



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 26th-2021 The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. Thank you for your understanding, it is very much appreciated.



Season of Creation:

Pope Francis introduces a new phrase into Church teaching, integral ecology and connect ecological insights with the radical way of life of St Francis in his environmental encyclical *Laudato Si'* (#10-11). It embraces a bundle of connected spheres - ecology, human fulfilment, care for the poor, economics, politics and life style. Believers can proclaim with joy the integral link between Justice, Peace and Care for Earth. It offers a new spiritual package to inform our Sunday Mass and a guide to daily living that we can bring to prayer. www.columbans.org.au

Looking at the Readings:

The delightful account of Me dad and Eldad, two men only once cited in the scriptures, serves as a perennial lesson. A lesson about God's freedom and the human tendency to restrict God's freedom into their institutions and laws. Joshua wanted to keep things in order and control, Moses recognised the emerging conflict and was able to allay human fears and trust in God's initiative.

An identical issue arose with the apostles and the unnamed follower of Christ healing outside the camp. Again Jesus addressed their concern, allayed the conflict and went further in assuring anyone who does even a minor gesture in his name will attain the reward of the kingdom of God.

Both spontaneous and enigmatic actions of Christians doing good works in faith must be recognised, accepted and celebrated. On the other side of the coin, leaders and authorities are challenged to be open and unafraid to accept these actions and refrain from institutionalisation and over legislation. The Church has the practice in its laws to recognise "Epikēia" as a principle and virtue in responding to cases outside the norms. This principle is often described as the work of the Holy Spirit in practice.

The second half of today's Gospel serves as a lesson to care for the vulnerable in our midst and by a common literary device of hyperbole, exaggerations, of those times, Jesus warns us the need for integrity and wholeness in faith and actions.

Epikēia, Moral Principle and Virtue

Epikēia, this oldest and often forgotten virtue, serves as a basis for pastoral solutions in particular cases. It is not a contra-norm against the norm, but is suitable to evaluate particular cases in an extra-judicial way. Life is always richer than any law or regulation that can be formulated, and our God is a God of life.

Précis from Prof Günter Virt in the Journal of the Faculty of Theology, University of Malta 63/1 (2013): 17-34

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

283 Beechworth Road
Wodonga Vic 3690:
Phone: 02 6024 3366
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OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 3:00 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

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.

Recent Deaths:

Anne Iudica, Joel Vicoy (Fr Deans Uncle)

Anniversaries:

Olga & Joseph McFarland, Darren Elliott-McFarland, Vera Gehrig, Frank Beattie, Norma O'Sullivan, Jim & Marie Duggan

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



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

Confirmation First Eucharist

The celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist will take place after 80% of our Victorian population is fully vaccinated – projected date is early November.

We hope to let you know early in November the dates for the celebrations. Be assured the celebrations will take place before the end of the year. Please contact Dave and Marilynn via cdmaseiter@gmail.com or text/call 0447 121 955. Thanks Dave and Marilynn.



Season of Creation Prayer



Creator of All,

We are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life.

With the Psalmist, we sing your praise that in your house "even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young." We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden in ways that honor the dignity of each creature and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth.

But we know that our will to power pushes the planet beyond her limits. Our consumption is out of harmony and rhythm with Earth's capacity to heal herself. Habitats are left barren or lost. Species are lost and systems fail. Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops and ocean depths once teemed with life and relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if uncreated. Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict, migrating in search of peace. Animals flee fires, deforestation and famine, wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Baptism Preparation Evening: Booking are Essential: Preparation evenings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. **Our next Preparation evening is on Tuesday October 5th at 7:00 pm.** Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. **Bookings are essential** Contact: Sonni at The Parish Centre. Ph: 6024 3366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au.

WODONGA ROSTERS 3RD OCTOBER 2021

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Peter & Trish Kellow

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dot Larkin, Carmel Gannon

MASS TIMES:	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
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Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Marilyn Seiter Lector 2: David Gill	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: John Barret Lector 2: Anne Tremethick	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Christian Bashimbe Lector 2: Natalie Sobolewski
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm TBA	8:30 am TBA	10:30 am TBA
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Children's Liturgy: 8.30 am Mass: Greg Walsh & Volunteer

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 26TH SEPTEMBER

THIS WEEK: TEAM 2: Val Mulqueeney, Zenon McCarty, Rob Saric

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 3: Bernie & Julie Jones, Gerard Peeters

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 3RD OCTOBER

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 9:38-43,45,47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me.

Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out.

And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off;

it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.

And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out;

it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Readings this week:

Numbers 11: 25-29
 James 5:1-6
 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Readings next week:

Genesis 2:18-24
 Hebrews 2:9-11
 Mark 10:2-16

Responsorial Psalm :

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



Life is like
a cup of tea.

TO BE FILLED TO THE BRIM
AND ENJOYED WITH FRIENDS.

Please Join Fr. Junjun & Fr. Dean
for a catch-up and a chat.

We are having morning tea each Friday @11am via zoom.
Would you like to catch up with people in your parish community?
Are you unable to leave your home or just feeling
a little alone or disconnected?

Each Friday our parish will host a zoom morning tea at 11:00 am,
if you would like to join us please email Sonni at the Parish Centre:

wodcath@bigpond.net.au.

You will then receive a link to the morning tea catch-up.
We will also post this link on our Facebook page.

In the rare event Dean or myself are unable to host the catch-up,
Michael McLinden has kindly offered to host.

***If you would like to join us but do not understand how to use zoom or
are unsure of the process, please let myself or Fr Dean know your
concerns as we will try to help you through the process.***

I look forward to seeing your faces. *Fr Junjun Amaya*



Booking for Mass Essential

Due to Restrictions

we are limited to 20 people attending Mass.

Therefore bookings are essential.

Please call the Parish Centre to book. Ph: 60243366

**Masks must be worn
during Mass**

Unable to attend Mass?

It's time to get social!



Find us on FaceBook -

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



Morning Mass live streamed on our Facebook page :
need more information? Please call myself on Ph: 0459356917
or Sonni at the Parish Centre: Ph: 60243366 *Fr Junjun Amaya*