



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.



November 19th - 2023 : The 33rd 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.



Quote From Pope Francis :

Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us.

Looking at the Readings

The Gospels of last week, this week and the next are from Matthew Chapter 25. Three parables that Jesus addresses to his disciples about the waiting for his return. They are the last parables and come just before the account of his passion, death and resurrection. Last week and this, the gospel insists on the urgency of active watchfulness since no one knows when the Son of Man will come again. The Gospel for next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, Christ has come, like a king to judge the people.

The celebration of these Sunday urges a fresh awareness for the essential and dynamic dimensions of the believer's everyday life and the way they participate in the liturgy. Like the bridesmaids in the parable last week, we want to be awake and ready, and like the servants in today's gospel we want to be diligent in our tasks allotted to us. And so may we participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice at the altar is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. (cf. Prayer over the Gifts, Holy Thursday)

Pope Francis' Laudate Deum

3. The Weakness of International Politics: There is need to provide a response to new problems and to react with global mechanisms to the environmental, public health, cultural and social challenges in order to consolidate respect for the most elementary human rights, social rights and protection of our common home. All this presupposes the development of a new procedure for decision-making and legitimizing those decisions. In this framework we require spaces for conversation, consultation, arbitration, conflict resolution and supervision. It is no longer helpful for us to support institutions in order to preserve the rights of the more powerful without caring for those of all. (42,43)

Book of Proverbs

This Old Testament Book is a collection of collections of maxims, proverbs and an acrostic poem (today's first reading). While many parts were written over a long period of time the final edition was probably 6th-5th century BC. The poem about the "ideal wife" (Jerusalem Bible) or "virtuous woman" (Good News Bible) seems anachronistic to modern ears. It is like a eulogy intent to give praise to the diligent person who is in wonder and awe of God.

Quote of the Week:

Patience and Diligence, like Faith, move mountains. ~ William Penn

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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: Mary Pappas

Anniversaries: Andre & Marcelina Alfonso, Denis McKinley, Joan Harris

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 in our Parish this weekend.

BAPTISM



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

St Vincent de Paul:



Vinnies
good works

A collection for the Local branch of St Vincent de Paul, will be taken up at all Masses in Sacred Heart Church Wodonga on December 3rd 2023. Thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving Reports

Planned giving reports and new sets of envelopes are available in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga foyer, this weekend.

Financial Reports:

Copies of Wodonga Catholic Parish financial reports are on the notice boards in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

Tallangatta Parishioners: Please Note:

The Tallangatta St Vincent de Paul Conference will be having their annual Christmas collection after the Mass on the **10th of December.**

The St Vinnies Christmas cards are also available @ \$3 per packet, which supports our local branch of St Vincent de Paul.



Copies of the Christmas Catalogue of The Catholic Shop are available in the foyer of your church. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need. You can visit www.thecatholicshop.com to see the entire range and order online.



CCR Sandhurst Renewal Day

Christmas Celebration:

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Day Christmas celebration and lunch is on **November 25th** at the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre. Time 9.30am to 3.30pm. St Brendan's Shepparton.

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share.

We enjoy fellowship over meals, and all are welcome.

For more details contact Brigita Hore on 0412 042 196.

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: woddcath@bigpond.net.au. Or refer to our Reporting Process Poster displayed in our church.

Parish Safeguarding :

Do you volunteer in your parish?

Are your details up to date?

Is your WWCC up to date?

Are you volunteering in a position requiring a NPC

For support in updating all requirements

Ph: Sonni 0260243366

Wodonga Rosters 25th & 26th November

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: Ha Ngo

Lector 2: Matthew Ley

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Lector 1: Maureen Lonergan

Lector 2: Des Lonergan

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Lector 1: Ampy Clark

Lector 2: Jean Tabra

Eucharistic Ministers 25th & 26th November

5:00 pm: Mick, Clive & Sandy

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

10:30 am: Yves, Peter & Jenny

Children's Liturgy:

8.30am Children's Liturgy Team

Counters This Weekend

THIS WEEK: TEAM: 5 Margo Keat, Gerry & Marion Fitzpatrick

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 6: Marg Whitehead, John Barrat

Mt BEAUTY ROSTERS: 26th November

LECTOR: Rachel

Backup: Mary-Anne

Commentator: Mary-Anne

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 3RD DECEMBER

FIRST / SECOND READING: Judy Brewer

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them.

To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability.

Then he set out.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them.

The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more.

“Sir,” he said, “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.”

His master said to him,

“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things,

I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.”

Readings this week:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Readings next week:

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Matthew 25:31-46

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



Watch this Space for
Upcoming
Environmental
Parish Projects



Do you have any bright ideas for
Environmental Projects for our
Parish to participate in?
E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au or
Ph: 60243366 . Alternatively you may
contact
Sr Eileen Reardon Ph: 0458 327 554

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Welcoming Cuppa

Catholic College Wodonga
Life in Jesus

Parishioners you are invited to join staff, students and families of Catholic College Community as they host our December 'Welcoming Cuppa' on Sunday the 3rd of December after the 8:30am Mass.

Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst Theology Scholarships: Semester 1 2024

Designed to support the mission formation of parishioners through formal theological studies, especially those with or who are seeking pastoral leadership roles in the diocese of Sandhurst.

Are you interested in studying theology or spiritual leadership in 2024?

Scholarships are available for Sandhurst parishioners to study online post-graduate courses in theology at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne

50% of the tuition fees will be reimbursed (full cost: credit \$2,882, audit \$650).

You may study for credit towards a Master's degree/Graduate certificate/Graduate diploma or for audit. If you have not studied at a tertiary level before you can take advantage of the "Professional Attainment" pathway. Scholarships are also available for the year-long Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program at Heart of Life, Melbourne (50% of full cost reimbursed: full cost \$9,816 with tertiary credit). (According to the Heart of Life website the program is closed, however positions are still available for parishioners in the Sandhurst diocese.)



St Monica's

INVITE PARISHIONERS TO A
FAREWELL MORNING TEA FOR
FATHER JUNJUN AND FATHER UDAY

JOIN FATHER JUNJUN, UDAY, ADI
AND ST MONICA'S STAFF FOR A
TREAT AND CHAT

23 NOV 2023

11:15 AM

137 BROCKLEY ST WODONGA
RSVP (02) 6024 3151



OUR LORD SAYS, "FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM" (MATTHEW 18:20). SO THE BEST PART ABOUT GATHERING TOGETHER AS CHRISTIANS IS THAT WE CAN BE ASSURED THAT JESUS IS THERE AMONG US.