



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 20th - 2023 : The 20th 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:



Reflecting on the concept of peace, Pope Francis said peace is a challenge "that is not simply based on balances of power or on silencing the just demands of the less favoured"; but is instead an "essential good for which we must work zealously and fervently beseech God." reiterating his belief that "every war leaves the world worse off than it found it."

Looking at the Readings:

The three readings and the psalm all mention foreigners and pagans and the call from God to them and the mission of the church towards them. The Gospel of Matthew was written for a church community comprised of Jewish converts to Christianity. The Gospel included many old testament references with which they would be familiar. But the Gospel particularly emphasises Jesus contacts with the gentiles (non-Jews). First three women are named in the family tree of Jesus, Tamar and Rahab Canaanites, and Ruth a Moabite (Matt 1:3,5). Matthew was the only Gospel to relate the wise men from the East coming to worship the Infant Jesus. A Roman Centurion asks Jesus to cure his servant (Matt 8:5-13) and the Canaanite (Syro-Phoenician) woman her daughter in today's Gospel. Jesus' initial response creates some speculation: Is he harsh or reluctant or discriminant or even humorous? He is also prophetic, like Isaiah, and educative to his listeners. He acknowledges the woman's deep and persistent faith and is compassionate to her and her daughter.

St Paul reveals his passion in his ministry and energy in his language and is definite in his arguments: for he brings the good news of salvation to the pagans. The Good News is the mercy and love of God for all.

Liturgical Jottings – Kerygma

Generally speaking Kerygma is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus. Kerygma is the content and the activity and the task of the preacher. Writers express this concept in various ways: The Proclaimer, Jesus Christ, became the Proclaimed (R Bultmann), or the public proclamation of Christianity to the non-Christian world (C H Dodd) but also includes the teaching and training of the disciples and all believers. Kerygma is linked to the literary form of the Gospels. Mark presents Christ's words and works with the mystery of the cross and the call to be disciples. Matthew by five great discourses revealing Christ's message for the community. Luke uses the journey motif to explain Jesus' death and resurrection and John by revealing Christ's glory by the seven signs and the events of crucifixion and resurrection. Today's readings highlight the role of kerygma: to proclaim and preach salvation for all.

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.

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Sonia La Motte-Schubert : 60243366

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: Margaret Goonan (wife of Barry Dec'd and mother of Justine), Bryan Crothers, Aileen Penny, Carloyn Packer, Tony Ruhl, Michael Lonergan.

Anniversaries: Judy Ellery, Lauris Back, Patrick Goonan, Tim Fischer, Mons Fulton,

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

Mass of Anointing

**Wednesday
23 August @ 1:30pm
Sacred Heart Church-Wodonga**
Further information :
Des Lonergan 0408 575 825

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



Catholic College
Wodonga
Life In Jesus

A Reminder to Parishioners:

The students & staff of Catholic College, The Chisholm Community, will be joining us for morning Mass on August 23rd

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.



WELCOME HOME

**Are one of your loved ones or friends
missing at our faith community
celebrations?**

We would love to welcome them here as their presence is important to us and we miss them.

We joyfully invite them to join us to re-connect and be informed in our

WELCOME HOME PROGRAM

at Wodonga Catholic Parish

Information Night:

**7:00 pm Tuesday - 12 September 2023
at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.**

Topic:

Faith when you are frustrated with God.

Open Discussion

Interested? For more information, contact

Gerri Boldrini PH: 04 3820 6082

Mark Riley PH: 04 4776 6963

Clive Hayward PH: 04 0834 3527

Wodonga Rosters 26h & 27th August

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Peter & Trish Kellow

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

MASS TIMES: 5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteers
Lector 1: Michael McLinden
Lector 2: Fiona Barrett

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Lector 2: Tekauita Taavaomali

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Lector 1: Don Cameron
Lector 2: Estrella Wiltshire

Eucharistic Ministers 26th & 27th August

5:00 pm: Jenny, Helen & David

8:30 am: Maureen, Pat & Marg

10:30 am: Jean, Jacinta & Gerri

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

Counters This Weekend

THIS WEEK: TEAM: 1 John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker, John Foley.

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 2: Val Mulqueeney, Zennon McCarty, Rob Saric.

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 27th August

LECTOR: Fran
Backup: Roseanna
Commentator: Bruce

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 3rd September

FIRST / SECOND READING: Judy Brewer
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley
POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
 Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting,
 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.'
 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him.
 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.'
 He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'
 But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet.

'Lord,' she said 'help me.'

He replied,

'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.'

She retorted,

'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.'

Then Jesus answered her,

'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.'

And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Readings this week:

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
 Romans 11:13-15,29-32
 Matthew 15:21-28

Readings next week:

Isaiah 22:19-23
 Romans 11:33-36
 Matthew 16:13-20

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

What's happening in our Parish

WCP Sacramental Program Confirmation/Eucharist

We are now taking enrolments for the 2023 Confirmation/Eucharist Program that will run during October.

Enrolment forms and the timetable will be available online, on our parish website or Facebook page. Hard copies can be collected from our CEW Schools or the Parish Centre.

To enrol your child/children in the Confirmation/Eucharist Program they must have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you have any questions about the program please email Anne Tremethick wcp sacramental@gmail.com

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023:

Project Compassion 2023 concluded at the end of the financial year. Nationally, Project Compassion 2023 raised \$9.7 million which is an increase of about 1.2% on 2022.

Sandhurst Diocese can be very proud of its amazing \$512,591.73 which is an increase of 2.7%.

THANK YOU for your particular part in this.

WCP Youth Team invites those in grades 4-6 to

'New Creations'

Movie night

"The Lion of Judah"

YOU'RE INVITED TO

MOVIE
Night

SUN | AUG 27 | 2023

4:00pm - 6:00pm



Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

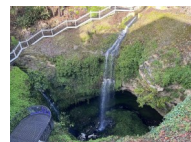
RSVP: wodcath@gmail.com

"Remember we are but traveller's here" St Mary Mackillop (1867)



Day 5 - Aussie Camino We have Walked about 13 kms today. A relief.

Walking in the rain and mist again, we started at Mt Gambier. We stopped by the famous Mt Gambier Blue Lake, then had a bit of time looking at a couple of natural sinkholes, then we walked through grasslands, forest and Pine Plantations. Now staying for the night at Bush Haven Cottages.



Day 6 - Aussie Camino



Walking from Portland, Vic to Penola, S.A.

We left Bush Haven Cottages, through farmlands and dirt roads and arrived now at a small town

Kalangadoo. Only 20 kms walk today.

"Every creature, every plant, every rock sings of your glory. Grant us the gift of wonder and awe in your creation.

May we become stewards of the land, keepers of the faith and witnesses of the truth. May this journey anoint our soul and strengthen our will." Amen.



Day 7 of Aussie Camino.

We walked the longest today, in the Spirit of St Mary Mackillop.

Final walk: Kalangadoo to Penola. Walk duration: 31 Kms.

From a sleepy town of Kalangadoo, we walked across farm lands and unused railway tracks, climbed over electric fences and walked on hard dirt roads.



Then we culminated our week-long walk at the Stables in Penola a significant place for St Mary Mackillop. In 1866, St Mary returned to Penola from Portland. After renting six stables and converted them into a school for over 30 poor children. In here, St Mary started her first St Joseph's



CCR Prayer Group:

We meet fortnightly on Wednesday 6.45pm - cuppa 7pm - 8.30pm next gathering 23 August - Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga - front room. Maturing in the power of the Holy Spirit - The book of "Romanas"