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Office Hours

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Monday to Friday

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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.

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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.



April 30th - 2023 : The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

Looking at the Gospels:

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Pope Francis Easter Vigil Homily

Brother, sister, remember Galilee, your Galilee, and your call. Remember the Word of God who at a precise moment spoke directly to you. Remember that powerful experience of the Spirit; that great joy of forgiveness experienced after that one confession; that intense and unforgettable moment of prayer; that light that was kindled within you and changed your life; that encounter, that pilgrimage... Each of us knows where our Galilee is located. Each of us knows the place of his or her interior resurrection, that beginning and foundation, the place where things changed. We cannot leave this in the past; the Risen Lord invites us to return there to celebrate Easter. Remember your Galilee. Remind yourself. Today, relive that memory. Return to that first encounter. (Abridged, part 3)

Something to Ponder:

The will of God will never take you to where, the Grace of God will not protect you

~ Bernadette Devlin

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:



Parish Safety Officer is Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366 Towards Healing helpline Free Call Ph: 1800 816 030 <u>Lifeline</u> is a non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour Crisis Support Ph: 13 11 14

What's happening in our Parish

Recent Deaths: Sergio Lobos, Jim Mooney

Anniversaries: John Kelly, Paul McGowan, Annie (Sno) Casey, Anna Lobos, Christine Ryan.

Sick: Zoey La Motte-Schubert, Jim Costelloe, John Hodson, Ricky Ellul, Robert Anderson,

Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, Mary Shaddock, Terry Maw,

parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.



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Prayer for young people and for vocations

Lord Jesus,

I thank You for my life and for all the good qualities You have gifted me with.

I thank You for friendships, family life and for so many opportunities to grow.

I thank You for inviting me to walk closely with You, and to continue to proclaim and deepen what You stand for; love, justice and peace.

Thank You for living with me through your Holy Spirit, and encouraging, loving, forgiving, healing and empowering me.

Touch my heart and renew me with Your presence. Fill me with joy.

Continue to mould and nurture me, so that I will never be afraid to respond to the needs of others and Your world, and turn to You in times of difficulty and distress.

I trust You with my past life, my present situation and with my future.

Today I decide again to accept You and You alone as my God.

I truly desire to know You better. Amen.

A prayer by Bishop Joe Grech

Liturgical Jottings

The Lord is my shepherd

The Shepherd has been an image of God in the Old and New Testaments and also an image of Christ in the Gospels. Judges, Kings and Elders are also at times given the title "Shepherd". From the creation accounts both cultivator and herdsman (Gen 4:2ff) are given complementary roles. This Sunday, cycle A, the responsorial psalm is 22(23) the Lord is my Shepherd (vv 1-4) but other texts also give other aspects of our Shepherd-God as a leader (Pss 77,78,80), carer (Ps 28), gatherer (Jer 23), protector (Jer 50) and healer (Ezek 34). Many of these roles are taken by Christ in John 10. He is the gatekeeper and protector to his flock (A), one who lays down his life for his sheep (B) and life-giver (C). Most comforting, Jesus as the Good Shepherd has a loving relationship with his flock.

Finally Jesus entrusts Peter with the role of shepherd (John 21) and now it is extended to the entire church and its pastors.

Wodonga Rosters 6th & 7th of May

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers **SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers**

8:30 am 10:30 am **MASS TIMES:** 5:00 pm

Altar Servers: Altar Servers: Altar Servers: Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers

Lector 1: Jean Tabra Lector 1: Lector 1: Jim Costelloe Michael McLinden Lector 2: Christian Bashimbe Lector 2: Lector 2: Anne Tremethick

Meryl Brown

Eucharistic Ministers This Weekend

5:00 pm Mavis, Denise & Volunteer 8:30 am Mike I, Anne K & Maureen 10:30 am Ampy, Nina & Diane

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

Counters This Weekend

Marg Whitehead, John Barrat THIS WEEK: TEAM: 6

NEXT WEEK: **TEAM 7**: Peter Murray, Matt Ley

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: MAY 7TH **DEDERANG ROSTERS: MAY 7TH** LECTOR: Deb FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston Backup: Rachel WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer COMMENTATOR: Peter

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out.

When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him:

they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Readings this week:

Acts 2:14, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20-25

John 10:1-10

Readings next week:

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the

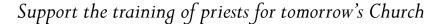
Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.



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Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal





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Knights of the Southern Cross Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 2 May in Parish Centre.

Further info: Des Lonergan 0408 575 825

Catholic Women's League Meeting

CWL meeting will take place on

May 10th in the

Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre after
the 9:15am morning Mass.

Please Note: Change of date.

Did you know?

In Australia, we will celebrate Laudato Si' Week
between May 16 and May 24.
These dates are different from the dates
promoted internationally to enable us to fully
celebrate National Sorry Day (May 26) and
National Reconciliation Week (May 27 – June 3) fully.

The theme for 2023 is **Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity.**

Sandhurst Scripture Talks 2023:

Acts of the Apostles: Making Decisions with the Holy Spirit

Join Dr Rosemary Canavan and Rev. Dr Brian Boyle a on a journey through Luke's "Acts of the Apostles" focusing on the elucidation of the Holy Spirit in the birth of the Church and the activity of the Holy Spirit in the process of discernment in the Council of Jerusalem.

"Its emphasis on discernment, prayerful reflection and indeed synodality makes Acts a topical and enjoying work for study and reflection." (Fr Brian Boyle)

Online via Zoom 7.00 p.m. Tuesday 9, 16 and 23 May.

These Talks are free, but you must register to attend.

These talks are eligible for maintaining accreditation for teachers in Catholic Schools.

Go to our website for more details.





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