



During the
*Season
of Lent*
contemplate
your heart and
look at our
world with
Hope.

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Wodonga Catholic Parish



March 14th - 2021 The 4th Sunday of Lent

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE
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OFFICE HOURS
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Monday to Friday

PRESBYTERY
55 High Street Wodonga Vic
PARISH PRIEST
Father Junjun Amaya
0459-356-917
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Father Dean Bongat
0401 337 433

PASTORAL ASSISTANT
Sister Eileen Reardon
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WEEKEND MASSES
WODONGA
Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 5:00 pm.
Sunday 8:30 am 10.30 am
4th Sunday of each month
Youth Mass 5:00 pm

TANGAMBALANGA
Our Lady Help of Christians
2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am

BETHANGA
St Francis No Masses

DEDERANG
St Joseph's
1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30 Mass
5th Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy
of The Word and Communion

MT BEAUTY
St Joseph's
1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am
5th Sunday 8.30am Liturgy of
The Word and Communion

WEEKDAY MASS:
Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am
SATURDAY
St Augustine's Church
Saturday 9.30am
RECONCILIATION:
Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 9.00am to 9.30am
Country Churches: Before Mass



QR CODE:

You may notice next to the sign in sheet in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church and various places around the church this QR Code:
This code is used for contact tracing in regards to Covid19 which is a government requirement.
TO USE: Simply use the camera in your phone, hold it over the code. A link will appear - hit the link - this will take you to a form where you can record your name and phone number.

If you are having trouble with this code our priests are happy to help you.
If you do not have a smart phone please print your details on the sign-in sheet in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your understanding it is very much appreciated.

ARSAD FROM INDONESIA

"Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible"
St Francis of Assisi

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet in his home, so he had to walk into the forest to the open defecation area, even at night or in the rain.

Around 17 percent of Indonesia's rural population practice open defecation, with many unaware that it contributes to spreading diseases. Arsad's family was often sick and open defecation caused neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, he took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He decided to fund the building of a toilet in his house and facilitated others in his neighbourhood to save up for toilets. Now, Arsad and his family are healthier and have reduced their medical expenses. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. A community event, called 'Declaration of Open Defecation-Free' was even held to acknowledge their achievements.



Improved hygiene practices helped Arsad's community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Caritas Australia, through Laz Harfa, also shared prevention measures and distributing soap and masks.

Arsad has inspired his neighbourhood to 'Be More'.
"We help each other, the 'togetherness' is growing. Our solidarity had increased," Arsad says.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Lisa Malone, Frank & Kath Kane

Sick: Zak Oliver, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, John Radcliffe, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers

Knights of the Southern Cross....Rotary Raffle

Our local branch of the KSC are once again selling tickets for the Rotary raffle after all weekend Masses.

OR call Michael McCormick PH: 0429009595.

ONLY \$2.50 per ticket

Proceeds to the Knights of the Southern Cross Welfare and Parish initiatives

Your Parish Pastoral Council Needs You.

Your participation is needed and valued.

The Parish Pastoral Council is an important committee in our Parish as it supports Fr Junjun in his position as Parish Priest.

The PPC is inviting interested parishioners to consider joining this important committee for the betterment of our Parish.

Please contact the Parish Centre PH: 60243366 for more information.

John 3:14-21

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Readings this week:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

Reading next week

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

Responsorial Psalm :

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



First Reconciliation Enrolment:

Enrolments are now open for the Wodonga Catholic Parish First Reconciliation Program. An enrolment form can be found on our website via email wodcath@bigpond.net.au or via our CEW Schools. Your form must be completed and returned to the Parish Centre – no later than Monday the 19th April. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Centre PH: 60243366

An Invitation to Journey through Lent together as a Parish Community.

Please Join us this Wednesday the 17th of March as

Frs, Junjun and Dean facilitate conversation and reflection during the Season of Lent, leading up to Easter as an opportunity to renew our faith in Jesus and strengthen our parish community.

When: Wednesday nights through to the 31 March, 2021.

Where: Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga:

Arrive from 7:00 p.m. for a cuppa, conversation to begin at 7.30 pm – 9:00 pm

We will also live stream this for parishioners who are unable to attend.

Please if possible RSVP to Parish Centre - 02 6024 3366 - to cater for COVID Safety/Restrictions.

Parish Centre

Outdoor

Improvements

Parishioners are currently working to improve the appearance of the quadrangle outdoor area at the Parish Centre and make it a more usable space.

It is intended that this area be developed with a view to permitting small Parish groups to utilise the area for social activities/ meetings when weather conditions permit.

A BBQ is available with access to the Parish Centre's kitchen and toilet facilities.

To enhance the appearance and ambience of the quadrangle, it is hoped to furnish the area with a number of leafy pot plants .

We are seeking donations of any sizable pot plants from our parishioners to assist with the landscaping.

Alternatively, small cash donations towards the purchase of pots and plants would also be appreciated .

If you are able to contribute, please contact Sonni at the parish Centre.
Ph: 60243366 or E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au

Wodonga Catholic Parish

Gift Shop

Do you have a child in the sacramental program, a baptism coming up or are you just in need of that special gift?

Our gift shop is open and raring to go! Please browse the variety of stock on offer after each weekend Mass.

**For details contact Cecilia,
Ph: 0428 186 841**



Baptism

Preparation

Evening:

Please Note:

Our next Preparation evening is Tuesday April 6th at 6:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church.

Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents and other family are also welcome.

For information or to register **Contact:**

The Parish Centre:

PH: 6024 3366

OR

E:wodcath@bigpond.net.au



Wodonga Catholic Parish Holy Week & Easter Mass Times 2021

The Community Celebrates Reconciliation _ March 25th - Sacred Heart Church— Wodonga 7:00 pm .

Palm Sunday: March 28th - Blessing of the palms at all Masses this weekend.

Chrism Mass: March 30th - Sacred Heart Cathedral, **Bendigo 11:00 am**

Holy Thursday: April 1st- 8.00 am - Tenebrae – St Augustine's Church, Wodonga
(Extended Morning Prayer of the Church)

5.00 pm — until 5.45 pm Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

7.00 pm Reconciliation - **Mt Beauty**

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper — **Mt Beauty**

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper — Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**
"The Watch" before the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with night prayer of the Church at **9.00 pm**

Good Friday April 2nd - .8.00 am - Tenebrae - St Augustine's Church - Wodonga

10.30 am Stations of the Cross — **Dederang** followed by Reconciliation

3.00 pm Liturgy — The Lord's Passion — **Mt Beauty** followed by Reconciliation

3.00 pm Liturgy — The Lord's Passion — Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**
Reconciliation 4.00 pm — 5.00 pm

Holy Saturday Vigil April 3rd - 8.00 am - Tenebrae - St Augustine's Church, Wodonga

9.00 am - until 9.30 am Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**

9:30 am - Preparation Rites: RCIA Candidates Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**

7.00 pm Easter Vigil — Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**

7.00 pm Easter Vigil — St Joseph's Church **Mt Beauty**

Easter Sunday April 4th-

Sunrise Service - 6:30 am Ecumenical Service **Tawonga Gap**—Led by St Joseph's Catholic Church

8.30 am & 10.30 am Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**

8.30 am St Joseph's Church **Mt Beauty**

10.30 am St Joseph's Church **Dederang**