



# 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.



## August 6th - 2023 : Transfiguration of the Lord

### 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 calls St Mary MacKillop 'an extraordinary religious sister'

*In his general audience talk, Pope Francis called St Mary MacKillop*

*"an extraordinary religious sister," who dedicated her life to the intellectual and religious formation of the poor in rural Australia."*

*Pope Francis said Mary MacKillop believed she was sent "to spread the Good News and invite others to encounter the living Christ." Her belief that education should promote "the integral development of the person both as an individual and as a member of the community, which requires wisdom, patience, and charity on the part of every teacher."*



### Parishioners Please Note:

Wodonga Catholic Parish Celebrates St Mary of the Cross Solemnity, this Tuesday August 8th at 9:15 am, followed by a morning tea in the Parish Centre: **All Warmly Welcome**

### A Blessing:

Through the example of Saint Mary of the Cross,

**May** you learn to recognise God's will for you and trust in his providence.

**May** her life of service awaken in you a deep respect for the poor and a strong will for justice.

**May** you share in her courage, see with her eyes of Christian love and learn from her holy deeds.

**Amen.**



The Parish Youth team is grateful for the presence of 23 young people at the "New Creations" gathering last Sunday.

We also thank their parents for the support.

*Watch this space  
for the next gathering date in August!*

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Monday to Friday  
Parish Priest  
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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:

## Anniversaries:

Peter Bluck, Frank & Ilma McDonald, Ron McGrath, Lucy Kelly, John Canty, Barry Nolan, Olga McFarland, Judith Ellery, Margaret Phillips, Mary Kelly, Ben Kelly

## Sick:

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

## **THANK YOU!** Syringe Driver Bag Appeal:



Sr Eileen would like to extend a huge thank you; to all involved in making and or donating fabric for the syringe driver bag appeal. The response has been wonderful and the need is ongoing. Please drop your completed Bags or fabric to the Parish Centre:



## **St Vincent De Paul Good Works**

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

## **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Are you someone OR do you know someone who....

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Was Baptised Catholic, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Was Baptised in another Christian Church and is interested in becoming Catholic.

### **COME... SEE.... HEAR**

The RCIA team are running an information session at 9:30 on Sunday September 17th in the Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre. Any inquiries contact Marg: 0458 031 903



## **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.**



## **Fr Junjun is going on Sabbatical:**

Fr Junjun will be away from the 7th of August until the 15th of October 2023. His plans include:



From **August 7th to the 16th**

**An Aussie Camino -**

**Walking from Portland to Penola**

From **August 18th to September 2nd:**  
2 weeks in the Philippines with family:



From **September 3rd to October 15th**

Fr Junjun will be studying in the **Holy Land.**

## **Welcoming Sunday Cuppa**

**Sunday August 27th.**

Please join St Monica's Primary School community for a cuppa and a chat after the 8:30 am Mass on the Feast of St Monica Sunday August 27th.

## **Carrying Forward the Plenary Council Online Workshops**

Dr Chris Cotter and Leslie Cooper will be facilitating two online workshops focusing on the findings from the Plenary Council and the ways we can implement actions to support the commitments agreed to at the Council. These online sessions will start and end in prayer and invite participants to read and reflect on the decrees and share and listen to thoughts and ideas a process consistent with that used at the Plenary Council. Choose either an evening session on Tuesday 8 August 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. or a morning session on Wednesday 9 August 9.00 – 10.30 a.m.

**This event is free to all. You must register to receive Zoom login details.**

To register go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CJKVC>

## Wodonga Rosters 12th & 13th August

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

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

<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteers <b>Lector 1:</b> Jenny Sinnott <b>Lector 2:</b> Christine Stewart	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteers <b>Lector 1:</b> Anne Tremethick <b>Lector 2:</b> Luci Saric	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteers <b>Lector 1:</b> Kendra Gonzadan <b>Lector 2:</b> Caster Gonzadan
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### Eucharistic Ministers 12th & 13th August

5:00 pm: Clive, Mavis, Michael	8:30 am: Maureen, Pat, Erris	10:30 am: Nina, Diane, Yves
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**Children's Liturgy:** 8.30 am & 10.30 am

### Counters This Weekend

**THIS WEEK: TEAM: 10** John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman  
**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 1:** John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker, John Foley

#### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 13th August

**LECTOR:** Gail  
  
**Backup:** Bruce  
  
**Commentator:** Peter

#### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 20th August

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

### Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John  
and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.

There in their presence he was transfigured:

his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.

Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.

Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make  
three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the  
cloud there came a voice which said,

'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'

When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up  
and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.'

And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision  
until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

#### Readings this week:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

#### Readings next week:

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved,  
in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia.

#### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

# Our Parish History - St Joseph's Church Mt Beauty

## St. Josephs Church Mt. Beauty.



St. Josephs, Mt. Beauty was consecrated on November 7th 1954, at that time St. Josephs belonged to the parish of Bright that had been formed in 1948..The earliest records we have is a family from Kilkenny in Ireland, Thomas and Elizabeth Crotty who took over the Bogong Hotel in Tawonga in about 1893. It is believed Mass was celebrated at the hotel or community hall from this period. There were 14 baptisms recorded as being Tawonga residents between 1939 and 1947. There must have been others prior to this but no record can be found.

With the start of the Kiewa hydro Electricity scheme and the increase in population, Masses were said in various schools, homes and public halls at Mt. Beauty and Tawonga. At that time Masses were said by Father John Hussey, who was Parish Priest from 1948 to 1951. Father Hussey's first Masses were celebrated in Tawonga South School, now the National Parks office in Tawonga South. Masses were then conducted every two weeks in Tawonga school. At this time Leo and Biddy Reid were the driving force for the proposal for a Catholic Church at Mt. Beauty. Leo was employed by the State Electricity Commission as a Building Construction Foreman. Father Hussey used the Reid's kitchen to hear confessions on the Saturday evenings prior to Mass. The SECV allocated a block of land to each denomination for a place of worship during the planning of the township of Mt. Beauty. Father Hussey called a meeting after Mass to discuss the erection of a church. Several parishioners immediately donated money towards this project. A building committee chaired by Leo Reid was immediately formed and monies were raised via various methods including the raffling of a Holden motor car and the issuing of debentures redeemable in three years time. The church was expected to cost between three and four thousand pounds, by February 1954 the proceeds from various functions and activities passed the half way mark to raise these funds. The entire project was undertaken by volunteer labour, utilising the many skills of the labour force employed in the construction of the hydro electric scheme. St. Josephs was opened debt free by Bishop Bernard Stewart on Sunday 7th November 1954. The total cost was four thousand pounds and had taken 18 months to complete.

**The Priests Flat and Meeting Room:** The meeting room and flat next to the church became essential because the Priest would travel from Bright over the mountain on the Saturday afternoon to prepare for Mass at Mt. Beauty on the Sunday. In the short term, while funds were being raised a house was rented for the use of the Priest from the SECV and was referred to as the "temporary Parish House."

The Parish flat and meeting rooms were built during 1959 and comprised a sitting room, kitchenette, bedroom, toilet and bathroom. Two extra toilets were added to cater for parishioners. The Church extension was constructed by contract, during the later part of 1978 to cater for an extra fifty people; this extension was blessed and opened by Bishop Daly on Sunday 2nd December 1979. The reconciliation room at the rear of the church was added in 1991.

### Former Priests – St Josephs Catholic Church.

Fr. John Hussey	1948 – 1951	Fr. Matthew O'Hagan.	2001 – 2005
Fr. Vincent Cochrane.	1951 – 1956	Msgr. Frank. Marriott.	2003-2008
Fr. Basil Thomas.	1956 – 1974	Fr. Dennis Crameri.	2008 - 2018
Fr. Patrick Farrell.	1974 – 1978	Fr. Junjun Amaya.	2018 -
Fr. Leo Lacey.	1978 – 1979		
Fr. Kevin Howath.	1979 – 1982		
Fr. Eric Loorham (assistant priest)	1980 – 1981		
Fr. Robert Burtonclay	1982 - 1987		
Fr. Robert Morley.	1987 – 1993		
Fr. Christopher Reay	1993 – 1997		
Fr. Anthony Hill.	1997 – 2001		

## 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](mailto:woddcath@bigpond.net.au).**