



Wodonga Catholic Parish

INCORPORATING

SACRED HEART CHURCH, Beechworth Rd Wodonga, ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, High St Wodonga,
ST FRANCIS, Bethanga, OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Tangambalanga, ST. JOSEPH'S Dederang, ST. JOSEPH'S Mt. Beauty
& Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong.

February 5th - 2023 : Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Acknowledgement of Country

We, Wodonga Catholic Parish, acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land where our churches, schools and buildings are located. We pay our respect to the Aboriginal people and Elders past and present whose spirits dwell in this land. May the spirit of this ancient land be always with us.



Pope Francis Tweets:

As Christians we must radiate the beauty of God's love everywhere through our lives. Faith is not a privilege to be claimed, but a gift to be shared.



Focus on the Readings

This Sunday's Gospel (Matt 5:13-16) immediately follows last Sunday's (Matt 5:1-2) as part of Our Lord's sermon on the mount. He reveals ways of life that show we are blessed and happy. Now Jesus leads our lives from the state of being to the state of action: "Be the salt of the earth and the light of the world!" Our blessed nature also prompts us to give witness to others. The reading from Isaiah (first reading) prepares the listener to move from being to action. Through the prophet God presents his faithful people with actions of social duties towards the poor. The second reading from St Paul offers the listener to God's word another way to be light to the world, not only in witness and charity but also by encounter. In encountering the crucified and risen Lord in our lives we become light to the world in encouraging others to encounter the crucified and risen Lord in the dark moments of their lives. We let the light enter into their world and "lighten" their burdens. "Be Salt of the Earth" is an original and unique saying of Christ. The metaphor is applied to his followers and their innate goodness.

Wodonga Parish Planned Giving Renewal

Over the coming weeks, we will be conducting a Planned Giving Renewal. On the weekend of **4th and 5th February**, Parish Census Cards will be distributed at all Masses. The Census enables the parish database to be updated and identifies active parish families. We will appreciate your participation. On Wednesday **8th February** the Program format, conduct and information will be explained to the Program Leadership Team. Further dates and information will be published in the Parish bulletin over coming weekends.

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11 Feb

It is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick. For this year's message visit:
www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick.html



Upcoming Parish Events: Save the Dates:

WCP Planned Giving Program continues.....

Parish Centre Morning Tea: FEB 7th

WCP Youth Event: FEB 19th

Wodonga Parish Centre
283 Beechworth Road
Wodonga Vic 3690:
Phone: 02 6024 3366
E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au
Office Hours
9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Monday to Friday
Parish Priest
Father Junjun Amaya
0459-356-917
Priest
Father Uday Kumar Marneni ALOP/OSS.
0422-814-178
Father Adi Indra
6024-3366
Pastoral Associate
Sister Eileen Reardon
0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)

Weekend Masses
Wodonga
Sacred Heart Church
Saturday @ 5:00 pm.
Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Tangambalanga
Our Lady Help of Christians
2nd & 4th Sunday @ 10:30 am
Dederang
St Joseph's
1st & 3rd Sunday @ 10:30 am Mass
Mt Beauty
St Joseph's
Sunday @ 8:30 am
5th Sunday - No Mass

Tallangatta
St Michael's Church
2nd & 4th Sunday - @ 11:00 am

Corryong:
Sacred Heart Church
2nd & 4th Sunday @ 8:30 am

Walwa: Christ The King
2nd & 4th Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sandy Creek St Michaels
5th Sunday @ 8:30 am

Mitta St Joseph's Church
5th Sunday @ 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Tuesday to Friday @ 9:15 am
Saturday
St Augustine's Church
Saturday 9.30 am
Reconciliation:
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Saturday 9:00 am:
Country Churches:
Before Mass.

WODONGA ROSTERS 11TH & 12TH FEBRUARY 2023

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

MASS TIMES:	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
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Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: David Gill Lector 2: Michael McLinden	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Michael Iverson Lector 2: Kate Rotherham	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Kendra Gonzadan Lector 2: Caster Gonzadan
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Louise, Michaela & Caitlyn	8:30 am Dave, Pat & Anne T	10:30 am Yves, Peter & Jean
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Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 12TH FEBRUARY

THIS WEEK: TEAM 4: Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kath Didier

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 5: Margo Keat, Gerry & Marion Fitzpatrick

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 12TH FEBRUARY

LECTOR: Jenny

Backup: Peter

COMMENTATOR: Peter

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 19TH FEBRUARY

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Diane Goonan

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again?

It is good for nothing,
and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden.

No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub;

they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Readings this week:

Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Readings next week

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Responsorial Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

What's happening in our Parish

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Bob Jensen, Mary Patterson, Jean Sully, Bernadette Ford (Ley), Mila Setka, Lyn Robertson, Alan McKenzie, Anna Zagrovic

Sick:

Michael McCormick, John Hodson, Ricky Ellul, Robert Anderson, Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, Mary Shaddock, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.

We Want to Hear from You:



SCAN ME

Scan this QR Code with your phone and fill a short survey to help us prepare any future spiritual formation series for our Parish.

Thank you.



Welcome St Francis of Assisi

Primary School :

Thursday February 16th

Morning Mass will be celebrated at 10am as we will be joined by staff and students of St Francis of Assisi Primary School, who are celebrating the School's Welcoming Mass

CWL Meeting:

The CWL will meet on Wednesday the 8th of February 2023, in the Parish Centre meeting Room after the 9:15am Mass.
Contact Margaret Bates, Ph: 6024 6620

Missing: OVERSIZED Book

The Parish RCIA Team is missing an oversize book which is a great resource for the RCIA program.

This book was left under the television in the Sacred Heart Church gift shop area.

If you have borrowed this book or know where it may have been relocated, please contact our Parish Centre staff.

PH: 6024 3366.

Many thanks.

The KSC Need Your Support:

Bunnings Wodonga BBQ:

The Knights of the Southern Cross will be conducting a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday February 12th. We would appreciate any help from within the Parish during two hour shifts, between 8am and 4pm. Profits from this BBQ assist with running our branch, our Parish and other charitable works.

Contact Des Lonergan: 0408 575 825

John Coleman: 0401 555 160

PLEASE NOTE:

Reconciliation

During Fr Junjun's absence, Reconciliation on Saturdays, from

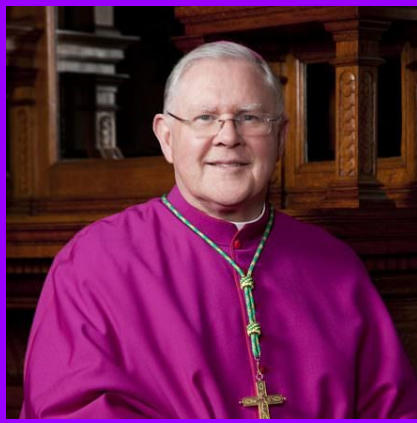
4th January to 8th February inclusive, will be at St Augustine's Church at **9.00 am prior to Mass at 9.30 am.**

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Our Parish Safety Officer is Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366

Towards Healing helpline

Ph: 1800 816 030 (free call) Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour Crisis Support Ph: 13 11 14



Wodonga Catholic Parish Lenten Program 2023

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, in 7 Video sessions, will present the meaning of how to

“Live biblically in a secular world.”

Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus.

Commencing:

Monday, February 20th.

Sacred Heart Church Meeting Room, in the Foyer of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Monday Session Times: Day Session: 2pm to 4pm - Evening Session 6.15pm to 8.15pm

Contacts; Day sessions, Gerri 0438206082. Evening sessions, Marie 0407200773.

An extract from the **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**
XXXI WORLD DAY OF THE SICK.

"Take care of him"

Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing.

These past years of the pandemic have increased our sense of gratitude for those who work each day in the fields of healthcare and research. Yet it is not enough to emerge from such an immense collective tragedy simply by honouring heroes. Covid-19 has strained the great networks of expertise and solidarity, and has exposed the structural limits of existing public welfare systems. Gratitude, then, needs to be matched by actively seeking, in every country, strategies and resources in order to guarantee each person's fundamental right to basic and decent healthcare.

The Samaritan calls the innkeeper to "take care of him" (Lk 10:35). Jesus addresses the same call to each of us. He exhorts us to "go and do likewise" (Lk 10:37). As I noted in *Fratelli Tutti*, "The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good" (No. 67). Indeed, "we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love. We cannot be indifferent to suffering" (No. 68).

On 11 February 2023, let us turn our thoughts to the Shrine of Lourdes, a prophetic lesson entrusted to the Church for our modern times. It is not only what functions well or those who are productive that matter. Sick people, in fact, are at the centre of God's people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind.

To the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all of you who are ill; you who care for them in your families, or through your work, research and volunteer service; and those of you who are committed to weaving personal, ecclesial, and civic bonds of fraternity. To all, I impart my heartfelt blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 10 January 2023 - FRANCIS.