

Wodonga Catholic Parish



April 18th - 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter

Live streaming Mass daily @wodongacatholicparish facebook page

Mass in our church has resumed however, if you are unable to attend Mass we are still live streaming our Masses daily. Find us on Facebook. @wodongacatholicparish attending Mass please use the QR Code or use the sign in sheets provided.



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.

Looking at the Readings:

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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Monday to Friday

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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

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

Recent Deaths: Aranka Klucso, Janet Selsby, Roland Passuello

Anniversaries: Monica Jones, Evette Bone (Black), Bill Smith, Mary Jones.

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

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses to this.'

Readings this week:

Acts 3:13-15 17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48

Readings next week

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

Responsorial Psalm : Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Parishioners Please Note:

* Due to covid restrictions, the collection baskets cannot be passed around during Mass, please place your offering in the baskets, which are situated on the back pews in the centre of the church. Thank you

* There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st of April.

* Reconciliation on Saturday 24th April and Saturday 1st May will be at St Augustine's Church from 9.00am to 9.30 am before Mass at 9.30am. Due to Fr Dean being on leave.



First Reconciliation Enrolment:

Enrolments are now open for the Wodonga Catholic Parish First Reconciliation Program. An enrolment form can be found on our website

<https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-RECONCILIATION-ENROLMENT-FORM-.pdf>

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.



CALLING ALL KEYS

Do you have a Key to our Church?

If so please return it asap to Sonni at the Parish Centre.

Thank you



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?

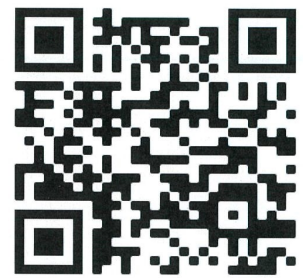
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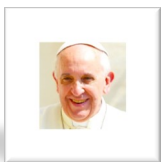
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FROM Pope Francis

Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We have to encourage people to move towards what they think is good... Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them. That would be enough to make the world a better place.

WODONGA ROSTERS 25TH APRIL 2021

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Marg McEvoy, Brigita Hore

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Mary Harkness, Jennifer Flower

MASS TIMES: 6.00 pm 8.30 am 10.30 am

ALTAR SERVERS

Lector 1: Michael McLinden
Lector 2: Fiona Barret

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Lector 2: Maureen Lonergan

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Lector 2: Kath Sartori

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—NOT AT PRESENT

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am Mass: Not at present

10.30 Mass: Not at present

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 18TH APRIL

THIS WEEK: TEAM 9:

Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 10:

John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 25TH APRIL

LECTOR: TBA
Backup: TBA
COMMENTATOR: TBA
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: TBA & Volunteer
Mowing: TBA

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 2ND MAY

FIRST / SECOND READING: Harrison Fischer
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Diane Goonan
POWERPOINT: Madison Coulston
OFFERTORY: Fischer
CLEANING ROSTER: Mary Read



MEDIA RELEASE

Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst welcomes Report of Safeguarding Audit

The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst welcomes today's publication of the report on the Diocese's implementation of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, conducted by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd.

The overall audit findings showed 96% compliance, with the Diocese demonstrating that it has fully implemented or substantially progressed in implementing 97 of the 103 indicators that are relevant to its operations, and a further four indicators in the initial stages of implementation. There were twelve audit recommendations, which were all assessed as medium or low priority, and which have all been accepted by the Diocese.

Bishop Shane Mackinlay said: 'This result is an encouraging endorsement of the safeguarding efforts undertaken over many years across the Diocese and its parishes, led with great dedication by its Safeguarding Coordinator and Safeguarding Committee. It shows not only very high levels of compliance with the safeguarding standards, but also a sustained commitment to fostering a culture of safety and care for children, and adults at risk.'

Bishop Mackinlay expressed his appreciation for the work of the ACSL audit team and the confidence that its report would give to those involved in or visiting the Diocese's parishes and agencies: 'Safeguarding is a critical part of the response to what we have learned about the Catholic Church's failures to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the consequent breaches of community trust. I acknowledge the lifelong trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families. We must do all in our power to prevent this, and a commitment to safeguarding will therefore remain an essential part of the Diocese's mission.'

The Diocese recognises that ensuring the safety and care of children, and adults at risk, requires that safeguarding be an ongoing priority. The audit report provides valuable insights and recommendations on how the Diocese can improve its practices and policies relating to safeguarding issues in areas including risk management, support for parish safeguarding officers, and online safety. The Diocese is committed to continuous improvement in these and other nominated areas and will work to implement the recommendations of the audit report.

The full report is available on the ACSL website, along with further information about the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and ACSL itself: www.cpsltd.org.au/safe-church/church-reports/

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