



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 16th - 2023 : The Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy 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.

Pope Francis on Easter:

In his Easter message "To the Church and to the World", Pope Francis announced that Jesus, the Crucified One, is risen, and he remembers victims of war, all those suffering around the world, and appeals ardently that the peace of Christ may enter our lives, our homes, and our countries. 17 Apr 2022

Pope Francis Easter Vigil Homily 2023:

The women set out toward Jesus' tomb bewildered and dismayed, Yet upon arriving and seeing the empty tomb, they turn around and run to the disciples to proclaim a change of course: Jesus is risen. Sometimes we too may think that the joy of our encounter with Jesus is something belonging to the past, whereas the present consists mostly of tombs of disappointment, bitterness and distrust, of the dismay of thinking that "nothing more can be done". If we are prey to sorrow, burdened by sadness, laid low by sin, embittered by failure or simply feel weary about our daily routine – each of us knows our own plights, our paths come to a halt before a row of tombs, and we stand there, filled with sorrow and regret, alone and powerless, repeating the question, "Why?" The Paschal of the Lord motivates us to move forward, to leave behind our sense of defeat, to roll away the stone of the tombs in which we often imprison our hope, and to look with confidence to the future, for Christ is risen and has changed the direction of history. (Abridged, part 1)

Looking at the Readings:

Each year (cycles A, B & C), the passage of the first and second appearances of the Risen Lord to the apostles is read. These two appearances occur a week apart, on the first Sunday of the Resurrection and eight days later, the Second Sunday of Easter. There is both continuity and disruption in these two encounters. The scenes are almost identical: Jesus suddenly appears in the locked room and says to the apostles: "Peace be with you". The first time Thomas is absent, and on listening to the others, refuses to believe. The second time Thomas is present and makes a wonderful affirmation of faith.

In fact, most of Jesus' disciples initially gave signs of incredulity; Thomas was more emphatic. He expressed what others had thought. Yet it allows us to partake in their experiences of fear, doubt, witness, conversion and expression of faith in the Risen Lord.

The account of the double appearance of the Lord on the two Sundays has a definite liturgical flavour. The first day of the week is the day when the Christian community comes together to celebrate the Eucharist, the sacrament of the Lord's presence. Amid the competing noises on Sunday we must rediscover the holiness and peace of the day and hear Christ's words: 'Peace be with you'.

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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:

Peter Tubie (husband of Lyndell Tubie), Helen Jalski

Anniversaries:

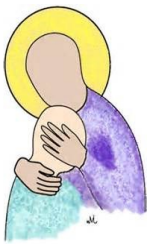
Kit Ley, Yvette Bone (Black), Rita McDonald, William Hickey, Monica Jones, Bill Smith, Mary Jones, Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister), Anna Lobos

Sick:

John Hodson, Ricky Ellul, Robert Anderson, Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, Mary Shaddock, Sergio Lobos, Terry Maw, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.



Wodonga Catholic Parish Reconciliation Program Enrolments closing this Wednesday!



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,
OR via our CEW Schools.

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

E: wcpsacramental@gmail.com.

Enrolments Close: Wednesday the 19th of April 2023



**St. Francis
of Assisi**
PRIMARY SCHOOL WODONGA

**We are excited to tell you about
the plan to expand St Francis of
Assisi Primary School to a
Foundation - Year 12 School.
It is anticipated that in 2029 we
will welcome our first Year 7 group
to begin their secondary journey.**

Wodonga Rosters 22nd & 23rd of April

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Jennifer Flower & Mary Harkness

MASS TIMES:		5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am	
Altar Servers:	Volunteers	Altar Servers:	Volunteers	Altar Servers:	Volunteers
Lector 1:	Ha Ngo	Lector 1:	Ross Black	Lector 1:	Christian Bashimbe
Lector 2:	Juliana Vaughan	Lector 2:	Marg Ware	Lector 2:	Ampy Clark

Eucharistic Ministers This Weekend

5:00 pm:	Sandy, David & Helen	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 Weekend

THIS WEEK: TEAM: 4 Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kath Didier

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 5: Margo Keat, Marion & Gerry Fitzpatrick

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 23rd

LECTOR: Mary-Anne

Backup: Jenny

COMMENTATOR: Bruce

DEDERANG ROSTERS: MAY 7th

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them.

He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,
'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made
in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed,
but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas,
'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer
but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this
book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Readings this week:

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

Readings next week:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 22: 13-35

Responsorial Psalm :

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because
you have seen me; happy those who have not seen
me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

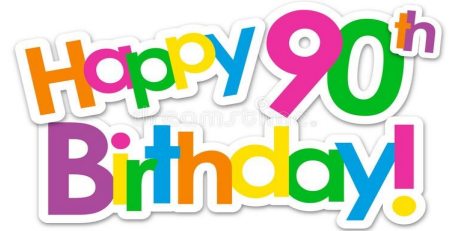
WCP Communion Visits to Westmont & Estia & to the homebound.

We are wanting to resume this very important ministry in our Parish of taking communion to parishioners in our Aged Care Residences Westmont and Estia only and if requested to those who are homebound.

Of course, post covid, much has changed with requirements for volunteers who undertake this ministry.

Paper work re Aged Care Policy will need to be signed, proof of 3 Covid vaccinations and a RAT prior to entering the facility is needed and masks must be worn when visiting.

If you are interested in being placed on a roster please contact the Parish Centre Ph: 6024 3366 or email: wodcath@bigpond.net.au and we can send you the required documentation.



The parishioners of Mt Beauty,
St Joseph's wish
Pia Angelini special
blessings for having
celebrated her
90th birthday, 30/03/2023

Farewell Fr Shibu: Please Join us this Sunday @ 6pm

Fr Shibu and our Indian community extend an invitation to all parishioners 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 to India.

Baptism Preparation

Evening:

**Our next Preparation evening is
Tuesday May 2nd at 6:00 pm in
Parish Centre.**

Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents and other family members are also welcome. For information or to register

**Contact: Our Parish Centre friendly
staff : PH: 6024 3366 OR E:
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FaceBook <https://www.facebook.com/wodongacatholicparish/> or our website.
go to www.wodongacatholicparish.com.au



Easter Quote:

"I believe in the Risen Christ like I believe in the sun – not because I can see it but by it I can see everything else." – C.S. Lewis