

# 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



## April 17th - 2022 Easter Sunday

**"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."**

*Sisters and brothers in the Risen Lord!*

*Parishioners in Wodonga, Tangambalanga, Dederang, Mt Beauty, Tallangatta, Corryong, Walwa, Sandy Creek and Mitta Mitta: Happy Easter!*

Indeed, Easter is the day that the Lord has made, and so we rejoice.

We rejoice because of Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God who shows us that suffering and death in life, don't have the final say in our lives, the resurrection has the final say.

But there is more reason to rejoice.

Jesus is HOLY. He is **'Head Over heels in Love with You'**.

The greatest proof of this is Jesus' death on the Cross.

Friends, God loves us so much that he would do anything for us.

On the night of his Last Supper, the day before he died, he presents to us his Last Will- he left us a lasting memory of himself- his body and blood for our souls.

He forgives us 70 times 7 times even if we deny him to our friends as Peter has denied him.

On Good Friday, he carries the Cross for us. He suffered being mocked, being spat upon, being flogged for our sins.

He offers us 'paradise' even if we only come back to him at the last minute of our lives as he had assured the repentant thief.

He makes excuses for us and asks the Father's forgiveness on our behalf, when we 'don't know what we are doing'.

He carries the Cross for us and even walks the way for us when we feel we can never keep on going.

He loves us so much that for Jesus 'we are to die for'.

On Easter Sunday, Jesus shows us that 'we are worth all his sacrifice'.

This is a reason to rejoice indeed, a reason to really have a Happy Easter.

But as Christians we are also called to share the joys of Easter to others.

How? *To love like Jesus.*

**Jesus prayed for forgiveness for those who didn't know what they were doing.**

Like Jesus, let us pray that those who caused war and conflicts in some parts of the world, who seem to be indifferent to the sufferings of those affected by war, may come to their senses of the evil they have done and put an end to their evil desires.

**Jesus invited those who are tired and weighed heavily by life's burdens and offered them rest.**

Like Jesus, let us be mindful to those who are weighed down by life's trials, especially those who are affected by the floods in NSW and Queensland and in others parts of Australia. In the best way we can, let us endeavour to offer our support to them so as to give them 'rest' and comfort from their grief and loss of their properties, businesses, income, etc. Let us also pray and offer our support to those who are suffering from the effects of natural disasters in many parts of the world. Let us pray for those who are struggling and finding life burdensome.

**Jesus gave chance another glance at Peter and a second chance to the repentant thief.**

Like Jesus, let us also give another glance at people whom we may not like, whom we may not like to be associated with, those who may have done wrong to us, and whose presence we may not be comfortable to be around with, and listen to their personal stories. At times, we can be this kind of people, yet Jesus has given us another us another glance, another chance.

Sisters and brothers in the Risen Lord, Christ is Head Over heels in Love with You (Holy). May we be "Holy" for Him too for it is in loving him, by loving like him, and by loving others as he loved them that our life eternal is assured.

I hope and pray, you are all well and safe. Happy Easter one and all.

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Office Hours

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Monday to Friday

Parish Priest

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0422-814-178

Pastoral Assistant

Sister Eileen Reardon

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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.

**Recent Deaths:** Rita McDonald.

**Anniversaries:** William Hickey, Kit Ley, Monica Jones, Evette Bone (Black), Bill Smith, Mary Jones.

**Sick:** Pat Oliver, Michael McCormick, Kerstin Lancaster, Kelly Franks  
Robert Anderson, Kevin Oates, Zak Oliver, Rick Glavocih, Ricky Ellul,  
Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister), Salome Ramirez,

## John 20: 1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark,  
when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb.

She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running  
to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved.

'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb'  
she said

'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb.

They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first;  
he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground,  
but did not go in.

Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb,  
saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head;

this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in;  
he saw and he believed.

Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture,  
that he must rise from the dead.

**Readings this week:**

Acts 10:34,37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8

John 20:1-9

**Readings next week**

Acts 5:12-16

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

John 20:19-31

**Responsorial Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
Let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.

## WODONGA ROSTERS 24TH APRIL 2022

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Sharon Pearl

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Mark Harkness, Jennifer Flower

**MASS TIMES:** 5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

**Altar Servers:** Volunteer  
**Lector 1:** Michael McLinden  
**Lector 2:** Rosanna Jackson

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**Lector 2:** Anne Tremethick

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**Lector 2:** Marga Dendiego

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**5:00 pm** David, Helen & Sandy

**8:30 am** John, Cecilia & Bernie

**10:30 am** Lucette, Ampy & Nina

**Children's Liturgy: Holidays**

### COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 17H APRIL

**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: 1ST MAY

**LECTOR:** Fran  
**Backup:** Roseanna  
**COMMENTATOR:** Bruce  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Roseanna

#### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 1ST MAY

**FIRST / SECOND READING:** Alanna Kirley  
**WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:** Sharon Coulston  
**POWERPOINT:** Madison Coulston

**Easter Prayer:** God, our Father, may the power of Christ's Resurrection transform our lives. May we live each day as witnesses to the Good News of salvation.

**Pope Francis Easter Message**

May the light of the risen Jesus be a source of rebirth for migrants fleeing from war and extreme poverty. Let us recognize in their faces the marred and suffering face of the Lord as he walked the path to Calvary. May they never lack concrete signs of solidarity and human fraternity, a pledge of the victory of life over death that we celebrate on this day. I thank the nations that generously receive people who are suffering and seeking refuge. *Easter 2021*



### Wodonga Catholic Parish Reconciliation Program 2022: Enrolments Now Open

Enrolments are now open for the Wodonga Catholic Parish Reconciliation Program, commencing in May.

An enrolment form can be found on our website,  
via email:

wcpsacramental@gmail.com

or via our CEW Schools.

**Your enrolment form must be completed and  
returned to the Parish Centre**

**OR email: wcpsacramental@gmail.com.**

**No later than Monday the 18th April.**

### **COVID RESTRICTIONS To Observe:**

As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week, it is important to continue our current practices of exercising caution and prudence wherever possible:

**These measures primarily include:**

- **Leaving holy water stoups empty**
- **Avoiding contact at the sign of peace**
- **Ministers of the Eucharist sanitising and wearing a mask when distributing communion**
- **No sharing of the chalice**
- **Communion received on the hand**

### A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Our Parish Safety Officer 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**



**Pope Francis**

**Tweets: 8.8 M followers**

*Let us journey toward Easter with his forgiveness. For Christ constantly intercedes for us before the Father. Gazing upon our violent and wounded world, he never tires of repeating: Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*

**CARITAS UKRAINE:**

Project Compassion, which began this week, is the 'bread and butter' campaign for Caritas Australia enabling it to support its many programs working with the most vulnerable like those portrayed in this year's Project Compassion Stories as well as funds to respond to emergencies. At the same time, it is important for us to acknowledge the shocking crisis unfolding in Ukraine.

Caritas has now opened a separate Caritas Ukraine Appeal.

If you wish to help Caritas Ukraine directly, you can go to [Ukraine Latest \(caritas.org.au\)](https://caritas.org.au) or call 1800 024 413 or post to PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636.



**TO DONATE, GO TO: WWW.VINNIES.ORG.AU**

**Wodonga Catholic Parish will be taking donations for this appeal.**

**If you wish to donate, there will be a donation box in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church for the month of April.**

**Please place your donations in this box which will be collected by a member of our local branch of St Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generosity.**



A PROGRAM OF **Caritas AUSTRALIA**

**EARTHCARE:**

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote his environmental encyclical [Laudato Si'](#) in which he implores us to protect our common home. To escalate the implementation of [Laudato Si'](#), Pope Francis has now established the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#) with its 7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years. Our [Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22, 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'](#) reinforces the call to care for all creation and invites us to join them in taking action and committing to the [Laudato Si](#) goals. **Catholic Earthcare Australia** has made it easy for parishes, schools and families to take up the Bishops' invitation by developing a process to assist you on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living [Laudato Si'](#) communities. Become a Catholic Earthcare Parish/Family at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au>

**SAVE THE DATE - EARTHCARE LAUNCH 23rd MAY**

Bishop Shane will Launch **Our Diocesan Commitment to becoming Earthcare Parishes & Earthcare Schools**, and commission representatives of all our Parishes & Schools to lead their communities in working towards the 7 [Laudato Si](#) Goals and becoming living [Laudato Si](#) communities. The date, fittingly, is in [Laudato Si](#) Week which the Australian Bishops have asked us to celebrate each year.

**VENUE:** Nathalia - The event begins with 12.30 Light Lunch at St Mary of the Angels' College then moves to the Broken Creek for the Launch.

Sue Martin, Catholic Earthcare National Coordinator & Bernard Holland, Caritas Australia Community Engagement Manager, will attend and participate in the program. It is particularly exciting for them as we will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of Catholic Earthcare and its work with the Australian church to care for our common home.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE**

God of peace and justice, who changes the hardened heart and breaks the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Baptism Preparation Evening:**

**Please Note:**

**Our next Preparation evening is Tuesday May 3rd at 6:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church.**

Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents and other family are also welcome. *For information or to register. Contact: The Parish Centre: PH: 6024 3366 OR E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au).*