

Wodonga Parish Centre 283 Beechworth Road Wodonga Vic 3690: Phone: 02 6024 3366 E:wodcath@bigpond.net.au **Office Hours** 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Monday to Friday **Parish Priest** Father Junjun Amaya 0459-356-917 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.

# 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.



### May 14th - 2023 : The Sixth 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.

#### From our Pope:

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I think of you dear mothers: How much you pray for your children without getting tired. Continue to pray, to entrust your children to God; He has a great heart. I like to think that God created Woman so we could all have mothers.

#### Looking at the Gospels:

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the command-ments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope." © Dianne Bergant CSA

#### World Social Communications Day 14 May:

Focus for this Day 2023 is "speaking with the heart". It is the heart that spurred us to go, to see and to listen, and it is the heart that moves us towards an open and welcoming way of communicating.

May the Lord Jesus, the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father, help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt.

May the Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, help us listen to the beating of hearts, to rediscover ourselves as brothers and sisters, and to disarm the hostility that divides.

May the Lord Jesus, the Word of truth and love, help us speak the truth in charity, so that we may feel like protectors of one another.

Pope Francis Message for 57<sup>th</sup> World Day of Social Communications.

#### A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:



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

### What's happening in our Parish

#### **Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Lawrence Crothers, Frank & Kath Kane, Ruza Frketic, Danika Slasic, Dorka Lesic, Paul Moate, Terry Gullifer, Norman, Maree and Noelene Oliver, Frank & Kath Kane.

#### Sick:

Terry Maw, John Hodson, Zoey La Motte-Schubert, Ricky Ellul, Robert Anderson, Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, Mary Shaddock, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.

#### Ignite Conference 2023 - Wonder!

Ignite Youth are all about pointing people to the ultimate source of adventure and purpose – a life following Jesus. We're about raising up a generation to come alive in faith and change their world. Our vision is to see young people everywhere who are 'not just changed for a day, but transformed for life'. For more information go to <u>https://igniteyouth.com/</u>

#### Pentecost Sunday Multicultural Masses & BBQ Lunch!

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, will again celebrate our diverse community at all weekend Masses on Sunday May 28th. As we are rich in cultural backgrounds, Frs. Junjun, Uday, Adi and the members of the

PPC, invite all parishioners to join in this celebration.

A BBQ will be provided after the 10:30 am Mass please bring a plate to share (perhaps a traditional dish) with a BBQ lunch. Wear your cultural/traditional dress and enjoy our rich and diverse community.





#### Catholic Earthcare Australia:

A program of Caritas Australia engaging with our Catholic community as we listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. It has the Caritas Australia values of courage, compassion, partnership and stewardship at its heart as we build Laudato Si' communities across Australia. Initially responding to <u>Pope John Paul II's call</u> to encourage and support 'ecological conversion', it now responds to the similar call from <u>Laudato Si'</u>, the environmental encyclical in which Pope Francis implores us to protect our common home.

To escalate the implementation of Laudato Si', Pope Francis has established the <u>Laudato Si' Action Platform</u> with its 7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years.

Would you like to participate in this valuable ministry? Supporting Wodonga Catholic Parish in our continued efforts as an Earthcare Parish?



#### Parishioners:

Did you know you can request our Bulletin by email? You can also view the latest and previous Bulletins on FaceBook or our website. Please go to our FaceBook page at https://www.facebook.com/wodongacatholicparish/ or our website. www.wodongacatholicparish.com.au

Wodonga Rosters 20th & 21st of May						
SACRED HEART CLEAN	ers	Sacred Heart Altar: Mary Harkness, Jennifer Flower				
MASS TIMES: 5:00 pm		n	8:30 am		10:30 am	
Altar Servers: Lector 1: Lector 2:	Volunteers Christine Ste Ha Ngo	wart Lect	Servers or 1: or 2:	: Volunteers Michael Iverson Ross Black	Altar Servers: Lector 1: Lector 2:	Volunteers Ampy Clark Don Cameron
Eucharistic Ministers 20th & 21st of May						
<b>5:00 pm</b> Louise, Michaela, Caitlyn <b>8:30 am</b> John A, John B, Erris <b>10:30 am</b> Jacinta, Gerry, Lucette						
Children's Liturgy: 8.30 am & 10.30 am-Children's liturgy Team						
Counters This Weekend						
THIS WEEK: TEAM: 8Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank WatsonNEXT WEEK: TEAM 9:Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown						
MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: MAY 14TH				DEDERANG ROSTERS: MAY 21ST		
LECTOR:	or: Gail			FIRST / SECOND READING: Alanna Kirley		
Backup:	Bruce		WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Sharon Coulston		haron Coulston	
COMMENTATOR:	Bruce			PowerPoint:	Γ	Diane Goonan
Gospel: John 14:15-21						
Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave your orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'						
Readings this v   Acts 8:5-8,14-17   1 Peter 3:15 -18   John 14:15 -21   Readings next   Acts 1:1-11   Ephesians 1:17-   Matthew 28:16-	, week: 23		<mark>ation</mark> : A a A	et all the earth cry c Ileluia, alleluia! All w Ind my Father will low Ileluia! ord, hear our prayer	vho love me will ve them and we	keep my words,

### Fr Junjun's Mother's Day Message:

#### For you Mum,

Today, we pay special tribute and honour to our mothers because of their great love and service for their family and to the community at large. There is a Jewish proverb that says: 'God could not be everywhere so he created mothers.'

If we also look deeper, the word 'mother' can be broken into two words: '*Minding Other*'. That's what mothers do, minding others first before themselves.

So today, with gratitude to God for the gift of our mother, we ESPECIALLY THANK our (Mum, Mama, Nana, Nanay, Ma, Me, Mzazi, Majka, Mathair, Mati, or however we endear our mothers and mother figures with) for their selfless love and tender care for us. THANK YOU SO MUCH for the gift that you are to us.

In the spirit of today, and with the blessings of the risen Lord, this is our prayer for you our dear mothers:

## <u>A Mother's Day Prayer</u>



#### Loving God,

You have loved us with an everlasting love (Jer 31:3) You have loved us even more as a mother loved her child. Today, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of mothers.

#### We pray for the mothers-to-be,

who are just beginning to be the bearers of new life in them, may they welcome their forthcoming child with loving anticipation and joy.

**W**e pray for the young mothers, may they cherish their child with tender care and unconditional love.

**W**e pray for the mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, conflict, violence and for any other reasons.

Comfort them, strengthen their hope, and let them feel your loving embrace that wipes every tear away.

We pray for all Mother-figures,

those who have loved, surrounded and shaped us with motherly care and compassion.

We especially pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us, Their sacrifices and care gave us a glimpse of the extent of your love for us. Thank you for them.

Grant health, blessings, and well-being for those our mothers who are still alive.

We also remember those mothers who are no longer with us. While they live forever in our hearts and memory grant them eternal rest and reward of their labours. Amen.