



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 23rd - 2023 : 16th 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 on Good & Evil, Wheat and Weeds



The Lord helps us to understand that good and evil cannot be identified with specific areas or human groups: "These are the good, those are the bad". He tells us that the boundary line between good and evil passes through the heart of each of us. Then Jesus teaches us a different way of looking at the field of the world, of observing reality. We are called to learn God's time — which is not our time — and also God's "gaze": thanks to the beneficial influence of uneasy anticipation, what were weeds or seemed to be weeds can become a good product. It is the reality of conversion. It is the prospect of hope! Sunday Angelus 23 July 2017

Looking at the Gospel:

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Syringe Driver Bag Appeal:



- **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE BAGS FOR ONCOLOGY PATIENTS.**
- **MERCY PUBLIC HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, HEIDELBERG, MELBOURNE.**
- **THESE BAGS MEASURE 28 x 18CM PLUS 40CM SHOULDER STRAP.**
- **OR FABRIC DONATED APPRECIATED.**

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: Marie Boulding.

Anniversaries: Les Dunstan, Jack Mehegan, Rita Zammit, Tom Goonan, Leigh Clohesy, Ken Toll, Darrell Mark, Reg I'Anson, Mary & Leo Lonergan, Kevin Kelly, Joan Watson.

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

SMPC Appointments:

Last Friday and Saturday in Shepparton, the **Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council (SMPC)** held its second meeting. Having considered recommendations made by the Council, I am very pleased to announce the following appointments:

Chair of the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council
Ms Gabby Downie – St Joseph's Parish, Benalla

This initial appointment of SMPC Chair is for a period of 12 months, after which there will be a preliminary review of the role before any further appointment.

Member of the Diocesan Finance Council (from among the SMPC members)

Mr Mick Chalkley – St Therese's Parish, Kennington.

This appointment is for a term of up to five years, provided that Mick remains a member of the SMPC during that time.

Participants in the College of Consultors

Mr Brendan Lindsay – St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton.

Ms Christine Sebire – St Mary's Parish, Echuca

This appointment is until the conclusion of the term of office of the current College of Consultors on 31 December 2027.

I am very grateful for the willingness of each of these people to serve the needs of the diocese in these various roles, and I look forward to the contribution that they will make over the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

+Shane Mackinlay



A Reminder to Parishioners:

A reminder the students & staff of Catholic College, Mackillop community, will be joining us for morning Mass on August 9th.

We Welcome the students, staff and families of St Francis of Assisi and St Augustine's Primary schools as they join us for morning Mass



August 11th.



NEW CREATIONS

GAMES & PIZZA NIGHT

JULY 30
4-6PM
SACRED HEART CHURCH
WODONGA
FOR GRADES 4-6



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is fast approaching.

It's a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

The season starts

September 1st,

World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends

October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology believed by many Christian denominations.

Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home.

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 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 E:

woddcath@bigpond.net.au

Wodonga Rosters 29th & 30th July

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

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

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Lector 1: Dave Seiter

Lector 2: Juliana Vaughan

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Lector 1: Des Loneragan

Lector 2: Maureen Loneragan

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Lector 1: Marie Noske

Lector 2: Josh Jaculbia

Eucharistic Ministers 29th & 30th July

5:00 pm: Michael, Helen & David

8:30 am: Maureen, Pat & Anne T

10:30 am: Gerri, Lucette & Ampy

Children's Liturgy: 8.30 am & 10.30 am

Counters This Weekend

THIS WEEK: TEAM: 8 Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

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

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 30th July

LECTOR: Deb

Backup: Rachel

Commentator: Bruce

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 6th August

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43 Or Matthew 13: 24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds,
'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.
While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat,
and made off.

When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well.

The owner's servants went to him and said,

"Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field?"

If so, where does the darnel come from?"

"Some enemy has done this" he answered.

And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?"

But he said,

"No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it.

Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers:

First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt,

then gather the wheat into my barn."

Readings this week:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

Readings next week:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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.

Our Parish - Our History

Post 1920's

The town of Wodonga grew slowly in the shadow of Albury and St Augustine's Church served the parish well. After World War II, the Post-War Immigration Program was developed with Bonegilla Migrant Centre as a first point of settlement in Australia. With employment opportunities with such things as the Snowy Mountains Scheme, many of these migrants settled in Wodonga. Many of these migrants had come from Catholic countries, and so the Catholic population grew rapidly.

The gratitude of these migrants is remembered by their donation of the **"Flight into Egypt"** (heading towards the Southern Cross) stained glass window in the East window of Sacred Heart Church.



St Peter's Pence Collection

Parishioners please note: This weekend 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: <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre – Open Day

Sat 29 July 2023



Visit the Heritage Centre a building initially designed and operational as a place of providence for women on grounds purchased by Saint Mary MacKillop in 1901.

Welcome to Open Day at [Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Open Day](#) | [Open House Melbourne](#).

Details are:

- ✓ Museum Tours at 10am, 12pm and 2pm
- ✓ Mary's Little Lon Walking Tour @ 11am (approx. 1 ½ hours)

Open access for visitors 10am - 4pm.

Book a tour [here](#)

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

A MUSICAL SOIRÉE

A CHARITY EVENING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A LOCAL CONGOLESE MOTHER TO BRING TO AUSTRALIA FAMILY MEMBERS THOUGHT MISSING BUT FOUND LIVING IN A UGANDAN UNHCR REFUGEE CAMP.



ENTERTAINMENT BY: NOTHIN' BUT TREBIE, GOOD GRAY, CRAIG QUILLAM & ASTRA COFFEY, CHARLI IMC & FRIENDS

7PM

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST, 2023

DOORS OPEN 6.45PM

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