



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 MICHAEL'S CHURCH Tallangatta, SACRED HEART CHURCH Corryong.



July 9th - 2023 : 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 :

When life becomes burdensome, Jesus tells us: "Come to me."



Dear Brothers and Sisters, in today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). The Lord does not reserve this phrase for some of His friends, no, He addresses to "all" those that are tired and oppressed by life. And who can feel excluded from this invitation? The Lord knows what a burden life can be. He knows that many things weary the heart: past disappointments and wounds, burdens to carry and wrongs to be endured in the present, uncertainties and worries for the future.

The temptation to enclose ourselves leading to sadness and prostration.

Jesus' first word is an invitation, an invitation to move and react: "Come." The mistake, when things go badly, is to stay where one is, lying there. It seems evident, but how difficult it is to react and open oneself! It's not easy. In dark moments it is natural to stay with oneself, to brood over how unjust life is, over how ungrateful others are and how evil the world is, and so on. We all know it. We have suffered this awful experience sometimes. But thus, closed in on ourselves, we see everything black. Then we even become familiar with sadness, which becomes as home: that sadness that prostrates us; this sadness is an awful thing. Instead, Jesus wants to extricate us from this "quicksand" and therefore He says to each one: "Come!" – "Who?" – You, you, you . . . The way out is in relation, in extending the hand and raising one's eyes towards the One who really loves us.

It is not enough to come out of ourselves. It is necessary to know where to go: Jesus.

To come out of oneself isn't enough, it is necessary to know where to go, because so many aims are illusory: they promise rest and distract somewhat, assuring peace and giving amusement, then leaving one in the solitude of before; they are "fireworks." Therefore Jesus points out where to go: "Come to Me." Often, in face of a burden of life or a situation that pains us, we try to talk about it with someone who listen to us, with a friend, with an expert . . . It is a great good to do this, but let us not forget Jesus! Let us not forget to open ourselves to Him and to tell Him about our life, to entrust people and situations to Him. Perhaps there are "areas" of our life that we have never opened to Him and that have remained dark, because they have never seen the Lord's light. Each one of us has his/her own story. And if someone has this dark area, seek Jesus, go to a missionary of mercy, go to a priest, go . . . But go to Jesus, and tell this to Jesus. Today He says to each one of us: "Courage, do not give in to the burdens of life, do not close yourself in face of fears and sins, but come to Me!" ~ Pope Francis address ~ 2017

Prayer for the Day:

Lord, let us not hide from our sorrows, burdens, and vulnerability but instead bring them to you, trusting that you continue to welcome all of us into your gracious embrace. In Jesus' name, Amen

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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: Geraldine (McVean) Finlayson, Salvatore Lauricella, Janice Brunner

Anniversaries: Angie Keogh (Casarotto) Mt Beauty, Graham Seymour, Terry Clear, Bill Osborne, Frank Gullifer, Peter Everett, Branka Saric, Sabina & Carmel Duggan, Michael O'Brien.

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

A Snippet of Parish History: 1850's -1860's



November 27th 1906

Wodonga, (an aboriginal name meaning Bulrushes), then known as Belvoir, was a camping place for pioneers, travellers and cattle drovers and would have been

served by priests from Beechworth or Chiltern, which were major gold rush centres. At this time there was a small mud brick church in Wodonga, most likely referred to as St. Francis' Chapel and probably on the site of



St Augustine's church today. It appears that this early building was replaced around 1860 and is recognised as the first Catholic Church in Belvoir, but it was not consecrated as St Augustine's Church until

May 1879. Over the years, the church was enlarged and added to, even right up to the 1920's when Fr Francis Flynn selected and paid for himself, the magnificent stained glass windows on the western wall of the sanctuary.

In 1876, Wodonga became part of the newly formed Parish of Chiltern, and in 1899 became a parish in its own right. St Augustine's Catholic Church was again renovated during late 1990's to early 2000's.



Parish Centre 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.

All Welcome!

Youth Corner



Another parish youth event is just around the corner.

Mark your calendar; save the date.

Sunday 30 July from 3-5pm

More details coming soon.

Please continue to pray for us.



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

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday 1st September, World Day of Prayer for Creation. Sandhurst Diocese will launch the Season of Creation 2023 with Mass at 11am, celebrated by Bishop Shane, at Notley Picnic Area in the Whipstick Forest, Greater Bendigo National Park, followed by a BYO Picnic Lunch. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate this occasion.
(Venue is 16 minutes from the Chancery)

Wodonga Rosters 15th & 16th July

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers **SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Mary Harkness, Jennifer Flower

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

Altar Servers: Volunteers	Altar Servers: Volunteers	Altar Servers: Volunteers
Lector 1: Fiona Barrett	Lector 1: Tekauita	Lector 1: Lara Jaculbia
Lector 2: Matthew Ley	Lector 2: John Barrat	Lector 2: Jenny Sinnott

Eucharistic Ministers 8th & 9th July

5:00 pm: Mavis, Christine & Phil **8:30 am:** Erris, Michael & Marg **10:30 am:** Yves, Peter & Bronwyn

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am—School Holidays

Counters This Weekend

THIS WEEK: TEAM: 6 Marg Whitehead, John Barrat
NEXT WEEK: TEAM 7: Peter Murray, Matt Ley

Mt BEAUTY ROSTERS: 16th July

LECTOR: Rachel
Backup: Mary-Anne
Commentator: Gail

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 16th July

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

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed,
'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth,
for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children.
Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.
Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father;
and no one knows the Son except the Father,
just as no one knows the Father except the Son
and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest.
Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light

Readings this week:

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

Readings next week:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

What's happening in the Diocese



SEA SUNDAY

9 July 2023



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

- Matthew 11:28 (NRSVCE)

Stella Maris is the largest network of chaplains and ship visitors around the world. We welcome and support seafarers who come into Australia to bring us many of the things we need.

Help us to help them.

On Sea Sunday, pray for them in your parishes.

To volunteer or donate, please visit our website:

www.stellamarisaustralia.org

Wodonga Catholic Parish Live Streaming Mass:

Unable to attend Mass?

Wodonga Catholic Parish live streams our Masses Tuesday through to Sunday each week. Find us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/wodongacatholicparish>

St Peter's Pence Collection:

Parishioners please note: On the weekend of **July 22/23** at all Masses we will have a second collection for "St Peter's Pence"

This collection is used for two primary purposes:

The first, to support the Pope's service of the universal Church, carried out by the Dicasteries that assist him in evangelization, the promotion of integral human development, education, communication, etc.; Secondly, to contribute to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need (people and families in distress, populations hit by natural disasters or war, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or development support).

Further information and promotional material is available on the Peter's Pence website:

[Peter's Pence \(obolodisanpietro.va\)](http://Peter's Pence (obolodisanpietro.va))

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.



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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING



Tuesday - 18th - July - 2023

5:00pm to 6:00pm

Please Join us

**at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
for Eucharistic Ministry
Training.**

This is for first time training or as a refresher.

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All Welcome

Need more information? Contact our Parish Centre: