



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 16th - 2023 : 15th 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.

Pope Francis Announces Consistory for Creation of new Cardinals from around the world to be held at the Vatican September 30th 2023.



"Let us pray for the new Cardinals, so that, confirming their adhesion to Christ, the merciful and faithful High Priest, they might help me in my ministry as Bishop of Rome for the good of the entire Holy People faithful to God."

Looking at the Gospel: The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination.

The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it? Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the week

Lord of the harvest, your Word finds a home in our heart, calls us into community, and invites us to generous service of the human family. Bless with courage and spirit your priestly people, called to full participation in the one Body of Christ. May many choose to respond in public service to your call offered in Jesus' name. Amen. ~ Cardinal Joseph Bernadin



Syringe Driver Bag Appeal: As the name suggests, the bags which measure 28 x 18cm carry Syringe Drivers, for administering medication. The patient receives the meds via a tube, which means they have to carry the Syringe Drivers around with them all the time. Providing bright and colourful bags is a small way of bringing a little cheeriness to the patient. Sr Mai, a Mercy Sister and Social Worker at Mercy public hospital for women, Heidelberg, Melbourne, has asked for our support with this appeal. **We need volunteers to make bags for those receiving palliative care or cancer treatment? OR Do you have fabric you could donate? For the simple instructions "how to make Syringe Driver bags", please contact Sister Eileen Reardon: PH: 0458 327 554. or the Parish Centre 60243366.**

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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: Bernardo (Benny) Constantino, Dulice Webb, Caroline Burney.

Anniversaries: Pam Stone, Bob McBean, Gary Turner, Joshua Perkins, Rodney McClean, Ron McGrath, Josip Juric, Margaret Helliard, Alec Harrison, Jim Walsh, Family members of Kati Beretich, Dr. Angel Torio, Simon Moate

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

Cattle Club School Show



would like to invite you to our

St Francis of Assisi Cattle Club School Show

on

6th August 2023

**Boyes Rd entrance of the
St Francis of Assisi
Primary School Wodonga,
Baranduda**

The School Show starts at
10am with the students
competing in Paraders and
Judging classes competitions.

All Welcome

Youth Corner



**Another Parish Youth Event
is just around the corner.**

**Mark your calendar,
save the date.**

Sunday 30 July from 4 - 6pm.

*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

Planned Giving Reports and Envelopes

The planned giving reports and new sets of Envelopes are ready for collection in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

Please make every effort to collect yours as this saves on postage cost.



**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.

Wodonga Rosters 22nd & 23rd July

<u>SACRED HEART CLEANING:</u>	Kevin & Rita Keating	<u>SACRED HEART ALTAR:</u>	Volunteer
MASS TIMES:	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers:	Volunteers	Altar Servers:	Volunteers
Lector 1:	Kerrie Kerr	Lector 1:	Barry Jackson
Lector 2:	Ha Ngo	Lector 2:	Kate Rotherham
Altar Servers:	Volunteers	Altar Servers:	Volunteers
Lector 1:	Kerrie Kerr	Lector 1:	Cristy Fraser
Lector 2:	Ha Ngo	Lector 2:	Joe Maccioni

Eucharistic Ministers 22nd & 23rd July

5:00 pm: Louise Michaele & Caitlyn	8:30 am: John A, John B & Anne K	10:30 am: Jenny, Jean & Jacinta
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Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

Counters This Weekend

<u>THIS WEEK: TEAM: 7</u>	Peter Murray, Matt Ley
<u>NEXT WEEK: TEAM 8:</u>	Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 23rd July

LECTOR:	TBA
Backup:	TBA
Commentator:	TBA

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 6th August

FIRST / SECOND READING:	Sharon Coulston
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:	Alanna Kirley
POWERPOINT:	Harrison Fischer

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9 Or Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside,
but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there.
The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.
He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow.
As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up.
Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away,
because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched
and, not having any roots, they withered away.
Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Readings this week:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Readings next week:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Responsorial Psalm

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Our Parish - Our History

A Snippet of Parish History: 1890's - 1913

Fr James Ryan was appointed as the first Parish Priest of Wodonga in 1898. At this time the clergy lived in the Railway Hotel. Built by James Bambrick in 1869 the Railway Hotel, in Sydney Street (now High Street), was constructed close to the intended rail terminal in Huon Street. When the rail finally arrived in 1873, the station was built near the corner of High and Elgin Street. In 1913 Fr Francis Flynn constructed the presbytery in Church Street, where the Priests would then reside. In 1892, the Mercy Convent was constructed on the current site of St Augustine's Church and was followed in 1899 by the construction of St Augustine's School. Here is the write up from the newspaper of the day.

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL, WODONGA.

The newly-completed Convent school at Wodonga is a handsome addition the architecture of the town. The floor of the building stands 2 feet clear of the ground and covers an area 60 ft by 25ft in the clear. A commodious stage is raised well above the floor level at the opposite end from the entrance, and another door leads from the stage. A fire escape door is also provided, sufficiently wide to clear a crowded assemblage, in a few minutes. The building is well lighted and admirably ventilated, while the warming is provided by two fire-places. The foundations are of hydraulic (Comaidi) lime concrete, the superstructure being of Albury brick, effectively protected against moisture by two damp courses. The floors are of Murray pine, while the dado round the wall is formed of the same material, varnished and having a bold capping piece of scotia. The mantel shelves are of Castlemaine rubbed slate, supported on slab brackets. The roof of the building is constructed with No. 6 principals, formed with Oregon pine framing, and divided from the ceiling line to form panels in ceiling lined with red deal, hand dressed and varnished. The walls are plastered throughout, and the building is relieved internally with varied colours of paint harmonising with its character. Handsome as the structure appears outside, it is necessary to enter the building to fully appreciate the work of the contractor and the architects. There is no finer school room in the North Eastern district. The total cost of the new building will exceed £600 and the imposing structure reflects the utmost credit on the contractor (Mr J. S. Adams of Albury), and the architects (Messrs Clegg, Kell, and Miller, of Ballarat, Maryborough, and St. Arnaud. Mr W.G. Kell, a member, of the firm, personally supervised the work. The same firm has during the past 18 months designed the new fire brigade station at Chiltern and a Roman Catholic Church at Tallangatta, besides remodelling St. Mary's, Rutherglen, and adding transepts to the latter building. The opening of the school was celebrated on Tuesday by a picnic on the Wodonga racecourse.

Beautiful weather prevailed, though there were signs of a change during the afternoon. The children marched in procession from the school to the course, carrying banners and bannerettos. Sports of various kinds were provided for the little ones, who enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content. Amongst the visitors were the Very Rev. Fr. O'Connor, Father Delany, and Mr J. Hoddinott, M.L.C. The gathering passed off most successfully. There was a large attendance at the concert in the evening, the commodious school-room being packed to the doors. The Very Rev. Fr O'Connor presided; Fr Delany also being seated on the platform.

Prior to the conclusion of the entertainment, the rev. chairman, in appropriate terms, conveyed his thanks to the public for their patronage and the performers for their services. He also expressed his gratification at the opening the school, remarking that it had been intended in the first instance that the building should be of wood, but he was glad that idea had been abandoned in favour of brick. At the outset he confessed that he himself, was in favour of a wooden building, because he feared that a brick building would involve the expenditure of more money than the people could afford, but he had been converted from that view by Fr Delany. Though a brick structure was the more costly, it was far and away the more substantial. The people were saddled with a heavy debt, but he had no doubt they would free themselves from their liabilities in a little time. He acknowledged the splendid services rendered by Miss Harkin and other ladies in the past towards reducing the debt on the Convent building, and he hoped the liability on the new school would be as speedily extinguished. A dance followed, which was also well attended. The music was graciously provided by Mrs Prentice, Mrs Williams, and Mr S. C. Manns.