



# 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 15th - 2023 : 28th 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: Homily at the Opening Mass of the Synod.



*"The Holy Spirit often shatters our expectations to create something new that surpasses our predictions and negativity. Let us open ourselves to him and call upon him, the protagonist, the Holy Spirit. And let us walk with him, in trust and with joy."*

### A Message from Fr Junjun: (Received Monday 9th of October)

Good day my dear Parishioners,

Just an update from here in Jerusalem.

You may have heard about the news of war in Israel.

At the moment we are safe and sound here in Tantur Ecumenical Institute, where I reside and study, but we are told to be always ready and hurry to the 'Air Raid' shelter when the sirens are sounded again.

Last Saturday, sirens signalling rocket missile attacks were all over the place. Israeli's iron dome was able to intercept more than 2000 of the Hamas' 5000 rockets being launched. One rocket got through and hit 3 kilometres from Tantur institute.

We, the residents here were told to stay in the Air Raid shelter within the building all morning as the explosions went on. We could still hear some explosions from afar, the fighting is still on. Today, from where I am, the roads are eerily quiet. The Ministry of Tourism advised that all residents are to stay in doors or near the building and ready to find shelter when missiles are fired again.

I am due to depart Israel Sunday, October 15th. I hope and pray the airport will be secured and flights returned by then. For now I know many flights in and out are cancelled or delayed. Our director here in Tantur mandated that we all stay in the premises.

It's relatively calm now, but every moment is unpredictable. We pray this will not last long, for many civilians from both sides have now been affected, houses destroyed and family members killed.

I trust your prayers for all of us here. *Fr Junjun*

### Looking at the Readings:

The liturgy of the word opens with Isaiah's image of the Day of the Lord when all will be fulfilled. People will gather in the presence of God for a banquet that is more magnificent than any royal banquet or wedding feast. All suffering, mourning and sorrows will also end. We understand why this reading is also popular for funerals for it offers a vision of heaven with the best of everything. The responsorial psalm (also used at funerals) complements the readings. The response also reinforces this sense: "I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." We are invited into God's presence and enjoy his comfort and great largess. The Gospel is the third parable in a sequence addressed to the chiefs priests and the elders of the people (The two sons, Matt 21:28-32, 26th Sunday; the landowner and the wicked tenants Matt 21:33-43, 27th Sunday; the wedding feast and the guest not dressed appropriately, Matt 22:1-14, 28th Sunday that is today). We should not fall into the trap and say those nasty people, we know better and we behave correctly. Yet Jesus' words are still relevant to people today. We are God's holy people, we are baptised and participate in the church's mission and worship. Can these words of warning to the leaders apply to us today? All types of people are invited to the feast God has prepared. Many refuse to listen and accept. There is the odd one who says "Yes" but refuses to change his old habits. God is offering a lot, asking little and ready to help those in need.

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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 :  
Country Churches:  
Before Mass.



# What's happening in our Parish



**Recently Deceased:** Peter Seymour, Bob Salter, (Corryong), Mary Read.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Franklin, Miroslava Kucan, Jesequio Soriano, Gloria Deane, Norma Dixon, Alma Moate, Emperatriz Embodo, Irene, Jack & Kevin Worrall, Paula & Ken Garoni.

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

BAPTISM



## Welcome & Congratulations

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

### Part 1: What is "Team Ministry" in a Parish Setting:

Bishop Shane has indicated that Fathers Andrew Fewings, John Paul Pasala and Adi Indra will not be Parish Priests or Assistant Priests in Wodonga, Tallangatta & Corryong. parishes, but instead "Pastoral Leaders & Team Members" in a "Team Ministry". You might be wondering, what does this mean?

Canon Law says, "When circumstances require it, the pastoral care of a parish or of different parishes together can be entrusted to several priests in solidum", in exercising pastoral care one of them must be the moderator, namely, the one who is to direct the joint action and to answer for it to the Bishop" (can. 517 § 1).

In the 'classic' parish model, the Parish Priest is the one responsible not only to direct pastoral care & initiatives, but also to carry them out himself. The presence of an assistant priests is to help & support the Parish Priest in performing his duties.

In this ministry model introduced after Vatican II, the three priests will act in solidum, which could be loosely translated as "in a team" or "jointly." Fathers Andrew, John Paul & Adi will have approximately equal duties & responsibilities as team members. The focus area of each priest, however, will be different, hence the team needs one Moderator to coordinate pastoral care & initiatives & to answer for it to Bishop Shane.

In practice, the new model of ministry will not be much different for the people of God in each parish. Pastoral care will still go on as normal & hopefully it will even be improved.

**Still confused?** Don't worry. We will discuss more about this in the next Bulletin. In the meantime, please pray for our priests & for each other. Stay tuned!

## Prayers to be Offered.

Would you like your loved ones recent death, anniversary or ill health acknowledged in our bulletin for prayers to be offered? Please email Sonni E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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 the person themselves i.e. "Prayers for the Sick" or a relative of a deceased person i.e. "Prayers for the Recently Deceased"

### St Malachy's Nagambie 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations:

St Malachy's Church Nagambie invites you to the celebration of our 150th Year Commemorating the past moving forward in faith A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev.

Shane Mackinlay DD Bishop of Sandhurst at St Malachy's Nagambie Sunday 19 November 2023 10:00am. After which will be the renaming of the former presbytery to the Kearns Centre followed by light refreshments at St Joseph's School.

RSVP: 1 November to Wendy Keenan: 0459 595 908

## What's on the Calendar:

### World Mission Sunday : OCT 22nd

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

### Sacred Heart School, Corryong : OCT 24th

### 60th Birthday Celebration : Mass @ 10am

Tuesday 24th of October

### All Saints Day Masses : NOV 1st

Wodonga Catholic Parish

Welcomes Catholic College, Davinci Community for the 9:15am Mass.

All Saints Day Mass will also be celebrated @ 6:00pm.

### All Souls Day Masses : NOV 2nd

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

Mass @ 9:15am - Mass 6pm at the Wodonga Cemetery (with Rosary at 5:45pm).



## 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 phone 60243366 or E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au). Or refer to or Reporting Process poster displayed in our church.

# Wodonga Rosters 21st & 22nd October

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:**

Volunteers

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:**

Volunteers

**MASS TIMES:**

**5:00 pm**

**8:30 am**

**10:30 am**

**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Lector 1:** Matthew Ley

**Lector 2:** Ha Ngo

**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Lector 1:** Mike Iverson

**Lector 2:** Kate Rotherham

**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Lector 1:** Estrella Wiltshire

**Lector 2:** Christian Bashimbe

## Eucharistic Ministers 21st & 22nd October

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

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

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

## Children's Liturgy:

**8.30am**

## Counters This Weekend

**THIS WEEK: TEAM: 10**

John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman

**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 1:**

Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker, John Foley

### Mt BEAUTY ROSTERS: 22nd October

**LECTOR:** Roseanna

**Backup:** Gail

**Commentator:** Bruce

### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 5TH NOVEMBER

**FIRST / SECOND READING:** Sharon Coulston

**WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:** Alanna Kirley

**POWERPOINT:** Diane Goonan

## Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding.

He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come.

Next he sent some more servants.

"Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding."

But they were not interested:

one went off to his farm, another to his business,

and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them.

The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town.

Then he said to his servants,

"The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy,

go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding."

So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find,

bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

### Readings this week:

Isaiah 25:6-10.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20.

Matthew 22:1-14.

### Readings next week:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

### Responsorial Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.

### Gospel Acclamation:

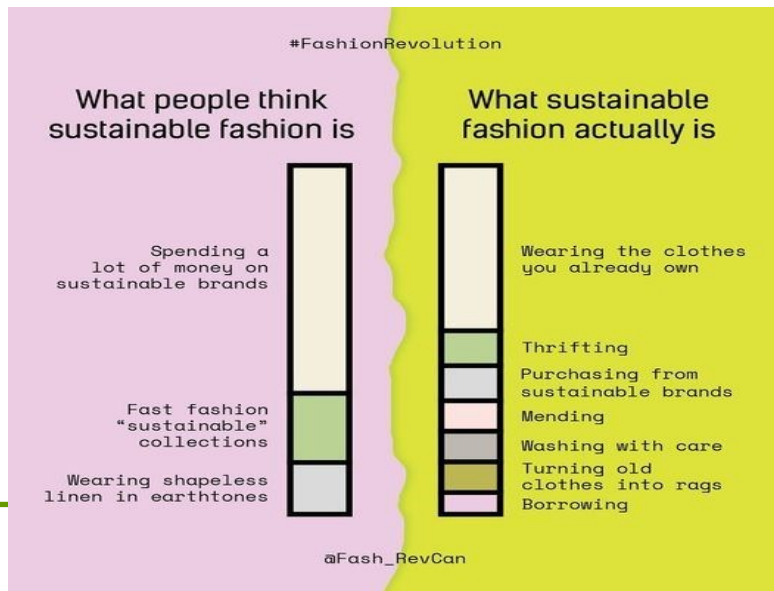
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that  
we might see how great is the hope to which  
we are called. Alleluia.

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



# Catholic EarthCare - WCP Parish Program



**"As consumers, we have so much power to change the world by just being careful in what we buy"**  
- Emma Watson.

Each Australian disposes an average 23 kilograms of clothing to landfill each year and Australia has no systematic resources for the collection of unwearable clothing. As a result, textile waste has become one of the largest contributors to Australia's waste problem.

**Why not do your bit for our planet by purchasing something second hand to wear?**

## SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

### XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

~ @2023 Sandpiper E-News

The Opening Mass for the Synod on Synodality on 4 October, commenced with a procession of Synod participants through St Peter's Square.

The pageantry was fitting for this historic Synod in which lay men and women have been granted full voting rights for the first time; and the submissions of everyday Catholics – from what has been an unprecedented scale of global consultation will be formally considered.

For the next three weeks, Synod participants, including Bishop Shane Mackinlay and eleven others from Australia, will meet in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall to engage in conversations of the spirit and eventually advise Pope Francis on the theme:

Pope Francis asked participants "to walk together with the gaze of Jesus". He said, when each one of us keeping the gaze of Jesus, the Church grows as one with God firmly at the centre; it reaches out to the world; 'stirs the indifferent'; remains true to the teachings of Jesus and does not lose heart – even in amid the 'sometimes agitated waves of our time'.

#### A Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and remain faithful to the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.

Amen.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SYOD

Twelve people from Australia are participating at the Synod as delegates with full voting rights and three people are facilitating. They have asked for your prayers as they undertake their important tasks over the next three weeks.