



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.

MARCH 5th - 2023 : The Second 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

Welcome to our **COMMITMENT WEEKEND** – it's the final week of our Program. To date we have reflected on the importance of our level of engagement in the life of Wodonga Catholic Parish communities and the importance of being involved in one or more of our groups and ministries.

We now turn our attention to parish finances. How do we fund the priorities identified during the Program? This weekend we welcome Frank Schobben and Stephen Littleton from Parish First who will speak on this important issue; guide us through how we can make our pledge of financial support, and challenge us to respond to the very best of our ability.

Your **COMMITMENT** to **PLANNED GIVING** pledge

What does my financial support to the Parish typically pay for?

Our pastoral care and outreach programs and initiatives
Groups and ministries activities
Ongoing operation and maintenance for our churches, properties and parish facilities
Administration costs, priests' stipends, insurance premiums, employment costs, parish centre costs, diocesan levy, sundry expenses etc.

Why should I give and how much?

Our parish income is reliant on the financial support of **ALL** parishioners – without such support we could not exist
Our only recommendation is that you give to your very best ability, and that it be a meaningful commitment
We appeal to those with the greatest capacity – the greatest discretionary income – to give more

RENEWAL PROGRAM team member thoughts:

Why do you think it is important to support the parish financially?

"We need a solid financial base in order to fulfill our mission and to offer the different ministries and programs in our parish. It is about faith and good works and finances support this and help us as a community of believers to grow and develop."

"I have received so much from the people of God so I personally give back to the parish monthly as well."

"The parish needs financial support to continue to keep the Church and other buildings maintained.

To pay our staff and keep Insurances up to date in case of the need to use them."

"It enables the parish to undertake the activities, to make our community more vibrant, engaging and effective."

Wodonga Parish Centre
283 Beechworth Road
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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: Terry Smith.

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

Stations of the Cross:

Parishioners are invited
to attend Stations of the Cross
each Friday evening during Lent at 6:00 pm,
in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
All Welcome



Palm Cross Making:



**Saturday 18th March 3pm:
Sacred Heart Church Wodonga.**

Please come along to help.

We are making 100's of Palm Cross's for Palm Sunday.

Leader: Lourdes from Beechworth.

Contact: Juliana Vaughan 0423 678 176



Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.



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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

WODONGA ROSTERS 11TH & 12TH MARCH

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Marg McEvoy, Brigitta Hore

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

MASS TIMES:	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
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Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Michael McLinden Lector 2: Fiona Barret	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Maureen Lonergan Lector 2: Des Lonergan	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Caster Gonzadan Lector 2: Kendra Gonzadan
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Meryl, Amilia & Juliana	8:30 am John A, John B & Eris	10:30 am Jacinta, Gerri & Lucette
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Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 5TH MARCH

THIS WEEK: TEAM 8: Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson
NEXT WEEK: TEAM 9: Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 12TH MARCH

LECTOR: Bruce

Backup: Deb

COMMENTATOR: Peter

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 19TH MARCH

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Diane Goonan

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.

There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.

Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said,

'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'.

When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Readings this week:

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

Readings next week

Exodus 17:3-7
 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 John 4:5-42

Responsorial Psalm :

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
 as we place our trust in you.

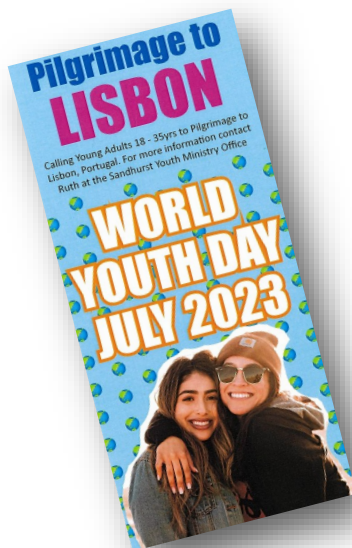
Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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 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: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

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



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

Parishioners Please Note:

Fr. Uday has returned home to India for a well earned break and to catch up with family and friends. He will return to Wodonga on Wednesday March 29th.



Sandhurst

Mission and Pastoral Council

Expressions of Interest

(EOIs) are OPEN

On Wednesday 15 February Bishop Shane Mackinlay called for EOI's from members of the diocese to join him on the new Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council.

All relevant information and the EOI form is available on the Sandhurst website:

<https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/mission-and-pastoral-life/mission-pastoral-council>

The contact at the Chancery is Jill Doncovio (Executive Assistant to Bishop Shane)

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