



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.



October 1st - 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



Creation refers both to God's mysterious, magnificent act of creating this majestic, beautiful planet and universe out of nothing and to the continuing result of that act, which we experience as an inexhaustible gift. During the liturgy and personal prayer in "the great cathedral of creation", let us recall the great Artist who creates such beauty, and reflect on the mystery of that loving decision to create the cosmos.

Greetings and Blessings from the Holy Land!



This week is my 3rd week of Studies at Tantur Ecumenical Institute. This place is just a walking distance to Bethlehem and Jerusalem. There are 14 of us doing this program. Nine of 14 participants are Catholic Priests from the USA (5), Philippines (1), UK (1), Australia (1) and South Korea (1).



There is also an Anglican Priest from the UK. There are two Catholic nuns from Nigeria and Hongkong respectively. There are also 2 lay Catholic women with us, one is a Scientist.

Some are doing it for 3 months and some like me are doing it for 6 weeks. For my first week here,

we studied the History of Israel and Palestine.

This includes excursions in Jerusalem and related sites. Our second week focuses on Judaism as a religion and as a culture.

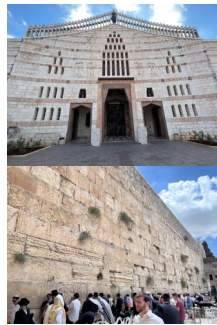
This also includes excursions in Jerusalem and other relevant sites as well as opportunities to experience Judaism as a faith. Our third week is now focused on Christianity. This week, we left Jerusalem and spent 5 days in Galilee region (Nazareth, Tiberias, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, etc).

It has been an interesting experience for all of us in the group. We have Mass everyday, prayer together, reflection time and sharing. I enjoyed the middle Eastern cuisine and hospitality. Saturdays and Sundays are free days for us, so on those days I would visit other holy sites that are not part of the program. This coming Saturday, I am graced to have the opportunity to spend overnight at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which contains the Calvary where Jesus was crucified and the place where Jesus was buried.

I have you all always in my thoughts and prayers here.

Please pray for me too.

Fr Junjun



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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: Pat Filby, Joan Watson, Pat Oliver

Anniversaries: Fr. Lawrence Moate SDB (brother of Paul Moate & brother-in-law to Kath Moate)
Patricia O'Shaughnessy (Pauline Malone's sister) Peter Garfirth, Trevor Baker,
Lorraine Nilon, Mary Tobin, Kevin Hynes, Laurence Hannebery, Vern Braunack,
Kerry O'Mahony.

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 Cuppa



Please join us in the foyer of
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga,
This Sunday after
the 8:30am Mass for a cuppa and a chat.

All welcome



Congratulations Don and Marg Cameron

on 60 years of marriage.
Marg and Don celebrated their
Diamond Wedding Anniversary on
Thursday 28th September.
Wodonga Catholic Parish congratulates
Marg and Don on this wonderful milestone.

Knights of the Southern Cross A.G.M.

Tuesday 3 October at 7.00PM

in Parish Centre

All members urged to attend.

"The harvest is great but the labourers are few."

Des Lonergan PH: 0408 575 825

The Catholic Women's League:

The CWL are having a **Retreat Day**
on Wednesday **4th October**
at St Mary's Church, Lawrence St, **Myrtleford**.
Beginning with Mass **10am**, concludes **3pm**.
BYO lunch. Tea/coffee provided.
For details Ph. Jane 03 5727 0224.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

A ministry in the Catholic Church offering couples a
weekend of discovery for their marriage.
Enhance communication and rekindle the passion in
your marriage!

For details and application,
visit: www.me.org.au

What's on the Calendar:

Welcoming Sunday Cuppa – THIS Weekend

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

Daylight Savings Begins:

THIS Sunday 1 October 2023

**Move your clock forward one hour
at 2am.**



The CWL Retreat Day
Myrtleford - Wed 4th October

World Mission Sunday

Celebrate across Australia and the world on the
weekend of **21st/22nd October.**

Sacred Heart School Corryong:

60th birthday Celebration

Watch this space



Wodonga Rosters 7th & 8th October

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: Meryl Brown Lector 2: Marilynn Seiter	Altar Servers: Volunteers Lector 1: Barry Jackson Lector 2: Diana McKinley	Altar Servers: Volunteers Lector 1: Jenny Sinnott Lector 2: Ampy Clark
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Eucharistic Ministers 7th & 8th October

5:00 pm: Louise, Michaela & Caitlyn	8:30 am: Maureen, Pat & Marg	10:30 am: Peter, Jean & Bronwyn
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Children's Liturgy:

School Holidays

Counters This Weekend

THIS WEEK: TEAM: 8 Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson
NEXT WEEK: TEAM 9: Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 8TH OCTOBER

LECTOR: Bruce

Backup: Deb

Commentator: Peter

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 15TH OCTOBER

FIRST / SECOND READING: Alanna Kirley

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Sharon Coulston

POWERPOINT: Diane Goonan

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people,
 'What is your opinion?
 A man had two sons. He went and said to the first,
 "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today."
 He answered, "I will not go",
 but afterwards thought better of it and went.
 The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered,
 "Certainly, sir", but did not go.
 Which of the two did the father's will?'
 'The first' they said.
 Jesus said to them,
 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the
 kingdom of God before you.
 For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness,
 but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did.
 Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Readings this week:

Ezekiel 18:25-28
 Philippians 2:1-11
 Matthew 21:28-32

Readings next week:

Isaiah 5:1-7
 Philippians 4:6-9
 Matthew 21:33-43

Responsorial Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



Season of Creation Prayer:



Creator God,

You made us and all creation to share your life:

all the birds and bugs of the air, the animals of the land, the creatures of the rivers and seas;

all the trees and flowers and plants; and all the people everywhere.

Open our minds to your way of life and teach us how to live together with hearts full of love & justice.

We ask this in your name.

Amen.

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.



Looking at the Readings:

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is His humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.
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Liturgical Jottings - Eucharistic Prayer part 4

Anamnesis

The anamnesis, by which the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the apostles, celebrates the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed passion, glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven. GIRM 79e.

The Greek term "anamnesis" is the title to this part, though memorial prayer is regularly applied but does not carry the same dynamism of active memory and action. The prayer recapitulates what Jesus has accomplished for us and that we do this in remembrance of him. The Anamnesis in the third Eucharistic Prayer adds the second coming:

"Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice."



"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.

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