



# 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 26th - 2023 : The First Sunday of Lent

### 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.

## Wodonga Catholic Parish 2023 Renewal Program

Our focus this weekend is on **ENGAGEMENT** in parish life. We are blessed by the many people who give their time, talents and enthusiasm in so many ways on our journey together in daily life – helping our communities where people are welcome, cared for and supported.

Today we will hear from parishioners who will share with us how being actively involved in **OUR** Parish has nourished their faith and positively affected their lives. We invite you to play your role, so please take some time to look at the Groups and Ministries form available at Mass this weekend and on the Parish website and Facebook Page. See how you can make your contribution to our special community. There is something for everyone!

### THOUGHTS FROM OUR RENEWAL PROGRAM TEAM

#### Why is it important to be actively engaged in our parish groups & ministries?

"It's important that more parishioners are encouraged to become involved in everything we do so as to enable the parish to move forward. As a cohesive community, each member works for the good of the whole parish."

"As a priest, we have to be engaged and interested in our parish – just as we are interested in the lives of our families or friends. By being engaged myself, I hope to encourage the faithful to do the same."

"Ownership of our parish is very important to me, it is everyone. Being involved actively in our parish is a way I stay connected within the parish community and it is a byproduct of my faith within a community."

*"Sharing our time and skills with others may build their faith in God and love for God's creation."*

### POPE FRANCIS SAYS...

*"It is not enough to say that we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions."*



### RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

#### The Rite of Election:

This Sunday, February 26th at 8:30am Mass, we welcome Carol, Kaye, Julia, Bridgette, Abbie and Shanna as they express their wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter. As with the entire RCIA process the parish community fulfils an important role. We ask you to join with us in praying for them as they make this journey of Faith.

Wodonga Parish Centre

283 Beechworth Road

Wodonga Vic 3690:

Phone: 02 6024 3366

E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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 Mameni ALCP/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.

# What's happening in our Parish

## Recent Deaths:

## Anniversaries:

Pat Horne, Vivienne Davis, Pat Larkin, Luisa Cariag, Bill Mahony.  
Maureen & Denis Mahony, Bill Mahony

## Sick:

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

## Welcome St Augustine's

### Primary School :

**Tuesday February 28th**

**Morning Mass will be celebrated at 10am**

as we will be joined by staff and students of  
St Augustine's Primary School, who are  
celebrating the School's Welcoming Mass.



Please join us at  
Sacred Heart Wodonga  
for Eucharist Minister training  
for the first time or as a  
refresher.  
All welcome!

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

Wednesday 1st March  
5pm - 6 pm



## **First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February**



Laxmi, 16, lives in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

## WODONGA ROSTERS 4TH & 5TH MARCH

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Volunteers

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Volunteers

<b>MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
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<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer <b>Lector 1:</b> Dave Seiter <b>Lector 2:</b> Marilynn Seiter	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer <b>Lector 1:</b> Marg Ware <b>Lector 2:</b> Don Cameron	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer <b>Lector 1:</b> Christine Gannon <b>Lector 2:</b> Ampy Clark
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### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Mick, Christine & Phil	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 26TH FEBRUARY

<b><u>THIS WEEK: TEAM 7:</u></b>	Peter Murray, Matt Ley
<b><u>NEXT WEEK: TEAM 8:</u></b>	Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

#### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 5TH MARCH

**LECTOR:** Deb

**Backup:** Rachel

**COMMENTATOR:** Mary-Anne

#### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 5TH MARCH

**FIRST / SECOND READING:** Judy Brewer

**WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:** Sharon Coulston

**POWERPOINT:** Harrison Fischer

## Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.'

Then Jesus replied,  
'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

#### Readings this week:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

#### Readings next week

Genesis 12: 1-4a  
Timothy 1: 8b-10  
Matthew 17: 1-9

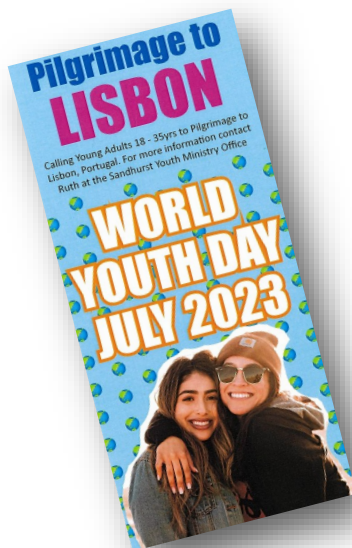
**Responsorial Psalm :** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.



# Sandhurst Youth Ministry is going to World Youth Day (WYD)



Sandhurst Youth Ministry is going to World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon and we couldn't be more excited. Expressions of interest are invited from young adults aged 18-35 to join the pilgrimage from 29 July to 11 August 2023.

The pilgrimage group will experience the World Youth Day celebrations, including festival events, gatherings with young Catholics from around the world and the Final Mass with Pope Francis. After World Youth Day, we will enter a retreat in Avila, Spain, where pilgrims will have a chance to reflect on their experience. The Diocese of Sandhurst and Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd are both offering significant sponsorships to pilgrims who attend WYD. For parish-based pilgrims, the Diocese is offering half of the pilgrimage cost. Catholic Education Sandhurst will operate under their usual funding model where CES Ltd pays a third, the employing school pays a third and the pilgrim pays the remaining third. These sponsorships do not cover additional costs such as travel insurance or other personal expenses. More information is

available at <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2360-world-youth-day-pilgrimage-to-lisbon>

Expressions of Interest close on Friday 10 March, 2023.

For further information and the Expression of Interest form, please go to [Sandhurst WYD website](https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2360-world-youth-day-pilgrimage-to-lisbon) Or contact the pilgrimage coordinator, Ruth Lawlor [ruth.lawlor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:ruth.lawlor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) with any questions.

## Wodonga Catholic Parish Lenten Program with Archbishop Mark Coleridge, in Seven Video sessions, will present the meaning of how to “Live biblically in a secular world.”



**Commencing:** Monday, February 20th  
Meeting Room, in the Foyer of Sacred Heart Church,  
Wodonga. **Monday Session Times as Follows:**  
**Day Session: 2pm to 4pm**  
**Evening Session 6.15pm to 8.15pm**

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

**You are Invited to join us:**  
**St Stephen's Uniting Church Wodonga**  
**Emmanuel Anglican Uniting Church**  
**West Wodonga**  
**St John's Anglican Church Wodonga**

Lenten Discussion Options for 2023

**Advising the contact person of your intention to participate would help planning**  
***The Call to Discipleship***

This series, focusing on "exploring what it means to follow Jesus", will be based on material derived from these 6 Lenten discussion guides by Christopher C. Walker

**Each Wednesdays 9:30am at St Stephen's Fellowship Room Nilmar Av Wodonga**  
**From 22 Feb – 29 Mar - need more info?**  
**Ph: Facilitator – Judy Bedford 0432 591 851**

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement started by Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.



### **ALL WELCOME :**

**DATE: Friday March 3rd 2023**

**TIME: 10:00am**

**PLACE: Salvation Army– 210 Lawrence street  
Wodonga**

**Morning Tea Provided**

### **Catholic Women's League**

**Meeting on Wednesday, March 1st—2023**  
**in the Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre:**  
**After 9:15am Mass. All welcome**