



# 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.



## December 3rd - 2023 : The First Sunday of Advent

### 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: *Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down."*

### Looking at the Gospel:

Darkness in the scriptures symbolises absence, wrongdoing, the power of evil. Thievery and deceit are perpetrated during the night under the cover of darkness where lighting is minimal or non-existent. Nowadays we have expressions like daylight robbery and committed in broad daylight to describe daring crimes hitherto unheard of. Not so then. Hence Jesus use of such expressions as: "stay awake" repeated four times in today's Gospel (Mark 13:33,34,35,37). Day and night we wait for the coming of God. Advent is the liturgical season we particularly wait for our God. We must overcome the urge to sleep, a metaphor for wandering from our Christian calling to be at prayer, service and readiness.

The Prophet Isaiah introduces a double theme of waiting for the coming of God. God awaits our return to him and we await his return to us. We have the urgency and drama expressed in verse 64:1 "Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!" It is like a prayer (see below) especially for Christians who recognise the first coming of God at Christmas and the second coming at the end of time.

Isaiah prays on behalf of and with the people for God to come and forgive our sins and restore us to our original holiness. He prays with love, addressing God as Father (63:16, 64:8) and presenting a wonderful image:

*"Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand"*

### Advent Prayer

Rend the heavens and come down, O God of all the ages!

Rouse us from sleep, deliver us from our heedless ways,

and form us into a watchful people, that, at the advent of your Son,

he may find us doing what is right, mindful of all you command.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

whose coming is certain, whose day draws near. Amen.

### Advent Customs: St Nicholas Day:

In the Low Countries (Europe) St. Nicholas Day (6 November) is a time when children leave out their "polished" shoes the night before and find in them special cookies, chocolates or oranges in the morning. Oranges and chocolate coins are common treats that represent St. Nicholas's legendary rescue of three impoverished girls by paying their marriage dowries with gold. Candy canes, which have the shape of a bishop's crosier, are also given.

### What's on the Calendar:

Parish Centre Morning Tea: Tuesday, November 5th after the 9:15am Mass @ Parish Centre.

Mass of Anointing: Wednesday, December 6th @ 1:30pm - Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Advent Appeal for Ukraine: Sunday, December 12th – Special Collection.

Frs. Junjun & Uday Farewell: Sunday, December-17th after the 10:30am Mass. SHC Wodonga

Indian Community Mass: Saturday, December 9th @ 6.30pm, Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

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Office Hours  
9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
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Parish Priest  
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0459-356-917  
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Father Uday Kumar Marneni  
0422 -814-178  
Father Adi Indra  
6024-3366  
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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 :

Country Churches:

Before Mass.

# As a Community We Pray for....

## Recently Deceased:

## Anniversaries:

Leon Van Buynder, Russell Cochrane, Antonia Best, June Fuery, Lucia Castro, Don & Connie Tremethick, Guido Angelini, Neil Brown, Marie (Goonan) Williams.

## Those who are unwell:

John Saric, Genevieve Govers, John Hodson, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, Eloise Hill, Leigh-Anne McKinley, Robert Anderson, Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, 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](mailto: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:



A collection will be taken up at all Masses in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, for our Local branch of St Vincent de Paul This weekend  
Thank you for your generosity.



## 2023 Advent Appeal for Ukraine:

**A special collection will be taken up the Second Sunday of Advent for the Advent appeal for Ukraine at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.** During Advent 2022, Australian dioceses were invited to take up a collection for the people of Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of dollars was raised to support people in the war-torn nation through the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. [Click here to read more about how the funds from Australia supported people in Ukraine.](#)

## Advent Prayer Leaflet

**Parishioners please note:** Free copies of the 1st Sunday of Advent Prayer leaflet are available in the foyer of your church. You may also access a digital copy from our FB page or our website.. Hit the link: <http://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Wk-1-Advent-Prayer-Leaflet-2023-.pdf>

## 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

## Available Now in Wodonga Catholic Parish

### Gift Shop:

2024 Columban Calendars @ \$10

Majellan Christmas cards @ \$10 per pkt.

## Catholic Mission Collection

The collection resulted in the amount of \$567.15 being forwarded to Catholic Mission. Thank you all for your generosity.

## Calling All Angels & Shepherds! Christmas Nativity Play



**Would your child like to be involved in the Christmas Nativity Mass? Please be at Sacred Heart Church, for rehearsal December 23rd 10:30am to 12:30pm**

**Contact: Anna: [anna.m.moran@gmail.com](mailto:anna.m.moran@gmail.com)**

## Knights of the Southern Cross.

**Mass for Deceased Members : Saturday 9 Dec @ 9.30**

St. Augustine's Church:

Further info: Des Lonergan 0408 575 825

## Mass of Anointing:

Mass of Anointing this Wednesday

December 6th @ 1.30 pm at Sacred Heart Church

Further info: Des Lonergan 0408 575 825



## 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](mailto:woddcath@bigpond.net.au). Or refer to or Reporting Process Poster displayed in our church.



# Wodonga Rosters 9th & 10th December



**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:** Jenny Sinnott  
**Lector 2:** Christina Dinh

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**Lector 2:** Estrella Wiltshire

## Eucharistic Ministers 9th & 10th December

**5:00 pm:** Meryl, Amilia & Juliana

**8:30 am:** Maureen, Michael & Marg

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

## Children's Liturgy:

8.30am Children's Liturgy Team

### Counters This Weekend

**THIS WEEK: TEAM: 7** Peter Murray, Matt & Sally Ley

**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 8:** Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

#### Mt BEAUTY ROSTERS: 10TH DECEMBER

**LECTOR:** Bruce

**Backup:** Deb

**Commentator:** Gail

#### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 17TH DECEMBER

**FIRST / SECOND READING:** Alanna Kirley

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

**POWERPOINT:** Diane Goonan



## Gospel: Mark 13:33-37



Jesus said to his disciples:  
‘Be on your guard, stay awake,  
because you never know when the time will come.  
It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home,  
and left his servants in charge, each with his own task;  
and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.

So stay awake,  
because you do not know when the master of the house is coming,  
evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn;  
If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.  
And what I say to you I say to all:  
Stay awake!’

### Readings this week:

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

### Readings next week:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face  
and we shall be saved

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and  
love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.





Please join us on Sunday December 17th, after the 10:30am Mass for a sausage sizzle provided and prepared by the Wodonga Catholic Parish Pastoral Council as we farewell Frs. Junjun and Uday.

Parishioners please bring a plate to share:

A special collection will be taken up at all Masses on the 16 / 17th of December to be gifted to Frs. Junjun and Uday.



## 2023 Wodonga Catholic Parish Christmas Mass Times

### Communal Celebration of Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Wodonga: Thursday, December 14th - 7:00 pm

### Filipino Christmas Novena Masses

St Augustine's Catholic Church. Wodonga: - December 15th to December 23rd - 7:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Wodonga: - Saturday December 23rd - 9:00 - 10:00 am

## Christmas Eve Mass Times

Wodonga: Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 6:00 pm - FAMILY NATIVITY MASS:

Wodonga: Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 8:30 pm

Tangambalanga: Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church - 6:00 pm

Mt Beauty: Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 6:00 pm

Corryong: Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 6:00 pm

Tallangatta: Saint Michael's Catholic Church - 6:00 pm

## Christmas Day Mass Times

Wodonga Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Mt Beauty Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 8:30 am

Tallangatta Saint Michael's Catholic Church - 9:00 am

Walwa Christ the King Catholic Church - 9:00 am.

Dederang Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 10:30 am.

Mitta Mitta Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 8:30 am.

Sandy Creek Saint Michael's Catholic Church - 11:00 am.

Corryong: Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 11:00 am

