

Wodonga Parish Centre 283 Beechworth Road Wodonga Vic 3690: Phone: 02 6024 3366 E:wodcath@bigpond.net.au **Office Hours** 9:30 am - 3:00 pm **Monday to Friday Parish Priest** Father Junjun Amaya 0459-356-917 Priest Father Uday Kumar Marneni 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 : Country Churches: Before Mass.



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 10th - 2023: The Second Sunday of Advent

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.

### <u>Pope Francis:</u>

"Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return".

#### Looking at the Gospel:

Signs of a true prophet are humility and that the message is greater than the messenger. John the Baptist is the model prophet-precursor, as a prophet his words focus on repentance and as a precursor he comes before Christ but never puts himself in front. He prepares the way for the Lord and prepares the people to receive him. John baptises with water, The Christ will baptise with Holy Spirit.

Mark begins his gospel with the very simple words: "The Beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ the Son of God." What is professed at the beginning is hidden or "Secret" until the end when Jesus shows himself to his disciples as the Risen Lord. The Good News is offered to those who wish to listen. And in listening they come to conversion and discipleship. The mystery of Christ is with us. We come to celebrate this mystery through conversion, witness and love.

The words in the first reading are spoken in the Gospel. Prepare, Shout out and believe the Lord is among us. The image of making a straight path through valleys and mountains is again repeated. This work of levelling is not just topographical but spiritual. We must identify our own depths and heights that prevent the Lord coming into our lives.

#### <u>Advent Prayer</u>:

With tender comfort and transforming power you come into our midst, O God of mercy and might. Make ready a way in the wilderness, clear a straight path in our hearts, and form us into a repentant people, that the advent of your Son may find us watchful and eager for the glory he reveals. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, whose coming is certain, whose day draws near. Amen.

#### Advent Customs: Wassailing:

The house-visiting wassail is the practice of people going door-to-door, singing Christmas Carols and offering a drink from the wassail bowl in exchange for gifts; this practice still exists, but has largely been displaced by community carol singing.

## As a Community We Pray for....

Recently Deceased: Kath Sartori.

### <u>Anniversaries</u>:

Br Pat Howley FMS, Joan Kelly. Dan Ley, Jake Elkington, Jackie Darmody, May Nevin, Terry Toner, Kelly Gatt Franks, Annette Smith, Sr Melita Burke, Esther Gullifer.

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. OR Ph: 0260243366. **Due to privacy laws we are unable to place names in the bulletin unless requested by a relative.** 

#### Available Now in Wodonga Catholic Parish <u>Cift Shop</u>:

2024 Columban Calendars @\$10

Majellan Christmas cards @ **\$10** per pkt.



#### 2023 Advent Appeal for Ukraine:

A special collection will be taken up This Sunday 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), Patriarchal Charitable а 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. <u>Click here to read more about how the funds</u> from Australia supported people in Ukraine.

#### Liturgical Jottings: Blessings: 2-Nativity Scene:

The custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St Francis of Assisi who made the Christmas manger for Christmas eve of 1223.

The blessing may be given during a celebration of the word of God, during Mass, or another service, e.g., a carol service. The blessing of the nativity scene, according to pastoral circumstances, may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another more suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member; the shorter rite may be used for this purpose. A form of this rite is also found in Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers. Book of Blessings: 1541 1542 1545

## What's on the Calendar:

Parish Centre Morning Tea: <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 12th</u> after the 9:15am Mass @ The Parish Centre.

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St Michael's Primary School End of Year Mass: <u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 14th @ 9:30am</u>-St Michael's Church, Tallangatta. St Francis of Assisi Primary School End of Year Mass: <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 15th</u> @ 10:00am. SHC, Wodonga Sacred Heart Primary School, Corryong, End of Year Mass: <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 15th</u> @ 10:00am. SHC, Corryong. Frs. Junjun & Uday Farewell: <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December -17th</u> after the 10:30am Mass. SHC, Wodonga.

Indian Community Mass: <u>Saturday</u>, 9th December @6.30pm. Indian Community Christmas Mass: <u>Saturday</u>, December <u>23rd</u> @ 6.30pm, SHC, Wodonga.

Wodonga Catholic Parish Parishioners Please Note: Morning Mass on Friday the 15th of December will take place at 10am not the usual time of 9:15am

#### Calling All Angels & Shepherds! Christmas Nativity Play



Contact: Anna: anna.m.moran@gmail.com

#### Advent Prayer Leaflet: Parishioners Please Note:

Free copies of the 2nd 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.

http://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/wp-content/ uploads/2023/12/Wk-2-Advent-Prayer-Leaflet-2023-RS.pdf

## <u>A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:</u>

<u>Towards Healing helpline Free Call</u> Ph: 1800 816 030. <u>Lifeline</u> is a non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour Crisis Support <u>Ph: 13 11 14</u>. If you have any concerns please phone 60243366 or E: woddcath@bigpond.net.au. **Or** refer to or Reporting Process Poster displayed in our church.

🐞 Wodonga Rosters 16th & 17th December 👘					
Sacred Heart Cleaning: Kevin & Rita Keating Sacred Heart Altar: Volunteers			Volunteers		
MASS TIMES: 5:00 pm 8:30 am 10:30 am				0 am	
Altar Servers:VolunteersLector 1:Dave SeiterLector 2:Marilynn Seiter		'olunteers oss Black Inne Tremethick	Altar Servers: Lector 1: Lector 2:	Volunteers Christian Bashimbe Marie Noske	
Eu	charistic Ministers	6th & 17th Dec	ember		
5:00 pm: Jenny, Christine & Phil	A, John B, Anne K	10:30 am: Hele	en, Diane & Yves		
Children's Liturgy: 8.30am Children's Liturgy Team					
		is Weekend			
THIS WEEK: TEAM: 8Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank WatsonNext Week: TEAM 9:Gerard Moore & Thomas Zerafa					
MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 10TH DECEMBER		DEDERANG ROSTERS: 17TH DECEMBER			
LECTOR: Gail		First / Second Reading	NG:	Alanna Kirley	
Backup: Bruce		Welcome/Psalm/Pra	YER OF FAITHFUL:	Sharon Coulston	
Commentator: Bruce		PowerPoint:		Diane Goonan	
🕷 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 🕷					
The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness:					
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey.					
In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'					
Readings this week:	Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, let us see ye	our kindness,		
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8	Gospel Acclamation:	make straight hi	Prepare the s paths: all pe	way of the Lord, ople shall see the	
Readings next week: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	Prayers of the Faithful:	salvation of Goo Lord, hear our p			



Please join us 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

<u>Wodonga</u> :	Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 6:00 pm - FAMILY NATIVITY MASS:
<u>Wodonga</u> :	Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 8:30 pm
<u>Tangambalanga</u> :	Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church - 6:00 pm
<u>Mt Beauty</u> :	Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 6:00 pm
Corryong:	Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 6:00 pm
<u>Tallangatta</u> :	Saint Michael's Catholic Church- 6:00 pm

# Christmas Day Mass Times

<u>Wodonga</u>	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	- 8.30 am & 10:30 am
<u>Mt Beauty</u>	Saint Joseph's Catholic Church	- 8:30 am
<u>Tallangatta</u>	Saint Michael's Catholic Church	-9:00 am
<u>Walwa</u>	Christ the King Catholic Church	-9:00 am. For unto
Dederang	Saint Joseph's Catholic Church	-10:30 am. us a Child is Born,
<u>Mitta Mitta</u>	Saint Joseph's Catholic Church	-8:30 am. Unto us a Son is
<u>Sandy Creek</u>	Saint Michael's Catholic Church	-11:00 am.
<u>Corryong</u> :	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	-11:00 am