

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 9th-2021 The 6th Sunday of Easter

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Monday to Friday

PRESBYTERY

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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

BETHANGA

St Francis No Masses

DEDERANG

St Joseph's

1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30am 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 & 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.



~Pope Francis ~ Today, many countries are celebrating #MothersDay.

I wish to remember all mothers with gratitude and affection, entrusting them to the protection of Mary, our heavenly Mother. Let us also remember those mothers who accompany us from Heaven.



Looking at the Readings:

The three readings for this Sunday express the great generosity of God's love and grace. In the Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, abbreviated as it is, God lavishly poured out his grace and Spirit on the people gathered to welcome, listen to and be baptised by Peter. This passage is the conclusion of the earlier passage about Peter's extraordinary vision at Joppa and his request to go to Caesarea (Acts 10:9-23). The reading from the first letter of St John speaks of God's great love for us. "God is Love" and by his love God has given us so great a Saviour.

The Gospel reveals the Great Commandment of Jesus to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you" & iterated in the final verse: "What I command you is to love one another."

Jesus emphasises the gratuity of the Father's love and his love for his people which he now calls friends: friends that he is willing to lay down his life. The Apostles act upon this love as we hear from Peter in the Acts, and Paul and John in their letters. Today we note that God's love for us finds expression in a mother's love for her children and our love for our mothers.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Welcome Candidates and Families.

On either Tuesday or Thursday a total of 61 children from 8 primary schools in our parish attended the first of three sessions of the program to prepare them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At each of the Masses this weekend the children preparing for First Reconciliation and their families will participate in a **Rite of Enrolment**. After the homily the children will come forward and make a promise to do all that they can to be ready for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Their parents and parishioners will then make a commitment to support and encourage them.

Just for Giggles



Hey Mum,
What's it like having
the best daughter in
the whole world?



I really don't
know sweetheart,
you'll have to ask
your Grandma.



Live streaming Mass daily @ Wodonga Catholic Parish 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. <https://www.facebook.com/wodongacatholicparish>

When attending Mass please use the QR Code or use the sign in sheets provided. If you're having trouble using the QR code our priests are happy to assist.

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: Bill Smith, Tom Tobin, Xavier Ramirez, Terry Gullifer, Paul Moate.

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



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.



Next weekend Lakpa, Aruna, Bamila and Manoj will participate in the third of three scrutinies, prayers which are said for healing all that is weak and strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

We celebrate the scrutinies with the parish community so those who are seeking to become Catholic can be welcomed. As with the entire RCIA process the parish community fulfils an important role. These prayers said are intended to bring growth and holiness not only to those who would become Catholic but also for the community they are joining. We ask you to join with us in praying for them as they journey towards the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Pentecost.

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: 6024 3366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au Please also contact the Parish Centre if you are unavailable for this ministry .

Tallangatta Parish Please Note:

On Thursday May 13th a prayer service for **WUCWO** - World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations will be held in St Michaels, Church, Tallangatta commencing at 10 am.

For information please contact

Mary Kirk: Ph: 6071 2234

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



Pope Francis Inaugurates the Marathon of Prayer

for an end to the pandemic on Saturday by leading the faithful in the Holy Rosary from St Peter's Basilica. The Pope's intention for the inaugural event was "for the entire world wounded by this pandemic." "At the beginning of this month dedicated to Our Lady," the Holy Father said, "We join together in prayer with all the sanctuaries spread throughout the whole world, with the faithful, and with all

persons of good will, to entrust into the hands of our Holy Mother the whole human race, sorely tried by this period of pandemic."

Each day of the coming month, he said, "the many people who have been affected by the virus, and who continue to suffer the consequences of the pandemic," will be entrusted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, "Mother of Mercy."

Fr Junjun's Mothers Day Message:

For you Mum,

Today, we pay special tribute and honour to our mothers because of their great love and service for their family and to the community at large. There is a Jewish proverb that says: 'God could not be everywhere so he created mothers.'

If we also look deeper, the word 'mother' can be broken into two words: 'Minding Other'. That's what mothers do, minding others first before themselves.

So today, with gratitude to God for the gift of our mother, we ESPECIALLY THANK our (Mum, Mama, Nana, Nanay, Ma, Me, Mzazi, Majka, Mathair, Mati, or however we endear our mothers and mother figures with) for their selfless love and tender care for us. THANK YOU SO MUCH for the gift that you are to us.

In the spirit of today, and with the blessings of the risen Lord, this is our prayer for you our dear mothers:

A Mothers Day Prayer

Loving God,

You have loved us with an everlasting love (Jer 31:3)
You have loved us even more as a mother loved her child.
Today, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of mothers.

We pray for the mothers-to-be,
who are just beginning to be the bearers of new life in them,
may they welcome their forthcoming child with loving anticipation and joy.

We pray for the young mothers,
may they cherish their child with tender care and unconditional love.

We pray for the mothers who are separated from their children especially
because of the COVID-19 Pandemic and because of war, poverty, conflict,
violence and for any other reasons
Comfort them, strengthen their hope, and let them feel your loving embrace
that wipes every tear away.

We pray for all Mother-figures,
those who have loved, surrounded and shaped us with motherly care and
compassion.

We especially pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us,
Their sacrifices and care gave us a glimpse of the extent of your love for us.
Thank you for them.
Grant health, blessings, and well-being for those our mothers who are still alive.

We also remember those mothers who are no longer with us.
While they live forever in our hearts and memory grant them eternal rest and
reward of their labours. Amen.

