

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.

November 28th-2021 The First Sunday of Advent

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.

Looking at the Readings

There is a sense of urgency among the writers of our scripture texts this Sunday. Jeremiah preaches "The days are coming." St Paul writes that "We be ready for when the Lord's comes." St Luke quotes Jesus: "Your liberation is near at hand"; "Stay awake!" "The day will spring on you suddenly like a trap." The urgency comes both from a sense of foreboding that all will take place in the hearers' lifetime and from the need to live lives now with integrity, goodness and watchfulness.

The coming of the Lord in these early days of advent refers to the second or final coming of Christ the Lord and Saviour. The latter part of Advent focuses on the first coming of Jesus of Nazareth. In one way the prophets of old have one eye on the birth of the Saviour in the world and the other eye on the final day, the end of time when judgment and reward will come upon all the world.

The prophets are not prophets of doom and destruction essentially. While disasters may happen in our time and any time their messages are of liberation and redemption. Christ is very positive: "We are to stand erect, hold your heads high", (v 28) and again "to stand with confidence before the Son of Man." (v 36).

Pope Francis on Advent

Advent is the time to welcome Jesus' coming, as He comes as a messenger of peace to show us the ways of God." , Jesus urges us to "stay awake" for His coming. The image of staying awake does not mean keeping one's eyes literally open at all times, but means having one's heart "free and oriented in the right direction" by offering ourselves for the benefit of others in service.

Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist



We welcome at each of our parish Masses this weekend and offer our congratulations to our candidates who are presenting to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. A warm welcome is also extended to their sponsors and families who will continue to offer their prayerful guidance and support for their candidate.

Please continue to hold our candidates in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

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: Kevin Barry, John Wortmann, Agata Levanic

Sick: Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister), Neta Lawson, June Fuery, David Ritchie, 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.

Advent Leaflets:

Following challenging times of COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, 'The Journey Onwards' is the theme of the Sandhurst Diocese Advent leaflets for 2021.

The leaflets are simple resources for individual or small group reflection and prayer, drawing upon Scripture readings for Advent, the insights of 'Fellow Travellers' from our faith tradition, and reflections on a movie about a famous pilgrimage - the Camino de Santiago, 'The Way': now available online at:

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2049-advent-leaflets-2021-news> or in the foyer of our church.

Knights of the Southern Cross Deceased Members Mass

Members of the Knights of the Southern Cross wish to invite all members, widows, their families and friends to the Annual Deceased Members Mass.

Time 9.30 am on 4/12/21 St Augustine's Church, Wodonga.

Light refreshments will follow.

Contacts Des Lonergan Ph 0408575825,

Michael McCormick Ph 0429009595.

Next Meeting Knights of the Southern Cross:

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th December at 1.00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Beechworth Rd Wodonga.

Light refreshments provided.

Michael McCormick Ph: 0429009595



The First Sunday of Advent:

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season.

The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies

continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

SEEKING -CEW REP

Catholic Education Wodonga Council PARISH Representatives

Catholic Education Wodonga works in partnership with parents, students, staff and the Wodonga Parish to support a strong learning and caring Catholic community.

The Catholic Education Wodonga Council (CEWC) provides strategic advice and support for each of our four schools: St Augustine's, St Monica's, St Francis and Catholic College Wodonga.

The council meet monthly and includes a Parent representative from each school, a Parish community representative, school Principals, our Parish Priest.

Wodonga Catholic Parish is currently looking for a new **Parish Representative** to join the council.

*Please contact Fr Junjun Amaya for expressions of interest
Ph 0459356917*



Gift Shop:



Do you have a family member participating in the Sacramental Program ?

Are you in need of that special gift? Come in and browse our selection.

Our gift shop is open and raring to go! Please browse the variety of stock on offer after each weekend Mass.

EXTENDED HOURS

We are open SATURDAY MORNINGS 9am to 12pm for the next four weeks for your convenience!

WODONGA ROSTERS 5TH DECEMBER 2021

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Helga Lachs

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Mark Harness, Jennifer Flower

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

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Lector 1: Volunteer

Lector 2: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Lector 1: Volunteer

Lector 2: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Lector 1: Volunteer

Lector 2: Volunteer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Joy, Pam & Clive

8:30 am Mick, Erris & Pat

10:30 am Ampu, Nina & Diane

Children's Liturgy: TBA

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 28TH NOVEMBER

THIS WEEK: TEAM 1 John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker, John Foley

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 2: Val Mulqueeney, Zennon McCarty, Rob Saric

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 5TH DECEMBER

LECTOR: Bruce

Backup: Deb

COMMENTATOR: Mary-Anne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Roseanna

Mowing: TBA

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 5TH DECEMBER

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston

WELCOME/PALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

OFFERTORY: Read

CLEANING ROSTER: Diane Goonan

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth.

Stay awake,

praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

Readings this week:

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-14:2
Luke 21:25-28

Readings next week

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

CARITAS Global Gifts:

It has been another difficult year for all of us. But, bringing hope to others, can also make us feel more hopeful. What better time to spread hope than in the season of giving?

By giving a **Global Gift**, we bring hope and joy to some of the most vulnerable families in our world. We also bring a smile to our loved ones when they find out we've given hope and joy on their behalf.

Both cards and e-cards are available at www.globalgifts.org.au

This year, Caritas reminds us that Christmas begins with a mother! And asks us to give the gift of a brighter future to mothers like Maria. For friends and family, who like us, know they don't need more 'things', our gift can help provide clean water, food security and education - things we so often take for granted here in Australia, yet are so essential for life. In return for our donation toward our chosen gift, we receive a beautiful card or e-card to give to our loved one showing we have made a contribution on their behalf.

Global Gift 2021 focuses on Maria, a young mother living in a small village in northern Tanzania; a region affected by long-term food and water insecurity. For years, Maria struggled to earn an income and provide enough food to feed her family. Unable to read, write or count, her opportunities to make a living were limited.

Her small farm often produced poor harvests due to water scarcity, and Maria was forced to travel long distances to collect water.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, Maria was able to join the A+ program and participate in training about sustainable farming, literacy & numeracy, gender awareness, hygiene and sanitation.

With her newfound knowledge and skills, Maria is now able to produce enough food to feed her family, earn a sustainable income, and has even become a leader in her community.

When you support a mother like Maria, it has the power to not only uplift her family, but her entire community. This Christmas, give the gift that keeps on giving for generations to come.

Order online at www.globalgifts.org.au .

Make sure you order **before 8th Dec** to ensure they reach you before Christmas.

Pope Francis'

Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognised and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society. That gaze is at the heart of the authentic spirit of politics.

Unable to attend Mass? It's time to get social!

Find us on FaceBook -

[https://www.facebook.com/
wodongacatholicparish/](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

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.

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'

Email:

wodcath@bigpond.net.au

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