

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

9:30 am - 3:00 pm Monday to Friday Parish Priest Father Junjun Amaya 0459-356-917

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0422-814-178

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Sister Eileen Reardon 0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty) Safe Guarding Officer:

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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

#### 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 ST MICHAELS CHURCH Tallangatta, SACRED HEART CHURCH Corryong.



# May 21st - 2023 : The Ascension of The Lord

## **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:



Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us. General Audience 17 April 2013.

## **Ascension Blessing:**

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe, in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no-one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. We ask this through Christ. Our Lord. Amen.

# **Looking at the Gospels:**

The first and second readings and the responsorial psalm of the feast of the Ascension of the Lord are the same each year. The new lectionary provides an alternative second reading. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives the historical account of the Ascension, the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians gives a theological insight into the mystery of Christ's Ascension The Matthean account (this year, cycle A) presents the final dialogue with the Apostles. Christ gives these instructions and farewell reassurance. There is no mention of the Ascension. The gospels according to Mark and Luke do while the Gospel of John does not mention the Ascension.

Within Luke's account (Acts 1:1-11) distinct features are included about the Ascension: the Lord instructs them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit and be witnesses to the reign of God. Christ's ministry began in Jerusalem (Luke 2:41) and ends there (Luke 24:47,53, Acts 1:4) but the Apostles, beginning in Jerusalem are to go out to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

St Paul's words to the Ephesians are full of encouragement for them and enthusiasm for the glory and power of the risen and ascended Lord. What Christ Jesus has achieved we have the hope to share now and at the fullness of time. This hope must impel us to be witnesses to his peace and forgiveness. Come, Lord Jesus!

# What's happening in our Parish

**Recent Deaths:** Lloyd Pendergast.

**Anniversaries:** 

Simone Radcliffe, Win Hayward, Elsie Schuntner, Ethel Dow, Mary Christensen, May Crompvoets, Zvonko Bicanic, Janko Bravar

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.



# LAUDATO SI' WEEKI 16th - 24th May

This is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home.

As a Catholic Earthcare Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress the whole Church is, making on its journey towards the seven Laudato Si' Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.





# A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Towards Healing helpline Free Call Ph: 1800 816 030 Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour Crisis Support Ph: 13 11 14. Our Parish Safe Guarding

Officer is Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366



A Listener Funded **Community Radio** Station the Light

is Albury Wodonga's non-denominational Christian FM Station.

Our programming contains music and entertaining shows for your whole family to enjoy.

Programs include Lifestyle and current affairs interviews and a series of popular inspirational segments.

theLight Albury Wodonga helps people lead hopeful lives through fun entertainment, helpful content, uplifting experiences and a unique connection with their 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 Pope John Paul II's call to encourage and support 'ecological conversion', it now responds to the similar call from Laudato Si', 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 Laudato Si' Action Platform 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? Please contact: Sr Eileen Reardon Ph: 0458 327 554



# 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 27th & 28th of May

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Volunteers Sacred Heart Altar: Volunteers

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

Altar Servers: Altar Servers: Altar Servers: Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers Lector 1: Gerard Moore Lector 1: Juliana Vaughan Lector 1: Luci Saric Lector 2: Jean Tabra Lector 2: Fiona Barrett Lector 2: Don Cameron

## **Eucharistic Ministers 27th & 28th of May**

5:00 pm Clive, Christine & Phil 8:30 am Michael, Anne K, & Maureen 10:30 am Ampy, Nina & Diane

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am-Children's liturgy Team

#### **Counters This Weekend**

THIS WEEK: TEAM: 9 Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 10: John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman

| Mt Beauty Rosters: May 28th |           | DEDERANG ROSTERS: JUNE 4TH        |                  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| LECTOR:                     | Bruce     | FIRST / SECOND READING:           | Judy Brewer      |
| Backup:                     | Deb       | WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: | Alanna Kirley    |
| COMMENTATOR:                | Mary-Anne | POWERPOINT:                       | Harrison Fischer |

# Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them.

When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated.

Jesus came up and spoke to them.

He said,

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations;
baptise them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.
And know that I am with you always;
yes, to the end of time.'

## **Readings this week:**

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

#### Readings next week:

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

# Pentecost Sunday Multicultural Masses & BBQ Lunch!



Wodonga Catholic Parish will again celebrate our diverse community at all weekend

Masses on Sunday May 28th,

Pentecost Sunday.

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

at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

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.



# **Position Available**

Wodonga Catholic Parish is seeking to fill a casual position of Housekeeper/Cleaner for the presbytery.

The purpose of the
Housekeeper/Cleaner is to
provide effective and timely
housekeeping services to ensure
the smooth and efficient
running of the presbytery household.



# **Interested?**

Please contact Sonia La Motte-Schubert (Sonni) at the Parish Centre via

E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au or PH:02 6024 3366



### **CARITAS SORRY DAY WEBINAR**

25 May - 11-12 pm
Caritas Australia invites you to our Sorry Day Webinar
with survivors from Kinchela Boys Home, one of the most
notorious institutions associated with the Stolen

Generations. In this special event, you will hear from Uncle Widdy (#36) and Uncle Bobby (#24), two survivors of Kinchela Boys Home, one of the most notorious institutions associated with the Stolen Generations.

Caritas Australia's First Australians Programs team will also speak about what truth-telling and intergenerational healing means to our partners

**Date: 25 May Time: 11-12 pm** Location: Zoom Please register at <a href="https://www.caritas.org.au/sorry-day-webinar">www.caritas.org.au/sorry-day-webinar</a>

# **Congratulations:**

Wodonga Catholic Parish congratulates our Reconciliation Candidates, who this week have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

We will keep these children and families in our prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

# Do you volunteer for our Parish?

Is your information up to date?

Do you require help to apply for your Working with Children Card or National Police Check?

Contact Sonni in our Parish Centre Ph: 60243366