



Wodonga Catholic Parish

INCORPORATING

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

March 12th - 2022: The 3rd 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.



Priscilla's story-Zimbabwe



Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and her two grandsons. In Hwange, the impacts of climate change are exacerbating food insecurity in vulnerable communities. This can be seen in the erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged dry spells, poor agricultural soils and high temperatures in the region. "We had plenty of rains at first but as time has gone by, the rains have become erratic and hence the yields have been reduced," Priscilla said.

Priscilla joined the Zimbabwe Integrated Community Development Program, implemented by our partner Caritas Hwange and funded by Caritas Australia. Through the program, Priscilla and her community learnt conservation farming techniques to grow drought-resistant crops to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practicing in conservation farming. Priscilla also used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, where she can sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought. In addition to conservation farming training, thanks to generous supporters like you, Caritas Hwange has helped Priscilla boost her food security through a range of activities, including participating in a community nutrition garden to grow and sell vegetables, and rehabilitating the dip tanks to keep her cows healthy and reduce the prevalence of tick-borne diseases. Caritas Hwange also rehabilitated a community dam near Priscilla's house, so cattle can have access to water all year.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

"We are indeed grateful to Caritas Hwange for the knowledge," Priscilla said. "Today we have knowledge and skills that we didn't have before and are able to use to earn a living."

Along with your generous support, this program is also supported by the Australian Government, through Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

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



We are committed to the
NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

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 ALCP/OSS.
0422-814-178
Father Adi Indra
6024-3366
Pastoral Associate
Sister Eileen Reardon
0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)
Safety Officer:
Sonia LaMotte-Schubert: 60243366

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

Anniversaries:

June Duncan, Michael Jackson, Fr Owen Doyle, John Wright, Annelese Maree Hutchins, Lisa Malone, Frank & Kath Kane.

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

Mass of Anointing

The Mass of Anointing will be held in Sacred Heart Church Wodonga on Wednesday the 29th of March at 1:30pm. Please contact Des Lonergan for more information. PH: 040875825

2023 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

THANK YOU for your response to our COMMITMENT weekend last Saturday and Sunday - the final weekend of our Parish Renewal Program. We especially thank all parishioners who have already returned their completed pledge commitments and Groups & Ministries forms – either at Mass or to the Parish Centre. Your support is very much appreciated.

It's not too late if you haven't done so already! **Additional pledge cards will be available at all Masses this weekend.** Please give your completed pledge cards and Groups & Ministries form to the volunteers in the Church foyer after Mass. Frank Schobben, our Program Coordinator, will be following up by SMS, email or telephone to confirm intentions from parishioners who have not yet responded – so to minimise that follow-up please ensure you complete and return your commitments this weekend. Please note that your new pledge will **take effect on Sunday 2 April**. Confirmation letters, and new sets of envelopes for cash givers, will be available for collection at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 26 March. We thank you again for your generous response.

Fr Junjun and the Renewal Program Team.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This weekend Carol, Kay, Julia, Bridgette, Abbie and Shanna will participate in the first of two scrutinies, prayers which are said to heal all that is weak, defective and sinful in our hearts and to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

As with the entire RCIA process the Parish community fulfils an important role. These prayers said are intended to bring growth and holiness not only to those who would become Catholic but also for the community they are joining. We ask you to join with us in praying for them as they journey towards the Sacraments of Baptism Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter.

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.

SUPPORTING WCP

We encourage you to continue supporting our parish by Credit card or Direct Debit pledges.

Alternatively, Planned Giving pledge contributions can also be made directly to the parish bank account through EFT, using:

Acct Name: Wodonga Catholic Parish Operative Account

Bank: NAB

BSB: 083971

Acct No: 516119811

In order for us to attribute your contributions correctly, Please always quote your giving number and surname in the reference field, e.g. '123 Jones'.

Thank you for your support.

WODONGA ROSTERS 18TH & 19TH MARCH

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dot Larkin & Carmel Gannon

MASS TIMES:	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
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Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Meryl Brown Lector 2: David Gill	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Anne Tremethick Lector 2: Jim Costelloe	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Jean Tabra Lector 2: Christian Bashimbe
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Mavis, Sandy & Volunteer	8:30 am Mike, Anne K & Maureen	10:30 am Ampy, Nina & Diane
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Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 12TH MARCH

<u>THIS WEEK: TEAM: 9</u>	Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown
<u>NEXT WEEK: TEAM 10:</u>	John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 19TH MARCH

LECTOR: Gail

Backup: Bruce

COMMENTATOR: Mary-Anne

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 19TH MARCH

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Diane Goonan

Gospel: John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

Readings this week:

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

Readings next week

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH YOUTH PRESENTS....

AN AMAZING RACE SCAVENGER HUNT STYLE

**RSVP: By the 21st
Of MARCH**
[https://www.trybook
ing.com/CGPCH](https://www.trybooking.com/CGPCH)



WHEN:
**SUNDAY THE 26TH OF
MARCH,
BEGINNING@4PM.**
**SACRED HEART CHURCH
WODONGA**
WHERE:
**(285 BEECHWORTH
ROAD)**
**WHO: ANYONE AGED 12-
18! WE
WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU
THERE!**



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](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)

03 5445 3630 or
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Catholic College
Wodonga *Life in Jesus*

YEAR 12 PRAYER CARDS

The tradition of the Year 12 Prayer cards has been in operation in Wodonga Catholic Parish since the early 2000s. Over this time parishioners have been invited to take a prayer card and pray for the students over the course of the year.

This year once again, we are extending this invitation to our wider Catholic community and inviting parishioners from Beechworth, Chiltern, Rutherglen, Corryong, Mt Beauty, Dederang, Tangambalanga, and Tallangatta. This extension reflects the connection that our students have with the broader Northeast area.

Each year the parishioners and students come together for a breakfast, providing an opportunity for them to get to know each other. The tradition has been strongly growing each year and the Breakfast has become an integral way to bring the communities together.

We appreciate the prayers from the Parish Community and the students are always keen to meet the person who is praying for them (if they don't already know them). We encourage parishioners to pray for students they may not know rather than family members (we assume you will be praying for them anyway).

Please record your name and details on the sheet provided so that we will be able to let the students know who is praying for them.

God bless you for your concern for and support of our young people.

C. Telford

Catholic Identity Leader



Please Join us for
morning tea in the
Parish centre each
Tuesday after
morning Mass.

This is a great
opportunity to get
to know your Priests
and Parish Centre
staff.

We hope to
see you there



All Welcome!