

# 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 16th-2021 The Ascension of the Lord

### 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

#### 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 ~

*Let us pray for the victims of the terrorist attack that took place in Kabul: an inhuman act that affected many young girls as they left school. Let us pray for every one of them and for their families. And may God grant peace to Afghanistan.*



## Looking at the Readings:

The First Reading, the first 11 verses from the Act of the Apostles reads like the Gospel. Luke, the evangelist, recounts the final scene of the physical Jesus with the Eleven Apostles. They ask questions, Jesus responds and encourages them to be his witnesses. Witness demands mission, mission demands the power of the Holy Spirit.

Luke also connects Acts with his Gospel by means of his introduction addressing Theophilus (Greek personal name meaning: Beloved of God). Theophilus may be a Greek official but also a general title given to Greek Christians for whom Luke wrote his two works.

We are provided with three choices for the second reading, all from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. They present us with the implications of the Ascension: The Lord Jesus Christ rose to the heights in heaven, to shower down his gifts and graces to us. We give him praise!

Mark's account of the Ascension is typically brief: "He was taken up into heaven." No mention of mountain, clouds, angels or fanfare. The mission of the disciples, more importantly for us here on earth, has commenced.

## Ascension Prayer

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

*(Collect prayer for the Ascension vigil Mass Roman Missal)*

## Words of Pope Francis

Jesus is present in the world but in another style, the style of the Risen One, that is, a presence that is revealed in the Word, in the Sacraments, in the constant and inner action of the Holy Spirit. The feast of Ascension tells us that Jesus, although having ascended to Heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance and our joy, precisely from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

*Pope Francis, Ascension 2020, Regina Caeli Address*

# 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](mailto: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:** Annie (Sno) Casey, Norman Oliver, Maree Oliver, Noelene Oliver

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

## Welcome Back Children's Liturgy!

Spread the Word...

WCP Children's Liturgy is back starting this Sunday during 8:30am Mass.

Are you interested in this Ministry?

Please contact Sonni @ the Parish Centre  
Ph: 6024 3366 Or E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au)

*Jesus said:*

Let the little children come to me...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Mt 19:14



## Knights of the Southern Cross Frankston North Community Raffle

### Results:

**1st prize** \$12,000 worth of travel  
Winner - Patrick Arnold -ticket number 21693,

**2nd prize** a \$5000 Cruise  
Winner - A Medina -ticket number 15016

**3rd prize** a 65" TV  
Winner - E Perkins ticket number 06045.

Congratulations to the winners.

*The Knights of the Southern Cross thank all parishioners who purchased raffle tickets prior to Easter. Unfortunately, the winning ticket was not from our Parish.*

## LAUDATO SI' WEEK

16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May is a global celebration of the culmination of the Special Laudato Si' 5<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> May at 5.30pm via Zoom – register [here](#) or at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://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."

# WODONGA ROSTERS 23RD MAY 2021

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Helga Lachs

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Mary Harkness, Jennifer Flower

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

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Lector 1:** David Gill  
**Lector 2:** Marilynn Seiter

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**Lector 2:** Jim Costelloe

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**Lector 2:** Ampy Clark

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—NOT AT PRESENT**

**Children's Liturgy:**

**8.30 am Mass:** Greg Walsh & Volunteer **10.30 Mass:** Not at present

**COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 9TH MAY**

**THIS WEEK: TEAM 3:** Bernie & Julie Jones, Gerard Peeters  
**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 4:** Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kate McAlinden, Kath Didier

**Mt BEAUTY ROSTERS: 23RD MAY**

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

**DEDERANG ROSTERS: 6TH JUNE**

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

## Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them,  
'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation.

He who believes and is baptised will be saved;  
he who does not believe will be condemned.

These are the signs that will be associated with believers:

In my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues;  
they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they  
will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them,  
was taken up into heaven:

there at the right hand of God he took his place,  
while they, going out, preached everywhere,

the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

**Readings this week:**

Acts 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13  
Mark 16:15-20

**Readings next week**

Acts 2:1-11  
Galatians 5:16-25  
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

**Responsorial Psalm :**

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my  
gospel. I am with you always, until the end of  
the world. Alleluia!

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Lord, hear our prayer.

## Important Information:

### Parishioners Please Note:

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

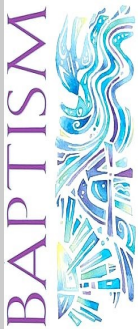
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## Tallangatta & Corryong Parishes

Are you a parishioner of Tallangatta or Corryong Parish?

Would you like to place a notice in the Bulletin?

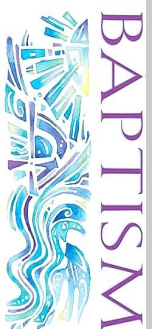
If so, please contact Sonni Ph: 6024 3366 OR E:wodcath@bigpond.net.au



# Welcome

*We welcome & Congratulate*

*Sienna Coombe-Star, Adaline & Charlotte Knights, Piper Williams-Haar,  
Spencer Oats, Georgie Rose and their families as they celebrate the  
Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.*



### 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 .**

### Continuing Their Faith Journey:

#### Sacramental Program

We welcome our young candidates who are preparing to make their First Reconciliation and their families.

This weekend they will be placing the 'Sorry Prayer' they have written into our Parish Prayer box.



### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.



This weekend Lakpa, Aruna, Bimala 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.



## Please Join US!

Next weekend we have two families joining our Catholic community at 5pm Mass.

We invite you, our parishioners, to join us after Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga for a cuppa and a chance to welcome and congratulate Lakpa, Aruna, Manoj, Bimala, and their children.

Thank you from the RCIA team