worthy. They may be cluttered with worries, failures, or regrets... But Christ does not wait for us to be perfect. He comes precisely into our brokenness. God only asks us one thing: open our hearts to Jesus! So, as He is born into our hearts, He will bring a peace that the world cannot give, a hope that does not disappoint, and a deep joy that no one can take away from us.

And more interestingly, the manger is where the animals come to be fed. So for Jesus to be born in the manger already points to who He is for us: the Bread of Life and the true Spiritual Drink. To become a manger means becoming a place where others can be nourished by God's mercy, love, and redemption through us.

This Christmas, let us spend our time and effort making space for Jesus. Let us surrender our fear, resentment, and despair, so His light can shine even in the darkest corners of our hearts. The Emmanuel, God-with-us, is about to knock at the door of our hearts. May you hear His voice; may you not be afraid; and may you welcome Him into your hearts.

On behalf of Fr Simon Falk, our Parish Priest,
Merry Christmas, and God bless you all,

Fr. Mark Ha.



The Remains of the original Manger of Christ

To our Volunteers....

Please take a God's Word Reflection Book 2026 from Children's Liturgy Room, as a Thank You for your dedication and commitment to ministries in our parish.

Thursday 1st January 2026

New Year's Day Mass



9:30am Holy Family Church Gowrie

- Please note that the Holy Family Church will remain close during the school holidays except for Mass schedules.
- The Parish Office will be closed until 5th of January 2026.



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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Pope Francis' Prayer to the Holy Family (from Amoris Laetitia)

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust,*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan. Amen.*

ARCHDIOCESE EVENT NOTICES

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 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 Tanya Jojo – 0431805052

2026 Glory of Europe 21 Day Tour

Fr Praveen would like to invite Parishioners to join him for a 21-day Tour of important Religious & Cultural Sites in Europe. ROME, VATICAN, LANCIANO, CASCIA, ASSISI, MEDJUGORJE, PADUA, VENICE, ROSA MYSTICA, LUCERNE, ENGELBERG, INTERLAKEN BERN, LAUSANNE, GENEVA, ARS SUR FORMANS, PARIS, LOURDES, AVILA, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, FATIMA, LISBON. To discuss, ask to questions & get more information please see Fr Praveen (0478951473) or contact him Praveen.Paul@cg.org.au

RECENTLY DECEASED: 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...* Tom Davies, 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 27th & 28th December 2025— 4th Sunday of the Month					NEXT WEEK Roster 3rd & 4th January 2026— 1st Sunday of the Month			
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8am	Sunday 10am	Sunday 6pm	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8am	Sunday 10am	Sunday 6pm
Acolyte/ Senior Server	Eugene	Val	Max	Claudia	Roehl	Val	David	John
Altar Servers	Kane V Jed C	Riley L Amy L Patrick M	William S Elise S Scarlet C	Joe P Max P	Hunter E Neriah V	Amy L Riley L	Jacob K Chloe W Holly W	Elena N-V
Readers	Roehl O Suzanne M	Kerry W Erica D	Monique E	Lisa C Paula B	Megan B Mark P	Gerry K Jennifer H	Helen J Bernadette R	Jaden G
Music/DPO	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	Pete S DPO/ Susanne S	Lorna Jim & the 8am Choir DPO/ Han T	Des & Liz G	Chris B DPO/ Paula B
Offertory Procession	Cruz Family	Erica D	Amy & Annabelle S	Pond Family	Edna S Tom K	Lucas family	Lovelock Family	volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann R Anne G	Angie N Jennifer H	Denise M Peter D	Bob C Jane M	Suzanne M Irena C	Chris H Gerard B	Ophelia DC Denise M	Tiffany R Lisa C
Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy in the school holidays				No Children’s Liturgy in the school holidays			
Cuppas	vacant	Laura & Chloe	Marian & Ian	vacant	vacant	The Crispin family	Morning Beans Group	Jo-Ann N
Collector bags & clear boxes	vacant	Gerard B	Geoff S	Ophelia D-C	Christine O	Agnes M	Marian B	Penny O
Sanigun after Mass	vacant	vacant	vacant	vacant	volunteers needed	volunteers needed	Gayle	Gill

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.bpoinc.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.*