



# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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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 MICHAEL'S CHURCH Tallangatta, SACRED HEART CHURCH Corryong.



## July 2nd - 2023 : Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander 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.



### Our Pope Tweets:



*Thinking of Christ present in so many desperate people fleeing conflicts and climate change, the problem of hospitality needs to be confronted together, without excuses and without delay, because the effects will be felt, sooner or later, by all of us. [#WithRefugees](#)*

### Looking at the Gospels:

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

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### Quote of the Day:

Hospitality means we take people into the space that is our lives and our minds and our hearts and our work and our efforts. Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step towards dismantling the barriers of the world. Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time.

Joan D. Chittister

### Prayer for the Day:

Father, your incarnate Word commands our obedience and offers us true life. Make our ears attentive to the voice of your Son and our hearts generous in answering his call, that we may take up the cross with trust in his promises.

### Morning Tea:

Please Join us for morning tea in the Parish Centre each Tuesday after morning Mass. This is a great opportunity to get to know your Priests and Parish Centre staff.

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0459-356-917  
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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

Recently Deceased: Gerromy Meehan, Peter O'Donoghue.

Anniversaries: Ken Young, Maureen Wortmann, James (Jim) Walsh, Stanislav Kalc, Sam Setaro, Neridah Mildren (teacher at CCW 1984-2015), Brian Sully, Jack & Neta Hanlon,

Sick: Terry Maw, John Hodson, Ricky Ellul, Robert Anderson, Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, Mary Shaddock, parishioners who are ill, their families & carers.

## 1843 - A Snippet of Parish History:

In 1843 The first Christian religious service held in the Wodonga (known as Belvoir) area was a Catholic Mass celebrated at Charles Huon's Belvoir homestead, a mud brick building on the eastern side of the little hill beside Wodonga Creek on which Cambourne House now stands, in 1843.



The celebrant was Rev Fr. Charles Lovat, who was making his first visit to Albury and Belvoir from his base at Yass. *Provided by Barry Jackson*

## THIS SUNDAY:

### Parish Welcoming Cuppa: DONUT DAY

This is a lovely opportunity to catch up with friends and/or welcome new parishioners, over a cuppa and a chat.

Please join us on Sunday July the 2nd after 8:30am Mass.  
This month we are serving DONUTS in a COVID SAFE manner.



## St Vincent de Paul:

A collection for the Local branch of St Vincent de Paul will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.



## Youth Corner



The Parish Youth Team meets this weekend to plan exciting events and programs for our young people.

Please pray for them and stay tuned!



The team would like to thank the benefactor who donated a wireless speaker with microphone system.

## Knights of the Southern Cross.

Wangaratta Branch Centenary - an outstanding achievement. Members, former members, wives & widows are cordially invited to join this celebration

**Saturday 22 July at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start**

"Gateway" Quality Hotel Wangaratta  
Bookings & Further information  
\$60 per head: Drinks at bar prices

**Bernie Chivers 0417 535 916 / John Knight 0436 045**

## Catholic Women's League Meeting

The CWL Meeting will take place on  
Wednesday, **July 5th** in the  
**Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre**  
after the 9:15am morning Mass.

## Baptism Preparation Evening:

Our next Preparation evening is **THIS**  
**Tuesday July 4th at 6:00 pm,**  
**Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga**

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 friendly Parish Centre staff :**  
**PH: 6024 3366 OR E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au).**

## Wodonga Rosters 8th & 9th July

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

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

<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteers <b>Lector 1:</b> Meryl Brown <b>Lector 2:</b> Michael McLinden	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteers <b>Lector 1:</b> Ross Black <b>Lector 2:</b> Diana McKinley	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteers <b>Lector 1:</b> Estelle Wiltshire <b>Lector 2:</b> Cristian Bashimbe
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## Eucharistic Ministers 8th & 9th July

5:00 pm: Mick, Sandy & Clive	8:30 am: Maureen, Pat & Anne T	10:30 am: Ampy Nina & Diane
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## Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am—School Holidays

## Counters This Weekend

**THIS WEEK: TEAM: 5**      Margot Keat, Gerry & Marion Fitzpatrick  
**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 6:**      Marg Whitehead, John Barrat

### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 9th July

**LECTOR:** Mary-Anne  
  
**Backup:** Jenny  
  
**Commentator:** Peter

### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 16th July

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

## Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.

Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me.

Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.

Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me;

and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet

will have a prophet's reward;

and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man

will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

### Readings this week:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16  
 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
 Matthew 10:37-42

### Readings next week:

Zechariah 9:9-10  
 Romans 8:9,11-13  
 Matthew 11:25-30

**Responsorial Psalm:** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.



# What's happening in the Diocese

## NATSICC LITURGY TEAM WELCOME A New Life in Christ: Uniting as One People on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday



Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Today, we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. This day also marks the start of NAIDOC Week, a time for celebrating Indigenous culture across the Australian community.

For a range of information about First Nations people and the Catholic Church go to <http://www.natsicc.org.au/>

Each year, Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples. This year's theme, **"A New Life in Christ"** reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted in unity and shared commitment to positive change.

As we commemorate this special day on the Liturgical Calendar, we invite you to listen to our voices and walk alongside us on our journey towards progress. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolizes our unity as one people in Christ, and we urge both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholics to come together in every Catholic Parish and School across this great Southern land.

*Dolly McGaughey, David Miller, Regina McCarthy,  
NATSICC Liturgy Team*



## SEA SUNDAY

9 July 2023

### 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.

if you have any concerns please contact our Parish Safe Guarding Officer:

**Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366**

Or refer to our safeguarding reporting process poster, which is available in your church foyer or on our website. If you would like to view our safety policies, please go to our website at <https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/information/wcp-child-safe-policy/>

and follow the links provided or email Sonni at [woddcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:woddcath@bigpond.net.au).



**"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."**

- Matthew 11:28 (NRSVCE)

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Help us to help them.

On Sea Sunday, pray for them in your parishes.

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**[www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)**