



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 17th - 2023 : Season of Creation

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.

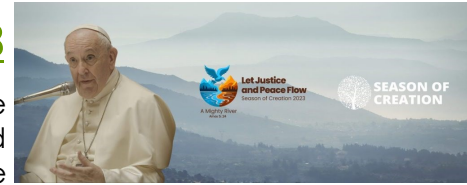


**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

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 on the Season of Creation 2023

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.



Looking at the Readings:

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given. Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentment, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Our Lady of Fatima Statue - Here in Wodonga.



The Fatima Statue is traveling throughout the Diocese of Sandhurst in the lead up to the Marian Festival celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on October 15th. This beautiful statue was made in Portugal where the events of Fatima took place. It has in its base, soil from the site of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima and leaves from the tree she appeared over. At Fatima our Lady asked us to entrust ourselves to her Immaculate Heart to obtain peace for the world. You are invited to entrust yourselves, your families and your parish to her Immaculate Heart as this statue makes its way to the Cathedral where we will pray a prayer of consecration for the whole Diocese of Sandhurst. **From Friday, September 15th to Thursday September 21st, Wodonga Catholic Parish will have the Fatima statue at St Augustine's Church for private prayer and Rosary between 5:00pm-6:00pm each day. On Friday September 22nd The Fatima statue will be in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga where we will pray the Rosary from 8:45am followed by Mass at 9:15am please join us afterwards for a cuppa and a chat. All Welcome to attend.**

Wodonga Parish Centre
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Parish Priest
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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)
Safe Guarding Officer :
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 :



What's happening in our Parish



Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Holland, Julianne Anderson.

Anniversaries: Anne Iudica, Michael Thomas, Katie Ronan, Fr William Ronan, Jeanette Darmody, Keith Honey, Vinko Banovic, Bessie Jensen, Paula Garoni, Elsie McKinley, Andelka Bravar, Janko Bravar, Josip Pedisic.

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

Prayers to be Offered.

Would you like your loved ones recent death, anniversary or ill health acknowledged in this bulletin for prayers to be offered? Please pass the information on to the Priest or email Sonni at : wodcath@bigpond.net.au. OR Ph: 0260243366.

Please Note: Due to privacy laws we are unable to place names in the bulletin unless requested by a relative.

Welcome Fr Jake:

How lovely it was to have Fr Jake share a meal and good conversation after Masses last weekend, with the parishioners of Mt Beauty, in the parish house. It felt a bit like we were welcoming him home!



Wodonga Catholic Parish wishes

Sonni La Motte-Schubert who is celebrating her 60th birthday and Matt Ley who celebrates his 70th birthday this month many happy returns.

Do you have loved ones who are celebrating a significant birthday/wedding anniversary?

We would love to acknowledge it in our bulletin so please let us know!

Permission from the person is required.

What's on the Calendar:

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE - 15th - 22nd Sep

Coming to Wodonga

REFUGEE & MIGRANT SUNDAY - 24th Sep

Designated by our Pope as a time to focus on the issues of migration and seeking refuge.

WELCOMING SUNDAY CUPPA - 1st Oct

After the 8.30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

Priests Retirement Foundation

Annual Appeal: 23/24 SEP.

The second collection at all Masses NEXT weekend will be dedicated to the Annual Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal. The foundation serves retired Priests and assists with medical expenses for Priests who are unwell. Our diocese has 13 retired priests who depend on our support from this fund.

Donations to this appeal are tax deductible.

If you require a receipt please use the envelopes provided in the church, available now.

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 this Sunday September 17th in the Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre.

Any inquiries contact Marg: 0458 031 903

CCR Meeting - Wednesday Sept-20th

Sacred Heart Church, 6.45pm cuppa, 7pm start. Living in the power of God's Spirit, please read chapter 2 Rom. All welcome. Contact: Brigita: 0412042196

St Mary's Catholic Church Myrtleford

Wednesday - October 4th.

RETREAT DAY:

Mass @ 10am - Prayers and Reflection

BYO LUNCH - Concludes 3pm

Contact: Mary Kirk 60712234 All Welcome



Wodonga Rosters 23rd & 24th September



SACRED HEART CLEANING:

Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR:

Volunteers

MASS TIMES:

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Lector 1: Juliana Vaughan

Lector 2: Jenny Sinnot

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Lector 1: Ross Black

Lector 2: Anne Tremethick

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Lector 1: Josh Jaculbia

Lector 2: Marinela Jaculbia

Eucharistic Ministers 23rd & 24th September

5:00 pm: Sandy, Christine & Phil

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

10:30 am: Gerri, Ampy & Nina

Children's Liturgy:

School Holidays

Counters This Weekend

THIS WEEK: TEAM: 6

Marg Whitehead & John Barrat

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 7:

Peter Murray & Matt Ley

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 24TH SEPTEMBER

LECTOR: Rachel

Backup: Mary-Anne

Commentator: Bruce

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 1ST OCTOBER

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer



Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35



Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Readings this week:

Sirach 27:30-28-7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Readings next week:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24,279

Matthew 20:1-16

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



What's happening in our Parish



NEW CREATIONS

GRADES 4-6
(9-12 YRS)

SWAG NIGHT

FIND OUT ABOUT
GOD'S LOVE

THROUGH:

- VIDEOS
- GAMES
- SONGS
- STORIES
- FOOD



SACRED HEART CHURCH

285 BEECHWORTH RD, WODONGA

24 SEP

AT 4-6PM

SWAG: Saved With Amazing Grace



"COME AND SEE".



You are very welcome.

Come join us at several gatherings with our parish family. It is an excellent relaxing medium to promote parish unity and friendship, especially if we invite someone who feels isolated, as together we share a journey of deepening our relationship with Jesus, as we travel towards His birth at Christmas.

'WELCOME' WEEKLY MEETINGS START:

October 10 @7pm.

In Sacred Heart church foyer.

Bookmarks listing further dates available in foyer.

Contacts:

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 support in applying 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/hxUtrPnkC1vk1CmX8>
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.



Bendigo Marian Festival:

The 49th Annual Marian Festival:

The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima of the Diocese of Sandhurst joyfully invites all members of the faithful to come and join the celebrations of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917, and as she requested, to pray for world peace.

The 2023 Marian Festival will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo on October 15th.

Pope Francis recently called the Church to turn again to Our Lady of Fatima, when on August 5th as part of World Youth Day celebrations in Portugal, he led 200,000 pilgrims in praying the Rosary at the Shrine of Fatima. He spoke particularly of the need to pray to the Blessed Virgin for peace in the world. As the conflict in Ukraine continues and threatens to spread, we face other challenges to peace and harmony in the world, it is timely that we answer again the call of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima to entrust ourselves, the Church, and all nations to her Immaculate Heart which she promised would triumph and bring peace.

For more information on the Marian Festival, please contact Wilma McCormack by email:

info@bendigofatima.com

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.

