

FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT



# 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 19th-2021 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### PARISH PRIEST

Father Junjun Amaya  
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### ASSISTANT PRIEST

Father Dean Bongat  
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### PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon  
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### WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

283 Beechworth Road  
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### OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Monday to Friday

### MANAGER

Sonia La Motte-Schubert

### 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

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### Pope Francis:

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

### Focus on the Readings

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Luke 1:45

As we enter into the fourth week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon. Though our Blessed Mother was perfect, and St. Joseph was a deeply virtuous man, they were both still fully human and would have walked through Mary's pregnancy and Jesus' birth with every human emotion and experience.

St. Joseph was faced with an extraordinary mystery as he discovered his wife was pregnant. He knew her to be a woman of exceptional virtue and holiness and had to reconcile that with her surprising pregnancy. Even after the angel appeared to him in a dream he would have had questions arise in his mind as he faced this situation.

Our Blessed Mother was also invited by God to face her pregnancy in faith. Her response was perfect, "Let it be done to me according to your word." She could not explain nor understand what was happening but, nonetheless, she knew deep in her soul that God was in charge leading all to His glory.

Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith.

Reflect, today, upon your own invitations from God to embrace the mysteries of life. God's ways are often more than we can comprehend and figure out. Mary and Joseph give us the witness of how we are to handle every mystery God invites us to participate in. Say "Yes" to the will of God just as this holy couple did.

### Advent Prayer:

*Dearest Mother Mary and Saint Joseph, pray for me that I may have the faith you both lived.  
When questions arise in my heart, help me to respond generously to God as you did.  
May I trust in all that God has spoken in imitation of each one of you. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**Recent Deaths:** Vincent Black,

**Anniversaries:** Bonifacio Caraig, Harry McAuliffe, Joan Henderson, John & Barbara March, Anne Willcox  
John & Helen Haskell,

**Sick:** Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister) Marie Morgan, Salome Ramirez, Ricky Ellul,  
Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, 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.



### The Fourth Sunday of Advent:

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our

Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes **peace**. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

### Tallangatta- Please note:

Mass will be celebrated at St Michaels Church, Tallangatta on Sunday December 26th at 9:00 am



### PLEASE NOTE:

**The Parish Centre will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:30 am to Midday during the month of January.**

### Just for Giggles

**Volunteer Opportunities:**  
The director of the Christmas pageant is still looking for wise men.  
No experience necessary.

### Corryong, Walwa- Please note:

As from the 8th and 9th of January Saturday 4:00 pm Mass at Christ the King Church, Walwa & the Sunday 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Corryong will resume.

### Applications are invited:

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons with Ministry and Parish experience for the position of Pastoral Associate in the Parishes of St Joseph's Quarry Hill and St Monica's Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo.

This a part-time position (0.5) of some 15 - 20 hours per week. The Pastoral Associate will be based at the Quarry Hill and will work in both Quarry Hill and Kangaroo Flat Parishes.

A working knowledge of Parish Ministry and life is essential.

Ideally the successful applicant will be able to commence work in early 2022.

A position description is available on the Diocesan and Cathedral websites.

Further enquires can be made to the Administrator, Fr Brian Boyle, by calling the Cathedral Parish Office on 5443 4400.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

### St Michaels Tallangatta:

Our Christmas Appeal/Collection for the local branch of St Vincent de Paul will be taken up during our Christmas Mass.

### Christmas Cards:

Christmas cards are available for purchase in the church this weekend.



### Thank You!

We would like to extend our thanks to Frs. Junjun and Dean for their support of our local conference, Tallangatta, St Vincent de Paul

## WODONGA ROSTERS 25TH & 26TH DECEMBER 2021

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Frances Evans Marg McEvoy, Brigita Hore

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

<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer <b>Lector 1:</b> Volunteers <b>Lector 2:</b> Volunteers	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer <b>Lector 1:</b> Volunteers <b>Lector 2:</b> Volunteers	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer <b>Lector 1:</b> Volunteers <b>Lector 2:</b> Volunteers
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### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Volunteers	8:30 am Volunteers	10:30 am Volunteers
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**Children's Liturgy:** TBA

### COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 19TH DECEMBER

**THIS WEEK: TEAM 4:** Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kate McAlinden, Kath Didier

**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 5:** Margo Keat, Gerry & Marion Fitzpatrick

#### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 25TH DECEMBER

**LECTOR:** Roseanna  
**Backup:** Gail  
**COMMENTATOR:** Roseanna  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Bruce  
**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 1:39-44

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could  
to a town in the hill country of Judah.

She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.

Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

She gave a loud cry and said,

'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

For the moment your greeting reached my ears,  
the child in my womb leapt for joy.

Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her  
by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

#### Readings this week:

Micah 5:1-4  
 Hebrews 10:5-10  
 Luke 1:39-44

#### Readings next week

Isaiah 52:7-10  
 Hebrews 1:1-6  
 John 1:1-18

#### Responsorial Psalm :

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face  
and we shall be saved.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

#### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



# WCP Christmas Mass Times - 2021

## Filipino Christmas Novena Mass

December 15th to December 23rd - St Augustine's Church - 7:00 pm  
Please Note: December 18th - Sacred Heart Church - 5:00 pm

## Individual Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga  
Saturday December 18th - 9:00 - 10:00 am

## Christmas Eve Mass Times

Wodonga Sacred Heart Church 6:00 pm - Family Mass

Wodonga Sacred Heart Church 8:30 pm -

Wodonga St Augustine's Church 8:30 pm - Mass for "vaccination status is unknown"  
Booking for this Mass Essential Ph: 60243366

Tangambalanga Our Lady Help of Christians Church - 6:00 pm

Tallangatta Saint Michael's Catholic Church - 6:00 pm

Corryong Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 6:00 pm

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

Wodonga Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Please Note: The usual 5pm Saturday evening Mass will not take place this weekend.

Mt Beauty Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 8:30 am.

Dederang Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 10:30 am.

Mitta Mitta Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 8:30 am

Sandy Creek Saint Michael's Catholic Church - 11:00 am

Walwa Christ the King Catholic Church - 9:00 am

## Collectors

### Please Note:

Due to easing of restrictions the collection baskets **MAY NOW** be passed around during Mass.

### 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

## 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

## SIMBANG GABI SA WODONGA 2021

9 Evening Masses in preparation for Christmas

HE WILL  
GIVE LIGHT  
TO ALL  
THOSE IN  
DARKNESS

AND  
GUIDE US  
IN THE  
WAY OF  
PEACE

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

15-23 DECEMBER 7:00 PM

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, WODONGA

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

500th Year of Christianity Celebration

WODONGA

gifted  
to give

500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY  
IN THE PHILIPPINES

Inviting Filipinos and friends  
In Wodonga and surrounding districts

500TH YEAR  
OF CHRISTIANITY  
CELEBRATION

ON SATURDAY  
18TH DECEMBER  
2021, FOLLOWING  
THE 5:00 PM MASS

AT SACRED  
HEART CHURCH,  
WODONGA

WEAR SOMETHING  
WITH A TOUCH  
OF FILIPINIANA

PROOF OF  
FULL VACCINATION  
STATUS IS  
REQUIRED

FOR QUERIES &  
MORE INFO, CONTACT  
FR JUNJUN AMAYA  
OR GINA CLAVERIA  
ON MESSENGER