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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.

# Wodonga Catholic Parish





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 23rd - 2023 : The Third 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

The Easter post-catechumenate instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread. © Dianne Bergant CSA

# Pope Francis Easter Vigil Homily

The women leave the tomb behind and run to the disciples to proclaim a change of course: Jesus is risen and awaits them in Galilee. Those women experienced Easter as a Pasch, a passage. They are to set out immediately to reach a destination, Galilee. There they will meet the Risen Lord. The resurrection of the hearts of the disciples passes through Galilee. Let us enter into this journey of the disciples from the tomb to Galilee. Let us ask ourselves today, brothers and sisters: what does it mean to go to Galilee? Two things: to leave the enclosure of the Upper Room and go to the land of the Gentiles, to come forth from hiding and to open themselves up to mission, to leave fear behind and to set out for the future. Secondly it is a return to the origins, for it was precisely in Galilee that everything began. There the Lord had met and first called the disciples. So, to go to Galilee means to return to the grace of the beginnings, to regain the memory that regenerates hope, the "memory of the future" bestowed on us by the Risen One. (Abridged part 2)

# Something to Ponder:

Life is a journey that must be travelled no matter how bad the roads and accommodations - Oliver Goldsmith.

# What's happening in our Parish

**Recent Deaths:** Keith Martin.

**Anniversaries:** Ted Horne, Antonia Amaya Cabalida, John Crothers, Patricia Henson,

Maria Fairman, Josie Grujcic, Bernie Mervin, Christine Ryan, Paul McGowan.

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

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

parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.



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# Parish Gift Shop

Cecilia McCormick has advised, she will no longer be managing our Parish Gift shop.

We thank Cecilia for her time and effort while managing our gift shop and welcome any parishioners who may wish to assist after weekend Masses, this is not an arduous task and support would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Ph: 0260243366

# **HOW ISLAM**

Presented by:



Sacred Heart Church Wodonga **Working Bee!** 

On Saturday the 1st of April we had a working Bee to Clean up the church and grounds before Easter.

Our Church is SPARKLING!

A big thank you is offered to all who participated on the day.

We are blessed to have such good people willing to give of their time and energy.

Date: Tuesday 25th April, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: **Lecture Theatre** 

University of Melbourne

**Shepparton Campus** 

49 Graham Street, Shepparton

Hosted By: "To Know Him is to Love Him:

Catechesis for Today's Catholic"

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# 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 29th & 30th of April

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Volunteers Sacred Heart Altar: Volunteers

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

Altar Servers:VolunteersAltar Servers:VolunteersAltar Servers:VolunteersLector 1:Dave GillLector 1:Des LonerganLector 1:Don Cameron

Lector 2: Christine Stewart Lector 2: Maureen Lonergan Lector 2: Gerard Moore

#### **Eucharistic Ministers This Weekend**

5:00 pm Meryl, Amilia & Juliana 8:30 am John A, John B & Erris 10:30 am Jacinta, Gerri & Lucette

Children's Liturgy: 8.30 am & 10.30 am

## **Counters This Weekend**

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

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 6: Marg Whitehead, John Barrat

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: APRIL 30th

DEDERANG ROSTERS: MAY 7TH

LECTOR: Rachel FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston

Backup: Mary-Anne WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

COMMENTATOR: Mary-Anne PowerPoint: Harrison Fischer

## Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

#### Readings this week:

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

#### **Readings next week:**

Acts 2:14, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20-25

John 10:1-10

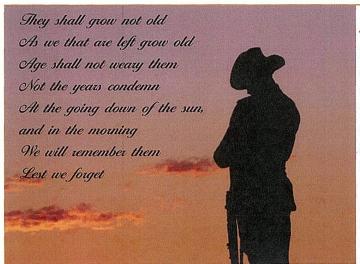
**<u>Responsorial Psalm:</u>** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.



# ...The First Anzac Day

In 1916 the first Anzac Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them "the knights of Gallipoli". Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney march convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war Anzac Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns,

and parades of serving members of the AIF were held in most cities.

# ....What it means today .....

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. anniversary of the first major military action fought by It marks the Australian New Zealand forces during the First World and ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day. Australians recognise 25 April as a day of National Remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.



...Why is this day special to Australians? When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany. The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war. Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the "Anzac legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.

Anzac Day

This ANZAC Day Victorians will come together to honour and commemorate the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the Australian Defence force.



5.45 am: Dawn Service

7:00 am: Breakfast at RSL Wodonga sub-branch

9:15am Anzac Day Mass: Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

10.45 am: Memorial march from RSL to Woodland Grove via High St

11:00 am: Memorial service in Woodland Grove

Noon: Refreshments and traditional games at RSL Wodonga RSL

All Enquiries: Wodonga RSL sub-branch on (02) 6024 2023