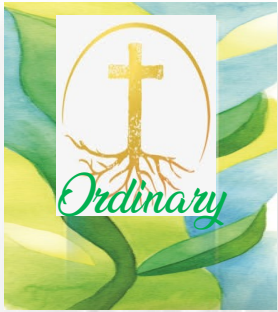


Wodonga Catholic Parish

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.



September 5th-2021 The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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Monday to Friday

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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
3rd Sunday @10:30 am

DEDERANG

St Joseph's
1st Sunday @10.30am Mass

MT BEAUTY

St Joseph's
1st & 3rd Sunday @8.30am
5th Sunday @8:30am Liturgy of
The Word and Communion

TALLANGATTA

St Michael's Church
2nd & 4th Sunday -
@11:00am

CORRYONG:

Sacred Heart Church
2nd & 4th Sunday @ 8:30am

WALWA: Christ The King

2nd & 4th Saturday
@4:00pm

Sandy Creek St Michaels

5th Sunday @ 8:30am

Mitta St Joseph's Church

5th Sunday @ 11:00am

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.



PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO USE THIS QR CODE:

This QR code is to be used for contact tracing in regards to Covid19. This 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 use the iPad provided or sign-in sheet in the foyer of the church.



Season of Creation

Week 1: OIKONOME ~A Just Home For All People

Oikos, the Greek word for 'home', is the root word for 'economy' which, at a global level, is about planetary house-keeping. How far have modern understandings of the importance of the economy drifted from the root meaning of creating a secure and just home for all. *2021 Celebration Guide A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God*

Quote of the Day:

The Bishop said "Ephpheta" and touched your ears so that they might open to the bishop's words and speech and the nostrils that you might receive the good odours of divine goodness, so that you might say, " For we are the aroma of Christ for God, " as St Paul said. (2 Cor 2:15) St Ambrose Des Sacramentis I,1-3 (339-397)

A Fathers Day Prayer

Thank you for the Blessings that Fathers provide for their children and for all those who play a fatherly role in the lives of others, we pray with gratitude.



God our Father, We give thanks for all fathers young and old, we recognise the dedication and patience it takes to be a source of compassion and understanding when helping shape a young life.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;

May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering;

May they know that the **God of compassion** walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen



Recent Deaths: Rev Fr Paul Purcell, Ivan Babic, Beryl Ward

Anniversaries: Maisie Goonan, Kit Goonan, Marianne Murray, Dina & Frank Cepile, Bessie Jensen, Fr John Naughton

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



Companioning:

Life is a pilgrimage...we all have our stories. Sr Eileen, accredited by our diocese, is available to listen and be with you as you reflect. A quiet confidential room is available at our Parish Centre.

Contact Sr Eileen Mobile: 0458 327 554



Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Emergency Aid for Haiti.* *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN International)* has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and immediately approved an emergency aid package of half a million Euros (\$800,000 AUD) for the Haitian people. In response to this, ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to provide help for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are going through a very hard time. To donate visit www.aidtochurch.org/haiti

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE :

Wodonga Cemetery Trust is currently seeking to make contact with the Rights Holders of the following plots in the **CATHOLIC SECTION** at Wodonga Cemetery.

Row L, plot #14 &15, Reserved in the name of Fr AWBURN.

Row O, plot # 19 Reserved in the name of **WILCZEK.**

Row J, Plot # 51 & 52 Reserved in the name of **H. G. & I. J. McGUINNESS**

Row F, Plot # 45 Reserved in the name of **J. N. MINOGUE**

If you have any queries or require more information please don't hesitate to Contact Michael McLinden Ph: 0419456222

Prayers to be Offered.

Would you 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 request-**

Caritas News:

Parishioner s copies of the latest Caritas News, The Emergencies Edition, Surviving and thriving beyond the crisis. If you would like to read / circulate the digital version please click on the following link: https://www.caritas.org.au/media/1axp45gd/caritasnews_winter-2021_eofy_digital_final.pdf?utm_source=SF&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Caritas+News+Winter+2021

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. Thank you**

Working with Children Check Expiry

Please check the expiry of your WWCC. If you need to update this card, please go to <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> When updating please state 'volunteer of Wodonga Catholic Parish, 285 Beechworth Rd, Wodonga, E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au ' Ph: 6024 3366

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM UPDATE:

Due to the uncertainty of the restrictions being lifted,

we have postponed the Celebrations of Confirmation &

First Eucharist until the end of October.

• Families who selected the 4th and 5th of Sep will celebrate the sacraments on 23rd & 24th Oct.

• Families who selected the 11th and 12th of Sep will celebrate the sacraments on the 30th and 31st Oct.

We will meet with M-Z families in the church on Tuesday, 19th Oct at 4pm and

Thursday 21st Oct at 6pm

A reminder will be sent to you early in October.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave and Marilynn via cdmaseiter@gmail.com or text/call 0447 121 955.

WODONGA ROSTERS 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Frances & Bernie Evans

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Mary Harkness, Jennifer Flower

MASS TIMES: 5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Fiona Barret
Lector 2: Michael McLinden

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Lochlan Moffat
Lector 2: Callum Moffat

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Natalie Sobolewski
Lector 2: Christian Bashimbe

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Sandy, Kevin & Mavis

8:30 am Mick, Erris & Pat

10:30 am Jacinta, Gerri & Lucette

Children's Liturgy: 8.30 am Mass: Greg Walsh & Volunteer

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 5TH SEPTEMBER

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: 19TH SEPTEMBER

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

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 3RD OCTOBER

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

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region.

And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him.

He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle.

Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.'

And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly.

And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it.

Their admiration was unbounded.

'He has done all things well,'

they said

'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Readings this week:

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

Readings next week:

Isaiah 50:5-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Looking at the Readings

"Ephpheta" is the Aramaic / Hebrew word Jesus speaks in healing the deaf-mute. Mark thought that it was important to record the actual word of Jesus in his Greek Gospel.

To his readers and us he adds the translation: εφφαθα "be opened" (7.34). Mark earlier records Jesus Aramaic words "Talitha kum", "Little girl, I say to you: arise!" at the healing of the synagogue official's daughter (5:41) and later in Jesus' prayer to the Father he says "Abba" (14:35-36). These four words are the only Aramaic words recorded in the Gospels and only in Mark. In the healing accounts the words have immediate effect: the girl gets up cured and the deaf-mute begins to speak clearly. The Aramaic "Ephpheta" quickly came to be used in the Baptismal rite and is still used as the title of the prayer over the ears and mouth. Centres for the deaf in Melbourne and around the world are also so named.

In healing Jesus often uses touch, symbols and words. He uses things from our natural world, arms, hands and fingers of his incarnate body and words from the vernacular language to convey meaning, healing and the announcement of the kingdom of God.

The readings from Isaiah and Responsorial Psalm speak of the coming of the Day of the Lord that will be recognised by the blind seeing and the deaf hearing and the dumb singing for joy. Jesus fulfils the prophecies and teaches us about the power of symbol and word which we take up in our liturgy, evangelisation and promotion of justice and peace.

Liturgical Jottings-The Sense

A month ago Australian residents completed their 2021 Census. This article is about the other Senses. The five senses are sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell. Through our senses we experience the world and with our intellect, enquiry, learning, spirit and faith we try to make "sense", or meaning of our world and ourselves.

The Scripture Readings for this 23rd Sunday highlight the senses of hearing, sight and touch. Our liturgy, as in Jesus ministry, utilises the sense to engage our minds and effect the sacraments. Jesus touched to bring healing of the sense of hearing and gift of speech.

The Church uses the senses to convey meaning and celebrate the works of God: his creation and our salvation. © 2021 Diocese of Sandhurst

**Due to Restrictions
All public Masses are suspended
until further notice:**



It's time to get social!



Find us on FaceBook -

<https://www.facebook.com/wodongacatholicparish/>

Morning Mass live streamed on our Facebook page :

For more query ring myself Ph: 0459356917 or the Parish Centre:

Ph: 60243366 Fr Junjun Amaya

Vale Fr Paul Percell



"The just will live in the presence of the Lord. "

Our really good friend Fr Paul just passed away very peacefully 3 minutes before 3am - August 29th 2021. I will be missing to share classical music with him, a glass of Riesling or favorite whisky Oban, or seeing lots of pies in the house and to travel around having some picnic with him.

Amazing age of 94 from Yarraville, a Dominican brother then priest, a missionary to the Solomons, a priest of our diocese, and also an (MBE) Member of the British Empire or his other way of saying 'My Bloody Effort'. For all, thanks my friend Hope I will have an 'astounding good health' like you always have.

Thanks Paul. - *Junray Rayna*

In Memoriam: +Rev. Fr Paul Purcell

"Don't call me Father, you are not my son!"

This was how Paul introduced himself to me when I first met him after arriving in the Diocese five years ago.



This was the beginning of our friendship and brotherhood, despite the age gap we had. (He would often remark that he's thrice my age, which is true.)

But I got to know him closely last year, when I, like the rest of Victoria, was placed on lockdown. Staying at St. Kilian's Parish, together with Fr Junray Rayna and the rest of the St K gang, I saw firsthand who Paul really was – gentle and mild in manner but strong in will, prayerful and playful.

He never missed to put a smile on our faces with his one liners. Although for some parts, having memorised his lines, we would often say it with him under our breath! Take for instance his "Enough is enough; too much is a plenty!" or "Such is life without a wife, and a thousand times worse if you have one!"

He would often tell stories about his childhood in Yarraville: his mom working in a butcher shop, their neighbour Mr Picone, his brother's adventure in the war.

His took great pride in his stint with the Dominicans (OP): how he cooked for a large number as a Brother, his life in the mission in the Solomons aboard his boat, and how because of that he was awarded an MBE (My Bloody Effort, he would say) by none other than Queen Elizabeth herself.

He was a faithful priest. After almost 25 years as a brother, he heeded the call to ordained ministry starting his seminary training at the age of 50(!). He would often tell stories of his ministry as Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga.

When I was ordained a priest, Paul would often ask how I'm going and how my ministry is. He would often give me nuggets of wisdom, from exercising ministry to getting along with other priests, even on how to pour wine on people's glasses at lunch!

The last time I met him, he looked at me with a smile and asked, "How are you my friend?" I gave him a tap on the shoulder and answered, "Not too bad, Paul, not too bad."

Paul, you have been such a great witness to all of us. Thank you my friend for a life well-lived! We will miss you greatly. You will be remembered in our prayers and in every glass of Riesling! To astonishing good health!

Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your Master's joy! - *Denib Josette Suguitan*



May He Rest in Peace

Paul was a bright, clever and caring human. He always showed a gentle strength. Fr Paul was warm and informative, when I started working at the Parish Centre; morning tea with Fr Paul was somewhat of an adventure. Paul always has an antidotal story or a funny spin on the conversation of the day, I miss his clever wit and interesting stories; especially of his time in the Solomon Islands. Paul was a true, gentle soul and gave so very much.... He is home now.

Thank you Fr Paul for being so kind and so good. - *Sonia La Motte-Schubert*



Child Safe Parish - Info & Updates:

Visit our website @ <https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/information/wcp-child-safe-policy/>

Or contact Sonni @ the Parish Centre: Ph: 6024-3366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au

Towards Healing help line 1800 816 030 (free call) Lifeline: A non-profit Organisation providing FREE 24-hour Crisis Support Phone: 13 11 14

Our Child Safety Officer is Sonia La Motte-Schubert 60243366.