



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 19th - 2022: The 4th 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.



Thu's story- Vietnam



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With your generosity, Thu can now earn extra income and support his wife as she recovers from a stroke.

Thu was just 12 years old when he lost his leg. One day, he was looking after his cows when he stepped on an unexploded land mine.

"War is most terrible with great loss. At the end of the war, there are still consequences such as unexploded ordnance, causing many losses, casualties and death," Thu says.

Thu lives in the Quảng Trị province, located on the Northern Central Coast of Vietnam. Situated along the demilitarised zone that divided Vietnam, the province was one of the most heavily bombed areas during the Vietnam War and is considered one of the most polluted provinces in terms of unexploded ordinances (UXOs) in Vietnam.

In addition to being the breadwinner for his family, Thu had to take on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

She is my wife and we have been living together and depending on each other, I am the one to be there with her and for her.

"She almost lost herself after the stroke and had to lean on me. I could understand how she felt because I had experienced the same at the age of 12 after a landmine accident took one of my legs," Thu said.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

The Empowerment of People with Disabilities program supports people living with disabilities to establish Village Saving and Loans Associations (VSLA) so that they can access affordable loans. Through the VSLA he was able to obtain a low-interest loan, which he used to open his own barber shop on a new road that was constructed near his home.

For Thu, the greatest impact that the program has had is seeing the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

"I am grateful to Caritas Australia for the help they give to people living with disability like me and my wife," Thu says. "Thank you to Caritas Australia and the Australian people."

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

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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

Recent Deaths: Helen Tyndall.

Anniversaries: Vlado, Ruza & Stjepan Frketic, Lisa Malone, Frank & Kath Kane, Anne Glass, Mary Holman, Francиска, Ivan, Mary, Stanislav & Rudy Kalc, John Byrne, Ivan Setka, Pat Larkin, Pablo Fuentes Gomez.

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

Parishioners please note:

On **Tuesday the 21st of March** there will be no morning Mass, at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, as our Priests will be attending the Council of Priests Meeting in Shepparton.

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

Welcome Catholic College Wodonga, Malone Community.

We Welcome Catholic College Wodonga, Malone Community as they join us for Morning Mass at 9:15am on **Wednesday the 29th of March.**

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: 083 971

Acct No: 51611 9811

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'.

We Thank you for your support.

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



Wodonga Catholic Parish Reconciliation Program 2023: Enrolments Now Open

Enrolments are now open for the Wodonga Catholic Parish First Reconciliation Program, commencing in May.

An enrolment form can be found on our website, from our Parish Centre, via email: [wcpSacramental@gmail.com](mailto:wcpsacramental@gmail.com), or via our CEW Schools.

Your enrolment form must be completed and returned to the Parish Centre

OR email:

[wcpSacramental@gmail.com](mailto:wcpsacramental@gmail.com).

No later than Wednesday the 19th of April 2023



We are committed to the
NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

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

Upcoming Parish Events: Save the Dates:



Parish Centre Morning Tea:

March 21st: ALL WELCOME

WCP Youth Event: March 26th

WODONGA ROSTERS 25TH & 26TH MARCH

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Peter & Trish Kellow

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Mary Harkness & Jennifer Flower

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| MASS TIMES: | 5:00 pm | 8:30 am | 10:30 am |
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| Altar Servers: Volunteers Lector 1: Juliana Vaughan Lector 2: Ha Ngo | Altar Servers: Volunteers Lector 1: Kath Rotherham Lector 2: John Barrat | Altar Servers: Volunteers Lector 1: Ampy Clark Lector 2: Don Cameron |
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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| 5:00 pm Michael, Joy & Pam | 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 19TH MARCH

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| <u>THIS WEEK: TEAM: 10</u> | John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman |
| <u>NEXT WEEK: TEAM 1:</u> | John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker, John Foley |

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 26TH MARCH

LECTOR: Roseanna

Backup: Gail

COMMENTATOR: Bruce

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 2ND APRIL

FIRST / SECOND READING: Alanna Kirley

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Sharon Coulston

POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Gospel: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.'

The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?'

'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him,

'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'

'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Readings this week:

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

Readings next week

Ezekiel 37:12-14
 Romans 8:8-11
 John 11:1-45

Responsorial Psalm :

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
 I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me
 will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God,
 Lord Jesus Christ!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



Wodonga Catholic Parish Holy Week & Easter Mass Times-2023

Parish Communal Celebration of Reconciliation – Thursday 30th March - 2023, 7:00pm Sacred Heart Wodonga

Palm Sunday: 2nd April:

Blessings of the palms at all Masses this weekend.

Chrism Mass: Tuesday 4th April 11:00 am – Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo

Holy Thursday: 6th April

8.00 am Tenebrae – St Augustine's Church, Wodonga (Extended Morning Prayer of the Church)

5.00 pm until 5.45 pm Reconciliation – Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga Fr Junjun

6.00 pm Reconciliation - St Joseph's Church Mt Beauty Fr Adi

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Joseph's Church Mt Beauty Fr Adi

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga Fr Junjun

9.00 pm *"The Watch" before the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with night prayer of the Church*

Good Friday 7th April

7:30 am Tenebrae St Augustine's Church, Wodonga Fr Junjun

9:00 am Stations of the Cross, St Francis of Assisi Primary School - Baranduda Fr Junjun

10.30 am Stations of the Cross, Dederang, followed by Reconciliation Fr Adi

3.00 pm Liturgy – The Lord's Passion – Mt Beauty followed by Reconciliation Fr Adi

3.00 pm Liturgy – The Lord's Passion – Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga Fr Junjun

4.00 pm – 5.00 pm Reconciliation Sacred Heart Church Wodonga Fr Junjun

Holy Saturday Vigil 8th April

8.00 am – Tenebrae St Augustine's Church, Wodonga Fr Junjun

9.00 am – until 9:30 am. Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga Fr Adi

7.00 pm Easter Vigil – Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga Fr Junjun

7.00 pm Easter Vigil – St Joseph's Church, Mt Beauty Fr Adi

Easter Sunday 9th April

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| 6.30 am Sunrise Service : | Ecumenical Service | Tawonga Gap | Sr Eileen |
| 6.00 am Sunrise Mass : | Ebden Reserve | Hume Weir | Fr Junjun |
| 8.30 am & 10.30 am | Sacred Heart Church, | Wodonga | Fr Malcolm |
| 8.30 am | St Joseph's Church, | Mt Beauty | Fr Adi |
| 10.30 am | St Joseph's Church, | Dederang | Fr Adi |
| 10:30 am | Our Lady Help of Christians, | Tangambalanga | Fr Malcolm |