



# 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.



## April 9th - 2023: Easter Sunday

### 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.

### Easter 2023 Message

In the words of the Risen Lord: "Greetings!" (Mt 28:9)

My dear People of God, sisters and brothers in Christ,

Dear Parishioners of the Wodonga Catholic Parish and Tallangatta and Corryong Parishes:

It is not easy to face the death of a loved one.

The Blessed Mother Mary and the faithful followers of Jesus would have experienced this when they saw Jesus died on the Cross.

Yet, thanks be to the Resurrection of Christ Jesus, we know that pain, suffering and even death cannot have the final say in us.

This gives us hope. This is why Jesus said in his first resurrection appearance:

'Do not be afraid.'

But how can we not be afraid? When things such as a rising cost of living, unemployment, housing problems, war, economic instability, territorial conflicts, and many more are happening around us as we speak?

This is where hope plays a great role.

Hope assures that pain and problems are temporary while and joy is eternal with the risen Lord.

I remember, Easter Sunday evening last year, my family faced the pain of the death of my second eldest sister of Cancer.

Instead of celebrating the joys of Easter, we were organizing the funeral for my sister.

What helped us get through that is the fact that my sister was a great person of faith and the fact that for the *'faithful life is changed, not ended'*.

We comfort each other with confidence that we will see my sister again in the light of Christ's resurrection.

In the light of Easter, hope means that despite pains in life, the cross we have to carry, the sufferings we have to bear, there is joy that awaits us in the end, if we let Christ be our light and if we let him be our friend as we go on our Emmaus walk of disappointment and disillusionment.

This is the essence of the message of the angel to the first witnesses of the resurrection in the gospel of Matthew (Mt 28:1-10). The angel said to the scared witnesses: *'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen.'*

So the call for us is to look for the Risen Lord and endeavour to walk with him or more exactly, to have Christ walk with us in our life's journey.

For Jesus, it is not easy to see a loved one remain in a deadly path, so he took the path himself to get us out of it.

As Pope Francis would say: *"Jesus experienced total abandonment in a situation he had never before experienced in order to be one with us in everything. He did it for me, for you, to say to us: "Do not be afraid, you are not alone. I experienced all your desolation in order to be ever close to you."*

This is our God. And I hope and pray that we may grow even closer to him and to one another especially this Easter time.

May the Risen Christ strengthen our hope.

I hope and pray, you are all well and safe and have a grace-filled Easter season.

Happy Easter one and all! Fr Junjun

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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.

# What's happening in our Parish

**Recent Deaths:** Maureen Mannion.

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Quirk, Michael Fagan, Anton Kalcic, Muriel Ward, David Sinnott,

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



## **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**

**E: [wcpsacramental@gmail.com](mailto:wcpsacramental@gmail.com).**

**Enrolments Close: Wednesday the 19th of April**

## **Liturgical Jottings: Incense Studs**

What an intriguing title – what are incense studs?  
We see them every day in Church.

They are the five brass or wax studs on the front of the Paschal candle placed in the form of a cross.

The priest inserts them in the paschal candle as part of the blessing of the Candle at the paschal fire during the Easter Vigil.

*The studs contain grains of incense. While inserting the studs into the candle the priest prays:*

*1 By his holy 2 and glorious wounds, 3 may Christ the Lord 4 guard us 5 and protect us. Amen.*

## **FYI: EASTER GOSPEL**

The accounts of the Resurrection according to John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-7 or Luke 24:1-12 may be chosen for Easter Day or Luke 24:13-35 for Easter evening

## **Congratulations and Welcome!**

Please join us after the Easter Vigil in Welcoming our Sacramental Candidates  
Kaye, Carol, Bridgette, Shanna and Abbie.

We thank God for the gift of faith & these lovely people joining us in our faith journey and faith community.

We invite you, our parish community, to stay after the Mass and join us for a celebratory supper in the foyer

to welcome and congratulate them.

Thank you, Fr Junjun & the RCIA Team

## **Farewell Fr Shibu: SAVE THE DATE!**

**April 16th @ 6pm**

Fr Shibu and our Indian community extend an invitation to all parishioner's to attend his final Mass here at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

Please bring a plate to share for a small celebration after the Mass, as we farewell Fr Shibu and wish him the best as he returns home.

## **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**

**Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour Crisis Support Ph: 13 11 14**



## Wodonga Rosters 15th & 16th of April

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Volunteers

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Dot Larkin, Carmel Gannon

### MASS TIMES:

**5:00 pm**

**8:30 am**

**10:30 am**

**Altar Servers:** Volunteers  
**Lector 1:** Dave Seiter  
**Lector 2:** Marilyn Seiter

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**Lector 2:** Jean Tabra

### Eucharistic Ministers This Weekend

**5:00 pm** Denise, Clive & Mick

**8:30** Michael, Anne K & Maureen

**10:30 am** Ampy Nina & Diane

### Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

### Counters This Weekend

**THIS WEEK: TEAM: 3** Bernie & Julie Jones, Gerard Peeters  
**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 4:** Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kath Didier

#### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: APRIL 16TH

**LECTOR:** Jenny  
**Backup:** Peter  
**COMMENTATOR:** Gail

#### DEDERANG ROSTERS: APRIL 16TH

**FIRST / SECOND READING:** Alanna Kirley  
**WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:** Sharon Coulston  
**POWERPOINT:** Diane Goonan

### Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke, and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples.

"He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.'

Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus.

'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them,

'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

#### Readings this week:

Acts 10:34, 37-43  
 Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8  
 John 20:1-9 or Matt 28:1-10

#### Readings next week:

Acts 2:42-47  
 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 John 20:19-31

#### Responsorial Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

#### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.





# Wodonga Catholic Parish Holy Week & Easter Mass Times-2023

## Holy Thursday: 6<sup>th</sup> 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	Mt Beauty	Fr Adi
7.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper,	Mt Beauty	Fr Adi
7.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Sacred Heart Church,	Wodonga	Fr Junjun
9.00 pm	<i>"The Watch" before the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with night prayer of the Church</i>		

## Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Wodonga		Fr Junjun

## Holy Saturday Vigil 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> April

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	Sacred Heart Church,	Wodonga	Fr Malcolm
10.30 am	Sacred Heart Church,	Wodonga	Fr Junjun
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