



# 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 27th - 2023 : The 21st 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.



**Let Justice and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

*The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home "*

### Message from Pope Francis ~Season of Creation 2023

*"In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again."*

Here, immersed in creation, we can also sense another beating: the maternal heartbeat of the earth. Just as the hearts of babies in the womb beat in harmony with those of their mothers, so in order to grow as people, we need to harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life" During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation. **Season of Creation begins Friday September 1st and concludes Wednesday October 4th**

### Looking at the Readings:

The Prophet Isaiah described the transfer of authority to Eliakim in symbolic ways: putting on a robe, sash and giving him a key. Eliakim is to rule like a father and a king in the line of David. This reading connects well with the Gospel passage of Jesus conferring authority onto Peter. He is proven to be a leader among the apostles both in faith and deed-always the first to express faith in Jesus as the Christ and one to whom we go and the first to jump into the deep, enter the tomb, ask the important questions and make the hard decisions (John 6:68-69) and to speak out at Pentecost (Acts 2) The authority which Jesus gives to Peter: to bind on earth things of the kingdom of heaven, to strengthen his fellow disciples (Luke 22:31) to feed his sheep (John 21) and to build his church on rock, continues after the death of Peter. Another takes Peter's place in Jerusalem when he leaves for Rome and another takes leadership in Rome when he is martyred. We see the wisdom of God is choosing a frail and sinful man as leader and the power and might of God to be with his church in good times and bad.

### Did You Know?

Caesarea Philippi was a town situated 40km north of the Sea of Galilee and the furthest north Jesus and the apostles travelled. The town and district were noted for its pagan originals and temples. Herod the Great built a temple to Caesar Augustus; and after his death, Herod's son, Phillip, renamed the city Caesarea Philippi after Tiberius Caesar and himself to distinguish from Caesarea a coastal city. It is intriguing that Matthew's gospel chooses such a site as the location for such a significant revelation of faith.

### Liturgical Jottings – Gospel Sequence

The twenty-first and twenty-second Sundays in Ordinary time form a new sequence. In the first excerpt from the Gospel of Matthew, Peter stands out among Jesus' disciples. In the calming of the storm, Peter shows extraordinary faith by leaping out of the boat to reach Jesus. But then Jesus reaches out to save him. In the second excerpt Peter speaks up declaring that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God." In his turn, Jesus entrusts him with an unexpected responsibility in the community. But then Peter immediately finds it hard to accept that Jesus must undergo his passion. Again Jesus rebukes him. Despite the ups and down, Peter clearly shows his leadership among the Apostles. Although brief, this sequence has a great importance for us to understand the mystery of the Church

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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 :

# What's happening in our Parish

Recently Deceased: Fr Steve Bohan, Mick McKenzie (Wangaratta—Michelle McCarty's father)

Anniversaries: Albert Kiraly, Anne Briody, Patricia McComisky, Marie Harangozo, Phillip Porta, Ivan Babic

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

## Welcoming Sunday Cuppa:

### The Feast of St Monica

Please join  
St Monica's Primary School  
community for a cuppa  
and a chat after the 8:30 am Mass  
this Sunday

# 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**

## CCR Sandhurst:

You are invited to "Living in the Holy Spirit",  
guest presenter is author Adrian Commadeur.  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 start 9am to 4pm, at  
the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's,  
Knight Street Shepparton Shared lunch, tea and  
coffee provided.

For more information contact  
Brigita Hore - PH: 0412 042 196  
OR Denise Ilott - PH: 0407506813.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-24

## Listen, Learn, Love

A New Engagement with Aboriginal  
and Torres Strait Islander Peoples



## TODAY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.

In this year's Social Justice Statement, **Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**, the Australian Bishops join with the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) to call on us to develop relationships of humility and love with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. NATSICC supports a Yes vote in the upcoming Referendum. **The Bishops do not tell us how to vote but they urge us to inform ourselves** - and to LISTEN to First Nations People [NATSICC] about their experiences and hopes. The referendum is an important moment in our history. As the Bishops and NATSICC say, we, in the Church, can model how Jesus' way of love can make a difference.

Read the Bishops' Statement at  
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

## 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**  
E: [wcpsacramental@gmail.com](mailto:wcpsacramental@gmail.com)



Catholic  
College  
Wodonga  
Life in Jesus

## A reminder to Parishioners:

We welcome staff and student's of  
Wodonga Catholic College,  
**The Gandhi Community** as they join us  
for morning Mass this Wednesday  
**\*August 30th\***

## Wodonga Rosters 2nd & 3rd September

**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:** Matthew Ley  
**Lector 2:** Kerrie Kerr

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**Lector 2:** Lara Jaculbia

## Eucharistic Ministers 2nd & 3rd September

**5:00 pm:** Louise, Michaela & Caitlyn

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

**10:30 am:** Ampy, Helen & Diane

**Children's Liturgy:**

8.30 am & 10.30 am

## Counters This Weekend

**THIS WEEK: TEAM: 3** Bernie & Julie Jones, Gerard Peeters.

**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 4:** Marg Whitehead, John Barrat

### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 3RD SEPTEMBER

**LECTOR:** Peter  
**Backup:** Fran  
**Commentator:** Mary-Anne

### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 3rd September

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

## Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples,

'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah,  
and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?'

Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.'

Jesus replied,

'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man!

Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be  
considered bound in heaven;

whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples  
strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

### Readings this week:

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

### Readings next week:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which  
I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold  
out against it. Alleluia.

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



## A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

**Towards Healing helpline Free Call Ph: 1800 816 030. Life-line 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).

## TONIGHT TONIGHT TONIGHT NEW CREATIONS MOVIE NIGHT



**WHEN:** TONIGHT 7-9 PM  
**WHAT:** THE LION OF JUDAH  
**POPCORN & DINNER PROVIDED**  
**WHERE:** SACRED HEART CHURCH  
285 BEECHWORTH RD, WODONGA  
**WHO:** GRADES 4-6 (9-12 YRS)



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## "COME AND SEE".

**You are invited to:**

Come and join us for an evening of catching up with old friends, while making new ones.

Join us in a relaxing, friendly atmosphere while watching a short talk on discovering faith when you are frustrated.

**Followed by:** An open and friendly discussion on said talk and an explanation of the upcoming program on "Welcome Home".

While sharing a small supper.

Jesus told His disciples! To: "COME AND SEE".  
(John 1:39)

As we are all His disciples, why not come and see?

**Invite a loved one!**

**For further info contact:**

**Gerri Boldrini 04 3820 6082**

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## 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 The Parish Centre **Ph: 60243366**

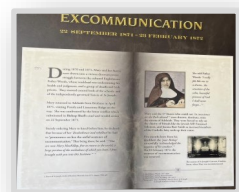
## Day8- Aussie Camino (Portland-Penola Walk)



Just short walks at Penola town today.  
Mass at St Joseph's Penola.  
Tour at St Mary Mackillop's school house and her life's exhibit at the Gallery.  
Lunch at Brand Laira winery, Coonawarra.

"We feel our crosses hard at times but our courage should rise to meet them."

—St Mary Mackillop—



## My Pilgrimage (Portland to Penola)

In the footsteps of St Mary Mackillop Australia's 1st canonized saint-From Melbourne to Portland

My Aussie Camino has begun with the spirit of St Mary of the Cross: Victoria & South Australian border we criss-crossed, we walked on cliff tops, no good with flip flops. We trod on a long sandy beach in the rain

Braved and survived through rugged terrain. We walked through enchanted and petrified forests, unused railways, and along the lakes, Soaking all in: rain or shine, pain and blister; whatever it takes, thank God, there's no storm or hail, though we've spent a night in Mt Gambier jail. Then to Bush Haven, we camped for our 6th night resting our legs, or treating blisters, or just to be safe from nocturnal animals' bite.

From the camp Bush Haven emerges the party of eleven, to tread onwards to our next stop Kalangadoo, where we met Peter, the remnant king of the rail

K'doo., surviving through a cold night at our accommodation, we left K'doo excited for Penola, our final destination. Kalangadoo to Penola takes the longest walk, regular rest is a must and a friend's encouraging talk, walking through electric and barbed wired fence was a challenge but that did not stop us, our walking spirit did not change.

The long stretch of the road seems like eternity but the goal is on sight, we'll get there eventually. The ancient gum trees and sheep farms along the way, the horses' neighs and the cattle mooing behind their pile of hay provide welcome and much-needed distraction as our trek gets closer to its conclusion.

At last, we have arrived at Penola town, the place where this Aussie Camino gets its reason....

A place, so serene, historic and where everybody is welcome.

For St Mary Mackillop, everyone here must feel at home. *Fr Junjun*

