



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.

December 5th-2021 The Second Sunday of Advent

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

DERERANG

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

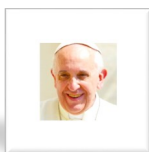
Saturday 9:00am to 9:30am

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:



Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man. Pope Francis

Looking at the Readings:

There is another sense of urgency in the readings today, comparable to last week's urgency in the second coming of Christ to the urgency and immediacy on the Coming of Christ for each generation and for all peoples: god fearing and the pagans. The responsorial psalm acknowledges that both the Israelites and the heathens will marvel at the great works of God in bringing peace and freedom. Baruch, one time secretary to Jeremiah and a prophet in his own right urges the people to celebrate this freedom and peace in the coming of the Lord.

We are to take this marvellous work of God personally. While this is for all nations, it is also for each individual. The Call of John the Baptist in the Gospel is one of repentance and conversion. Each heart and soul is to hear the voice and personally turn to God.

St Paul's letter to the Philippians (second reading) iterates the message for every generation, then, now and for the future. The message is one of joy, love and goodness.

Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist



We welcome Bishop Shane Mackinlay to our Parish as he celebrates the sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist at all Masses this weekend. We offer our congratulations to our candidates who are presenting to receive these Sacraments.

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.



Recent Deaths:

Russell Cochrane, Antonia Best, June Fuery, Lucia Castro.

Anniversaries:

Guido Angelini, Leon Van Buynder, Don & Connie Tremethick.

Sick:

Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister), 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.

Rosters: Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:

Rosters for January to June are being prepared, if you are unavailable during this time please email Marilyn

E: cdmaseiter@gmail.com

Quote for Advent:

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. ~ Charles Dickens

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 Second Sunday of Advent:

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Advent means "coming" in Latin. In Greek, it is translated from parousia, commonly used in reference to the Second Coming of the Messiah. It is a season of preparation, to prepare the way of the Lord. Scripture readings during Advent reflect themes of hope of eternal life as well as accountability for our faithfulness.

Looking back to the past and the birth of Christ as well as the future of Christ's coming again, Advent can be a season of spiritual journey for individuals as well as congregations as we wait in a spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation and longing.

Each year we await the rebirth of Christ when the world will be reconciled with God. The Anointed One, a Messiah, will bring peace, justice, and righteousness to the world.

SEEKING-CEWC PARISH REP

Catholic Education Wodonga Council PARISH Representative

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 three weeks for your convenience!

WODONGA ROSTERS 12TH DECEMBER 2021

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Frank Hanrahan, Rosanna Jackson

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

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

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Ha Ngo
Lector 2: Marg Ware

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Lector 2: Don Cameron

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Lector 2: Jean Tabra

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Maree & Clive

8:30 am John, Cecilia & Bernie

10:30 am Yves, Peter & Natalie

Children's Liturgy: TBA

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 5TH DECEMBER

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

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

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 19TH DECEMBER

LECTOR: Gail
Backup: Bruce
COMMENTATOR: Peter
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Peter
Mowing: TBA

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 25TH DECEMBER

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

Gospel: Luke 3:1- 6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
 Prepare a way for the Lord,
 make his paths straight.
 Every valley will be filled in,
 every mountain and hill be laid low,
 winding ways will be straightened
 and rough roads made smooth.
 And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Readings this week:

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

Readings next week

Zephaniah 3:14-18
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

Responsorial Psalm :

The Lord has done great things for us;
 we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight his paths: all people shall see the
 salvation of God. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

SIMBANG GABI SA WODONGA 2021

9 Evening Masses in preparation for Christmas



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15-23 DECEMBER 7:00 PM

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, WODONGA

Note: Sat, 18 Dec: Mass @ Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, 5 PM

Advent Prophets

The Lectionary for Sundays Cycle C presents us with a great variety of Hebrew Prophets: Jeremiah (week one) Baruch (two) Zephaniah and Isaiah (three) and Micah (four).

For the weekends Isaiah predominates with one reading from Malachi.

Their messages vary considerably from the verge of doom (Jeremiah) to expectation, comfort, joy and hope. The Prophets were guides to the peoples and mediators of God's messages to express

God's love, his covenant, exhort kings and people to fidelity. The Advent prophets looked forward to the deliverance of Israel by the Messiah's coming

**SANDHURST DIOCESE HAS SIGNED UP TO THE INTERNATIONAL LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM.
CATHOLIC EARTHCARE PARISHES ARE BEGINNING THE JOURNEY.**

All interested in CARE FOR CREATION are invited to a meeting via zoom on **Monday 6th Dec 11.00am – 12.15pm** OR **Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.15pm** to discover how easy it is to sign up as a Catholic Earthcare parish and work towards the Laudato Si Action Platform Goals – followed by Q & A. To receive the zoom meeting link contact: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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

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