

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.

October 31st-2021 The 31st 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.

Pope Francis Tweets: Pope Francis @Pontifex



"Hope opens new Horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable"

"Our life spreads light when it is given in service. The secret of JOY is living to serve."

Quote of the Week

"The human person is faithful when he believes in God and his promises; God is faithful when he grants to the person what he has promised". *St Augustine.*

Prayer for the Week

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. *Psalm 17:2-4*

Focus on the Readings

The first reading from Deuteronomy (Greek meaning Second Law) is a summary of the ten commandments. Verses 6:4-9 have been regarded as a declaration of faith for the Hebrew people. Today the orthodox Jews take quite literally 6:8 "Bind these words as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead," by attaching the text on their foreheads and forearms in small pouches called tefillin or phylacteries.

The text was also recited in their daily morning and evening prayer acknowledging their devotion to the one true God, a God of love. The "Shema" prayer has a similar status to the Christian Lord's Prayer also prayed morning and evening acknowledging God as our loving Father.

So the text would be very familiar both to Christ and the scribe (lawyer) who asked the question in today's Gospel passage. Christ added a new line: "and you shall love your neighbour as yourself" Mark 12:31 and also from the Torah in Leviticus 18:19,34

The scribe's encounter with Christ was amicable and serene, Jesus response wise and deep. We are all called to that deeper relationship with God peacefully and confidently.

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

283 Beechworth Road

Wodonga Vic 3690:

Phone: 02 6024 3366

E:wodcath@bigpond.net.au

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Timothy Whyte

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

Notice: *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 the Parish Centre: **0260243366**.

Due to privacy laws we are unable to place names in the bulletin unless requested by a relative.

All Saints & All Souls Day:

Please join us Monday—November 1st as we celebrate All Saints Day with Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga at 9:15am and 6:00 pm

All Souls day will be celebrated with Mass at Sacred Heart Church Wodonga At 9:15am and 6:00pm on Tuesday the 2nd of November .

While no longer Holy Days of Obligation in Australia, **All Saints' Day** and **All Souls' Day** are both special celebrations. **All Saints' Day** is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated on 1 November on which the Church commemorates all the saints in heaven.

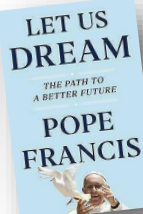
The feast dates back to the early Church, when communities would gather and celebrate the anniversary of the martyr's death.

During the persecution under the emperor Diocletian at the beginning of the fourth century the number of martyrs

became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each saint, so the Church established a common feast day for all the martyrs.

All Saints Day represents the desire of the faithful to commemorate all saints, 'great multitude which no man could number' (Rev 7:9), especially those who have no proper feast day of their own. **All Saints' Day** is a time to consider the example saints offer us and to reflect on how we can imitate their lives. As Pope Benedict XVI said, **All Saints' Day** calls us 'to see the Church; as Christ wanted it, that is, as the communion of saints.'

All Souls' Day follows **All Saints Day** on 2 November and is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. Believers remember, pray and offer Mass for the souls in Purgatory, that they may be purified and attain the Beatific Vision. **All Souls Day** originally was celebrated in the Easter season, around Pentecost Sunday.



Inspirational Words From Let Us Dream ~ Pope Francis:

The Covid crisis may seem special because it affects most of humankind. But it is only special in how visible it is. There are a thousand other crises that are just as dire, but are just far enough from some of us that we can act as if they don't exist.

In the trials of life, you reveal your own heart: how solid it is, how merciful, how big or small.

In moments of crisis you get both good and bad: people reveal themselves as they are.

Human life is never a burden. It demands we make space for it, not cast it off.

We need a movement of people who know we need each other, who have a sense of responsibility to others and to the world.

The world is God's gift to us.

Let us Dream is an epiphany, a call to arms and a pleasure to read. It is Pope Francis at his most personal, profound and passionate.

If you are interested in joining a small group facilitated by Sr Eileen Reardon to share and reflect on Pope Francis inspiring book, please call Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre Ph: 60243366 .

Liturgical Jottings: Ordinary Numbers

Ordinary numbers are used to tell the order in a sequence, example first, second, third, or thirty-first. Hence the numbering of Sundays in Ordinary Time. Cardinal numbers are used to count the number in a set, example one, two or ten etc. Hence we have nine Eucharistic prayers in the Roman Missal and three for Masses with Children. The sequence of days in the month to coincide with sequence of Sundays in Ordinary Time is not common. Today we have the 31st October on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. The last concurrence was 26th September 2021, the second last time was 15th July and 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time in 2018. This concurrence has happened 20 times since 10th August 2000 and thrice for the 1st Sunday of Advent to fall on 1st Dec in 2002, 2013, and 2019 and four times in Lent on the 1st March with 1st Sunday of Lent in 2009 and 2020 and 3rd March with 3rd Sunday of Lent in 2002 and 2013.

Booking for Mass Essential

Due to Restrictions

Booking for Mass is essential. It is also a requirement to be fully vaccinated unless a medical exemption applies.

Please call the Parish Centre for further information or to make a booking.

Ph: 6024 3366

Please Note
Masks must be worn
during Mass

Parishioners
Please
Note:



Melbourne Cup Day:

The Parish Centre will be closed on Tuesday the 2nd of November

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

Parish Volunteers:

Do you volunteer in our parish, i.e Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Musician? If so it is now a requirement that the parish has a record of your Covid 19 vaccination status.

Please email a copy to the Parish Centre. Please attention your email to 'The Parish Centre Manager'

E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au

If you have any difficulty with this process, please don't hesitate to contact Sonni. Ph: 6024 3366 Thank you for your cooperation.

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Our Parish Safety Officer is
Sonia La Motte-Schubert
Ph: 60243366

Towards Healing helpline
Ph: 1800 816 030 (free call)

Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation
FREE 24-hour Crisis Support
Ph: 13 11 14

JUST FOR GIGGLES

Coming through customs, a tourist told the officer that his case contained only clothes, But, on examination, it was found to contain a bottle of whiskey.

"What kind of clothing is this?"
The customs officer demanded.

The traveller replied,
"Surely you recognise a nightcap when you see one!"



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.