



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 30th - 2023 : 17th 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 Real Treasure:



We are called upon to assume the attitude of the man and the merchant in the Gospel, so that we too may become healthily restless seekers of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a matter of abandoning the heavy burden of our worldly certainties that prevent us from searching and building up the Kingdom: the covetousness for possession, the thirst for profit and power, and thinking only of ourselves. Jesus, who is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value, cannot but inspire joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a meaning in life, the joy of committing oneself to the adventure of holiness.. *Homily 26 July 2020*

Looking at the Gospel:

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others. The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it. Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God. © Dianne Bergant CSA.

Morning Prayer: Evening Prayer: The Liturgy of the Hours, also called the Divine Office is the official book of prayers of the church. The daily prayers are set out in "Hours". The two hinges of the day are morning and evening prayer with smaller "hours" completing the day: prayer during the day and night prayer. Also included is the Office of Readings. The morning prayer is also known as "Lauds" from the Latin "Laudate" meaning Praise coming from the last three Psalms. It is one of the most ancient Christian rites tracing back to the Apostles. The Prayer is recited at daybreak to give praise to God for the new day and to offer the work of the forthcoming day to the Lord. It consists of several elements: a hymn, a morning psalm, an Old Testament canticle, a psalm of praise, short scripture reading and responsory, the Benedictus (hymn of Zechariah), intercessions, the Lord's Prayer and concluding prayer or Collect. The texts and antiphons are according to the liturgical day, season or feast. Evening Prayer is also known as Vespers and recited at the end of the day's work or at sunset. Compline or Night Prayer is recited before retiring. Vespers follow the same structure as that of Morning Prayer but with three variations. The psalmody contains two psalms and a New Testament canticle. The Magnificat, hymn of Mary (Luke 1:39-56) is said or sung and the intercessions are more general praying for the church, the world and people in need, the sick and the dead, similar to the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. Evening Prayer and Night Prayer were often combined into one liturgy in parish churches, as distinct from monasteries and convents. The Eastern churches and the Anglican church maintain this old tradition. This prayer is traditionally called Evensong in English.

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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: Terence Maw, Rev Professor Austin Cooper, Richard Sully

Anniversaries: Rosalina de la Cruz, Peter Donkers, Julie Rigby, Sydney Plunkett, Klara Schametzki, Bridget Hannebery, Carlo Nero, Barry Goonan, Sharon Jacka, Jean Frauenfelder, Maria Starcic, Bert Cadman, Gary Cadman, Barry Williams.

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

Baptism Preparation Evening:

Our next Preparation evening is **Tuesday August 1st 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.**

Quote of the Day

Ordinary riches can be stolen; real riches cannot. In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you. Oscar Wilde

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

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.

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)



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 Monica's Primary schools as they join us for morning Mass Friday August 11th.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL CORRYONG CELEBRATES 60 YEARS!

Friday 18th August

PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE SACRED HEART COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR CELEBRATIONS

9:30AM VISITORS WELCOME TO TOUR THE CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOL

10AM WHOLE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY MASS

11AM MORNING TEA PROVIDED FOR GUESTS

5PM PARTY GAMES FOR SACRED HEART STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

5:30PM DINNER PROVIDED

FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE RSVP TO
ADMIN@SHCORYONG.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU BY 11TH AUGUST



Wodonga Rosters 5th & 6th August

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dot Larkin, Carmel Gannon

MASS TIMES: 5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteers
Lector 1: Christina Din
Lector 2: Marilyn Seiter

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Lector 2: Marg Pallot

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Lector 2: Gerard Moore

Eucharistic Ministers 5th & 6th August

5:00 pm: Meryl, Amilia & Juliana

8:30 am: John A, John B & Anne K

10:30 am: Jacinta, Gerri & Ampy

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

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: 6th August

LECTOR: Bruce

Backup: Deb

Commentator: Mary-Anne

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 6th August

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-48 or 44-52

Jesus said to the crowds,

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found;
he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls;
when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds.
When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a
basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time:
the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing
furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?'

They said 'Yes.'

And he said to them,

'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder
who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Readings this week:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-48 or 44-52

Readings next week:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, I love your commands.

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 Continues

1967.....



In 1967, to accommodate this increased population, a totally new Sacred Heart Church was built on its current site, it was blessed and opened in November by Bishop of Sandhurst, B.D. Stewart with Mgr M.J. Bowman. The Sacred Heart presbytery (Now the Parish Centre) was built in 1978. In January 1974, the Wodonga Catholic Parish was split into two with the new Sacred Heart Parish taking the developing areas to the South and West of Wodonga. Each had its own Parish Priest and Assistant Priests. Fr G. Moylan was the first Parish Priest of the new Sacred Heart Parish. However in 1990 this division was reversed and the two parishes were merged into one Parish, Wodonga Catholic Parish.

As Wodonga grew so did the need for educational facilities. St. Augustine's which accommodated year 1 to intermediate level, was officially blessed and opened on April 27, 1902, becoming a Primary School in 1976, with the expansion of Catholic College. In 1973 St Monica's Primary School was established. Wodonga Catholic College (est 1957) moved and expanded to its current site in West Wodonga. Founded by the Wodonga Catholic Parish in 1979.

More recently in 2005, Frayne College was established in Baranduda. Catholic Education Wodonga was established as a body to plan, co-ordinate and supervise the development of Catholic Education in Wodonga. Frayne College, now St Francis of Assisi Primary School, renamed in 2015, marks a new era in the history for Catholic education in Wodonga, announcing in April 2023, plans for a Foundation to Year 12 provision with the exploration of Kindergarten/Preschool education, anticipating the first Year 7 classes will begin in 2029. Since 1876 when St Augustine's Primary School was established by the Sisters of Mercy, parishioners have been open with giving hearts, supporting the Catholic education of our children. Today, being associated with this tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, we inherit the legacy of the vision and practice of Catherine McAuley.



Mercy Sisters:

In a wealthy country like Australia, a time with no government schools seems unimaginable. However, back in the 1840s, when the Sisters of Mercy opened the first secondary school in W.A., there were only a few tiny private schools. Many children, particularly girls, received no formal education. Making education more accessible, their way of life also offered one of few leadership opportunities for women. The Sisters demonstrated entrepreneurial and diplomatic skills while developing education in Australia. Their work required them to navigate hostile male hierarchies, religious discrimination, class struggles and complex relationships with Aboriginal peoples. Ursula Frayne led the first group of Sisters of Mercy to Australia, establishing the first secondary school in WA and modelled for us all respectful relationships with the Indigenous peoples.

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**



Planned Giving Reports and Envelopes

FYI:

The planned giving reports and new sets of Envelopes have been posted out this week.



St Vincent De Paul **Good Works**

The Collection for our local branch of St Vincent De Paul will be taken up after all Masses next weekend .