



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.



February 20th - 2022 : 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Wodonga Parish Centre
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9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Monday to Friday

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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 @ 11:00 am
Weekday Mass:
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Tuesday to Friday @ 9:15 am
Saturday
St Augustine's Church
Saturday 9.30am

Reconciliation:
St Augustine's, Wodonga
Saturday 9:00am :Before Mass
Country Churches:
Before Mass.



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Faith is born and reborn: not from a duty, not from something to be done, but from a gaze of love to be welcomed.....

Christian life thus becomes beautiful, if it is not based on our abilities and our plans, but rather on God's gaze.

Looking at the Readings:

Continuing the Sermon on the Plain this Sunday. the Gospel (6:27-38) loosely parallels the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel, (5:38-48). We cannot escape the emphasis Luke places on Jesus' command: "Love your enemies (6:27) and repeated in verse 35 and extended in his teaching on the fourth beatitude and on compassion and forgiveness. We also have an example to observe this very command in the first reading where David shows respect and mercy to his aggressor Saul.

"Love Your Enemies" is a distinctive Christian principle and way of being. People notice how a faithful Christian lives this out. In a fast and pluralistic society this teaching is more difficult to promote and practice. Our church seeks both personal and public expressions of this beatitude and command of Jesus. Jesus forgave his persecutors on the cross, Stephen likewise at his stoning (Act 7:60). More than a moral teaching, it is God's self-revelation and our basis to be like our God.

Quote of the Week

Mercy is the image of God, and the merciful are in fact, a God dwelling on the earth. As God is merciful to all, without distinction, so the merciful must share benefits equally. My child, be merciful and share your goods with all, so that you may be elevated to divinity: for, as I have told you, the merciful person is another God on the Earth. *Rabban Youssef Bousnaya, 10th century Syrian monk.*

Feast of the Week: St Polycarp, 23 February:

He was bishop of Smyrna, disciple of Saint John the Apostle and friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. Revered during the second century, Polycarp was recognised as a Christian leader by all Christians in Asia Minor — a strong fortress of faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. His own strength emerged from his trust in God, even when events contradicted this trust. Living among pagans and under a government opposed to the new religion, he led and fed his flock boldly and faithfully. He was martyred in 155.

Recent Deaths:

Kevin Worrall (Kath Duggan's brother) Amedeo Saltalamacchia, Joan Reeves (Corryong), Neil McDermott.

Anniversaries:

Cliff Robinson, Marcelina & Andre Afonso.

Sick: Annette Young, Kerstin Lancaster, Robert Anderson, Kevin Oates, Pat Horne, Marie Morgan, Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister), Salome Ramirez, Ricky Ellul, Zak Oliver, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Kerstin Lancaster parishioners who are ill, their families

What's happening in our Parish



Altar Servers

Wodonga Catholic Parish invite all school aged children who have received the sacrament of Eucharist to come and learn more about being Altar Servers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come to a fuller understanding of the Mass by participating more closely in service at the Altar. It is also an important ministry in the church that is especially fitting for our children.

An information session will be arranged once we know who is wanting to be involved.

If you would like to register your interest or require further information please contact Sonni at The Parish Centre (6024 3366) or Fr Dean 0401337433.

Upcoming Dates

1 March: Shrove Tuesday

2 March: Ash Wednesday

6 March: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

13 March: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

20 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

27 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

3 April: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.

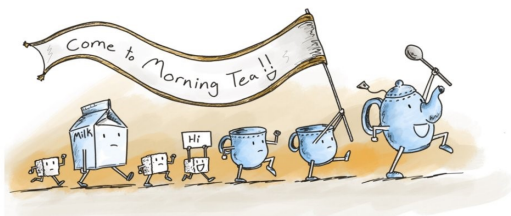
10 April: PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)

11 April: Monday of Holy Week

12 April: Tuesday of Holy Week

13 April: Wednesday of Holy Week

Parish Morning Tea!



Please Join us for morning tea in the Parish centre each Tuesday after morning Mass.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your Priests and Parish Centre staff.

We hope to see 👁️👁️ you there

All are most Welcome!

Mt Beauty Kiewa Valley: World Day of Prayer

Refresh Church, Mongan's Bridge

Wednesday March 2nd - 10:00 am.

All welcome

Parishioners please Note: From February 19th 2022 until further notice Reconciliation will take place at St Augustine's on Saturday Mornings at 9:00 am, prior to 9:30 am Mass.



World Day of Prayer 2022

Wodonga

March 4th @ 10:00 am

Emmanuel Church, Emerald Ave, Wodonga.

Wodonga Catholic Parish will be participating in this service.

We are seeking two volunteers interested in doing a short reading : Are you interested ?

If so please contact Anne Tremethick at the Parish Centre Ph: 60243366

All welcome

*I Know the Plans I
Have for You*

declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

On the Lighter Side

True Story: Years ago in a Victorian Football Tribunal hall several reported players were lining up for their cases to be heard. A few were talking about the new team in the league: "Corpus Christi College" One said: "The team is made up of trainee priests".

Another asked: "What are they like?"

A third replied, quoting today's scripture: "Well when you hit them they just turn the other cheek!"



Baptism Preparation Evening

Preparation evenings are held on the first Tuesday of every second month. **Our next**

Preparation evening is Tuesday March 1st at 6:00 pm.

Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents are also welcome. *For information or to register* **Contact:**

**Sonni at The Parish Centre: 6024 3366 or
E: wodonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au**

Liturgical Jottings:

Anointing Kings

Samuel had anointed Saul as King of Israel (1 Sam 10:1). David was anointed king at Hebron (2 Sam 2:1-4) and Solomon anointed king by Zadok, the priest, at Gihon (1 Kgs 1:39). It was a ceremonial marking the start of a king's reign. David did not raise his hand [with spear] against Saul because he recognised that he was the anointed one of God (1 Sam 26:23). In this present age European monarchs at the start of their reign are anointed with the oil of Chrism.

The rite of Baptism contains an anointing before baptism for strengthening and one after as a symbol of holiness: "He [God] now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation, so that you may remain members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King, unto eternal life. Amen. OBC 2020

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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