

Country Ch Before Mass.

As a Community We Pray for....

Recently Deceased: Kath Sartori.

Anniversaries: 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 : woddcath@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

Gift Shop:

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), 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.](#)

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: Tuesday, December 12th after the 9:15am Mass @ The Parish Centre.

St Michael's Primary School End of Year Mass: Thursday, December 14th @ 9:30am - St Michael's Church, Tallangatta.

St Francis of Assisi Primary School End of Year Mass: Friday, December 15th @ 10:00am. SHC, Wodonga

Sacred Heart Primary School, Corryong, End of Year Mass: Friday, December 15th @ 10:00am. SHC, Corryong.

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

Indian Community Mass: Saturday, 9th December @ 6.30pm.

Indian Community Christmas Mass: Saturday, December 23rd @ 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



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

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>

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 or Reporting Process Poster displayed in our church.



Wodonga Rosters 16th & 17th December



SACRED HEART CLEANING: Kevin & Rita Keating

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

MASS TIMES:	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers: Volunteers	Altar Servers: Volunteers	Altar Servers: Volunteers	
Lector 1: Dave Seiter	Lector 1: Ross Black	Lector 1: Christian Bashimbe	
Lector 2: Marilyn Seiter	Lector 2: Anne Tremethick	Lector 2: Marie Noske	

Eucharistic Ministers 16th & 17th December

5:00 pm: Jenny, Christine & Phil	8:30 am: John A, John B, Anne K	10:30 am: Helen, Diane & Yves
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Children's Liturgy:

8.30am Children's Liturgy Team

Counters This Weekend

THIS WEEK: TEAM: 8	Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson
NEXT WEEK: TEAM 9:	Gerard Moore & Thomas Zerafa

Mt BEAUTY ROSTERS: 10TH DECEMBER	DEDERANG ROSTERS: 17TH DECEMBER
LECTOR: Gail	FIRST / SECOND READING: Alanna Kirley
Backup: Bruce	WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER 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:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Readings next week:

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths: all people shall see the
salvation of God. Alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



FAREWELL



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

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

