



# 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.



## September 3rd - 2023 : The 22nd 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 "*

**Pope Francis focuses on drought in his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: To view the full message click the link below.**

<https://seasonofcreation.org/2023/05/25/message-of-pope-francis-for-creation-day-2023/>



## Season of Creation 2023

Jesus came among us and is with us to nurture life. The fulfilment of that purpose meant his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus faced the reality of opposition filled with the hope of new life. Jesus, in stating that he was destined to go Jerusalem was indicating the beginning of the final stage of his earthly ministry - his upcoming suffering, death, and resurrection.

Peter tried to stop him, but Jesus makes it clear that it is not God's way and reminds us that we too must take up our cross and follow him. We are called to live in harmony with the rhythm of the life of Jesus. We are, of course, assured that Jesus is with us always, yes, until the end of time (Mt 28:20).

As we begin our Season of Creation, we give thanks believing that creation in all its beauty and diversity communicates the mystery of God's presence.

Pope Francis in his message for the Season of Creation, in accord with the theme, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow', calls us to live in harmony with creation. He says that just as the heartbeat of babies in the womb are in harmony with that of their mothers so we can sense the maternal heartbeat of the earth. In calling us to renew our relationship with the earth, Pope Francis states that it involves our relationships with God, with each other, with creation and with ourselves. We are interconnected with all of life (LS 66).

In entering the rhythm of the life of Jesus, the Son of God, we enter the rhythm of God's gift of creation, the Common Home of our interrelationships. The climate crisis, as highlighted by the sciences, and impacting upon the poor, opposes that rhythm of life. As Christians, we are called to enter the flow of justice for humanity and for creation. Indeed, St. Paul (2nd Rd.) calls us not to model our behaviour on this world, but 'let your behaviour change'. Jesus, filled with a fire burning in his heart, like Jeremiah (1st Rd.), stayed with the flow of his calling to go to Jerusalem. His urge to keep going despite opposition was irrepressible. We too are called to tune into this urge of Jesus to renounce everything for the sake of the cause of justice and peace. Pope Francis in his Season of Creation Message urges us to enter the flow of justice for the earth by changing our lifestyles and advocating for the public policies that care for our Common Home.

May we, in trusting in the rhythm of life of Jesus, be renewed in our caring for our Common Home ~ Bishop Martin Hayes

**\*Season of Creation began Friday September 1st and concludes Wednesday October 4th\***

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0459-356-917  
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Father Uday Kumar Marneni ALCPI  
OSS.  
0422-814-178  
Father Adi Indra  
6024-3366  
Pastoral Associate  
Sister Eileen Reardon  
0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)  
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Sonia La Motte-Schubert :  
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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



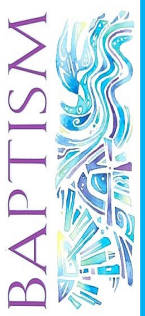
Recently Deceased: Monica (Hynes, Peter's sister) Laney, Guiseppi (Arti) Ortis

Anniversaries: Peter O'Neill, Rev Fr Paul Purcell, Beryl Ward, Pery Ward, Bessie Jensen, Kit Goonan, Maisie Goonan, George McKinley, Marianne Murray, Ivan Babic, Fr John Naughton, Dina & Frank Cepile.

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



## WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS



We welcome and congratulate candidates and families as they celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish this weekend.



Catholic College  
Wodonga  
Life in Jesus

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:

#### A Reminder to Parishioners:

We welcome staff and student's of Wodonga Catholic College, **THE DA VINCI COMMUNITY** as they join us for morning Mass Wednesday **\*November 1st\***

### Parishioners Please NOTE:

There will be no morning Masses at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga from Tuesday September 5th to Friday September 8th as our Priests are away.

### CCR Prayer Group:

The CCR Prayer Group meet fortnightly Wednesday-6.45 pm cuppa  
7 - 8.30 pm next gathering 6 September  
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.  
"Living in the power of God "Romans 2"  
**All welcome**  
Contact Brigita- 0412042196

### St Vincent de Paul:

A collection for the Local branch of St Vincent de Paul will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.



**Vinnies**  
good works

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



### (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**



## Wodonga Rosters 9th & 10th September



### SACRED HEART CLEANING:

Volunteers

### SACRED HEART ALTAR:

Mary Harkness, Jennifer Flower

### MASS TIMES:

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Lector 1:** Dave Seiter

**Lector 2:** Marilyn Seiter

**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Lector 1:** Maureen Lonergan

**Lector 2:** Des Lonergan

**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Lector 1:** Gerard Moore

**Lector 2:** Cristy Fraser

## Eucharistic Ministers 9th & 10th September

**5:00 pm:** Mick, Clive & Mavis

**8:30 am:** Anne T, Michael & Erris

**10:30 am:** Yves, Peter & Jenny

## Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

## Counters This Weekend

### THIS WEEK: TEAM: 4

Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kath Didier

### NEXT WEEK: TEAM 5:

Margo Keat, Gerry & Marion Fitzpatrick

### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 10TH SEPTEMBER

**LECTOR:** Jenny

**Backup:** Peter

**Commentator:** Peter

### DERERANG ROSTERS: 17th September

**FIRST / SECOND READING:** Alanna Kirley

**WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:** Sharon Coulston

**POWERPOINT:** Diane Goonan



## Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day.

Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him.

'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.'

But he turned and said to Peter,

'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples,

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life?

Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels,

and, when he does,

he will reward each one according to his behaviour.

### Readings this week:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

### Readings next week:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Roman 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

### Responsorial Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia.

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.





# What's happening in our Parish



## Youth Corner

The Parish Youth Team were grateful for the presence of 25 young people at the "New Creations" Movie night, last Sunday. Please continue to pray for us...



Watch this space for more information on our next event: Sunday September 24th

### KSC MEETING:

The Knights of the Southern Cross will meet on **Tuesday September 5th** in the Parish Centre at **1.30pm**. For more information please contact Des Lonergan  
**M: 0408 575 825**

### "COME AND SEE". Sep 12th - 7pm

#### 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 the 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**

**Mark Riley 04 4776 6963**

**Clive Hayward 04 0834 3527**

### 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**



St Monica's Primary School  
Wodonga Celebrates...  
**50 years!**

**FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

**10AM SCHOOL MASS**

Sacred Heart Church, Beechworth Road, Wodonga

**11:30AM MORNING TEA & CUPPA**

St Monica's Primary School

**6PM ST MONICA'S ART SHOW**

St Monica's Primary School

Art will be on display from our students and wider community.

Art Show Tickets \$20 per person - complimentary drinks, nibbles and entertainment from 7pm (18+ only event)

Please RSVP by Friday 6th October  
RSVP by the Google Form <https://forms.gle/hxUtrPnkCivkICmX8>  
or phoning the office on **02 6024 3151**

For more information or if you have any questions around the event, please email [anniversary@smwodonga.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anniversary@smwodonga.catholic.edu.au).

Out of the  
Shadows  
and into the  
Light

Lifeline Albury Wodonga  
2023 Program

Each year we gather at the sunrise of World Suicide Prevention Day on the banks of the Murray River in Albury to honour those lost to suicide and to bring their memory into the light, removing the stigma around suicide.

Lifeline's 'Out of the Shadows' walks enable those whose lives have been touched by suicide to connect with others and feel comfortable to have a conversation about it.

Thousands of people across Australia join Lifeline's 'Out of the Shadows' walks which coincide with World Suicide Prevention Week.

Lifeline encourages all Australians to join a walk and start talking about suicide. The Albury Wodonga walk takes place on Sunday 10th September meeting at Kremur Street boat ramp and at 6am and taking a short walk along the Wagirra walking trail to Hovell Tree Park. Together, we watch the sun rise as we walk and hold a short memorial service.

We invite you to be involved this year. Register at the link below today.

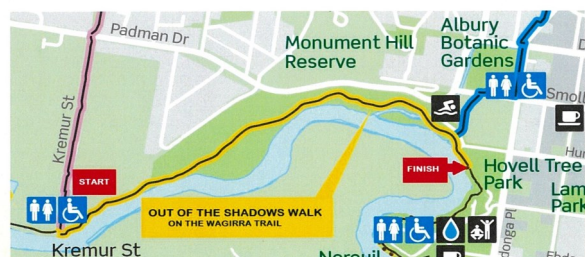
<https://www.lifelinealburywodonga.org.au/out-of-the-shadows-event/>



#### Lifeline Albury Wodonga - Out of the Shadows Program

Program - Sunday 10th September 2023	Time
Meet at Kremur St Boat Ramp, West Albury	5.45am
Commence walk to Hovell Tree Park	6.00am
Arrive at Hovell Tree park and gather for the ceremony	6.25am
Memorial Service: including an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance	6.30am
Free BBQ Breakfast will be provided	6.30am - 8.00am

#### Lifeline Albury Wodonga Out of the Shadows 2023 Walk Map



### 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)