

Wodonga Catholic Parish

INCORPORATING

SACRED HEART CHURCH, Beechworth Rd Wodonga, ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, High St Wodonga,
ST FRANCIS, Bethanga, OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Tangambalanga, ST. JOSEPH'S, Dederang, ST. JOSEPH'S, Mt. Beauty
& Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong.



May 2nd - 2021 5th Sunday of Easter

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

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Father Dean Bongat

0401 337 433

PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon

0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)

WEEKEND MASSES

WODONGA

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 5:00 pm.

Sunday 8:30 am 10.30 am

4th Sunday of each month

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

Tallangatta

St Michael's Church

Sunday - 9.00 am

Corryong:

Sacred Heart Church

Sunday - 11.30 am

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday.

Walwa: Christ The King

1st & 3rd Sunday-11:30am

Mitta and Sandy Creek

No Masses

WEEKDAY MASS:

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

SATURDAY

St Augustine's Church

Saturday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Saturday 9:00am to 9:30am

Country Churches: Before Mass.

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 When attending Mass please use the QR Code or use the sign in sheets provided.

QR CODE UPDATE:

You may notice next to the sign in sheets in the foyer of the Church is a QR Code: This code is used for contact tracing in regards to Covid19 which is a government requirement.

TO USE THE QR CODE : 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 details ***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:

How do we know we are on the right path to eternal life? We find that there are many paths in life and various ways to live our Christian faith. Christian writers and spiritual directors would attest that there are many paths. The readings today have an intersecting line that crosses all the paths and provide us with a verifying and connecting rule: fraternal charity. Barnabas vouches for Paul. Barnabas described Paul's conversion and actions, but it was not just his words but also his charity and faith that convinced the disciples Acts 4:36, 11:4.

The second reading, John's first letter, emphasises that following Christ, believing in his word, obeying his commandments comes from God's love for us and our love for one another (3:23).

Finally the gospel image of the vine stressed the need to be connected, abiding with Christ and bearing fruit. It is in bearing fruit that we are known as his disciples (15:8). Fruit is the producing, the action of our charity to one another.

Parish Finance Committee:

With the retirement of Terry Smith and John Walpole doing the financial administration for our Parish, Fr. Junjun has formed a new Finance Committee to assist him in administering the finances for our Parish. The members of the committee are: Fr. Junjun, Fr. Dean, Dave Seiter (Chair), Michael McLinden, Val Constanzo and Kerrie Kerr. As the committee is new, we are meeting on a monthly basis. Because of Terry and John's retirement, we have employed Mrs Gina Lahm, a parishioner, as our Business Manager and Gina is also a member of our Finance Committee.

Terry and John have done a fantastic job in administering our Parish finances for over 15 years. We are very thankful for their work and because of their management, our Parish is in an excellent financial situation. Thank you Terry and John!

Recent Deaths: Parishioners please note: If you would like your loved ones recent death, anniversary or ill health acknowledged in this bulletin for prayers to be offered. Please pass this information on to the Priest or email Sonni at : wodcath@bigpond.net.au. OR phone Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre Ph: 0260243366. *Due to privacy laws we are unable to place names in the bulletin unless requested by a relative.*

Anniversaries: William (Bill) Carthew, Robin Pitts, Tom Tobin.

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

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 ONLY.**

If you think you could help in our gift shop after Mass please contact Cecilia Ph: 0428 186 841 for details



Mt Beauty Community

Come and enjoy a cuppa or a beer as we farewell John and Ita Arter, who have been parishioners for over 50 years at st Joseph's Church Mt Beauty.

SATURDAY 08 MAY

2:30 pm ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HOUSE

We would love your company as we wish them well in the next stage of their lives..... moving to Paynesville, to be with family

Please bring a plate

Barbara Talbot 0419615732

Catholic College Year 12 Prayer Cards:

Any year 12 prayer cards that have not been collected by parishioners will be returned to Catholic College this Monday May 3rd.

So..... if you're planning on selecting a prayer card better get in quick!

Catholic College Community Masses:

If you are praying for a year 12 student in the **Chisholm Community** of Catholic College; they will be joining us for Morning Mass on Wednesday **May 12th**, the **Mackillop Community** of Catholic College will join us for morning Mass on Wednesday **August 4th**, the **Da Vinci Community** will be joining us for morning Mass on Wednesday **August 11th**. and the **Gandhi Community** of Catholic College will join us for morning Mass on Wednesday **September 1st**.

Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



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www.ctc.edu.au



WODONGA ROSTERS 9TH MAY 2021

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Peter & Trish Kellow

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dina & Bozidar Zmahla

MASS TIMES: 5:00 pm 8:30 am 10:30 am

ALTAR SERVERS

Lector 1: Fiona Barret
Lector 2: Michael McLinden

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Lector 2: Ross Black

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Lector 2: Natalie Sobolewski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—NOT AT PRESENT

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am Mass: Not at present 10.30 Mass: Not at present

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 2ND MAY

THIS WEEK: TEAM 1: John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker, John Foley

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 2: Val Mulqueeny, Zennon McCarty, Rob Saric

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 9TH MAY

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

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 16TH MAY

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley
POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer
OFFERTORY: Fischer
CLEANING ROSTER: Mary Read

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

Readings this week:

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Readings next week

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
1 John 4:7-10 or 4:11-16
John 15:9-17 or 17:11-19

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly
of your people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in
you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Parishioners Please Note: This Tuesday May 4th there will be no morning Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Eucharistic Ministers Please Note:

We hope to resume this ministry, both with visits to the sick and during our weekend Masses.

We will be preparing rosters shortly .

Please contact the Parish Centre if you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry

Ph: 60243366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au

Please also contact the Parish Centre if you are unavailable for this ministry .

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

16th – 24th May is a global celebration of the culmination of the Special Laudato Si' 5th Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey to ecological conversion. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office of Social Justice & Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare program are co-hosting a prayer & reflection event entitled *Laudato Si' – Sowers of Hope* on Friday 21st May at 5.30pm via Zoom – register [here](#) or at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au



Sacramental Program – First Reconciliation

The Sacramental Team and Religious Education Co-Ordinator's from our primary schools will facilitate the program to assist parents in the preparation of their children for First Reconciliation during the month of May. Families will attend once a week for **three (3)** weeks in Sacred Heart Church on a Tuesday (4pm-5pm) or a Thursday (6pm-7pm).

Get Vaccinated.....

for the Common Good:

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community.

Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

Baptism Preparation Evening:

Please Note:

Our next Preparation evening is This Tuesday May 4th 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.

Volunteers Required

THANK YOU to those who maintain the beauty of our church grounds and the interior of our churches.

At Sacred Heart Church we are asking for help in cleaning our church and maintaining the cleanliness of the Sanctuary. Due to changes in circumstances some of our volunteers are no longer available to continue. The carpet is vacuumed by a contractor, so the work is light. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist. **Ph: 60243366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au**