

# 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 24th - 2022 - Divine Mercy Sunday

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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 @ 10.30 am Mass  
Mt Beauty  
St Joseph's  
1st & 3rd Sunday @ 8.30 am  
5th Sunday @ 8:30 am Liturgy of  
The Word and Communion

Tallangatta  
St Michael's Church  
2nd & 4th Sunday - @ 11:00 am

Corryong:  
Sacred Heart Church  
2nd & 4th Sunday @ 8:30 am

Walwa: Christ The King  
2nd & 4th Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sandy Creek St Michaels  
5th Sunday @ 8:30 am

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 9.30 am

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



### HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Church of Santo Spirito in Sassia: Second Sunday of Easter, 19 April 2020

Last Sunday we celebrated the Lord's resurrection; today we witness the resurrection of his disciple. It has already been a week, a week since the disciples had seen the Risen Lord, but in spite of this, they remained fearful, cringing behind "closed doors" (Jn 20:26), unable even to convince Thomas, the only one absent, of the resurrection. What does Jesus do in the face of this timorous lack of belief? He returns and, standing in the same place, "in the midst" of the disciples, he repeats his greeting: "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19, 26). He starts all over. The resurrection of his disciple begins here, from this *faithful and patient mercy*, from the discovery that God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet. ~ *Pope Francis* ~

### Looking at the Gospel:

The Gospel for this Sunday is the same text each year for the Second Sunday of Easter, the Octave of Easter. We see that our Risen Lord appeared to the Apostles on the first day of the week, Sunday and then, eight days later, the next Sunday. Hence the inclusion of the Gospel each year on the octave day of Easter. First time Thomas was not present, the second time he was. He must have been very stubborn not to believe the testimony of the Apostles and very unobservant not to notice their exuberant joy. We may recognise a bit of Thomas in ourselves and therefore are confident to move with him from disbelief and melancholy to faith and excitement.

### Feast of Mary Mother of Good Counsel

Patroness of the Diocese of Sandhurst, Wednesday 27 April

### Easter Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, you came to your own people and gave to all who welcomed you power to become children of God. In your merciful love watch over the Church and through her ministry bring salvation to the meek and lowly. May we avoid the snares of the impious, and come to rejoice in glory with your saints.

### 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

### Recent Deaths:

Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister), Josie Grujcic, Bernie Mervin

### Anniversaries:

Ted Horne, John Crothers, Patricia Henson, Maria Fairman.

### Sick:

Christine Ryan, Frank Borrell, Marg Pallot, Pat Oliver, Zak Oliver, Michael McCormick, Ricky Ellul, Kelly Franks Robert Anderson, Kevin Oates, Rick Glavocih, Kerstin Lancaster, Salome Ramirez, Mary Shaddock, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.

## John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### Readings this week:

Acts 5: 12-16  
Revelation 1: 9-13,17-19  
John 20:19-31

### Readings next week

Acts 5: 27-32.  
Revelation 5: 11-14  
John 21: 1-19

### Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

# WODONGA ROSTERS 1ST MAY 2022

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Helga Lachs

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

**MASS TIMES:** 5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

**Altar Servers:** Volunteer  
**Lector 1:** David Gill  
**Lector 2:** Ha Ngo

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**Lector 2:** Barry Jackson

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**Lector 1:** Caster Gonzadan  
**Lector 2:** Kendra Gonzadan

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**5:00 pm** Joy, Pam & Denise

**8:30 am** David & Anne

**10:30 am** Diane, Yves & Peter

## Children's Liturgy: Holidays

### COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 24TH APRIL

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

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

### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 1ST MAY

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

### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 1ST MAY

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



**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

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.

Please keep Fr Junjun in your prayers, as he travels home to be with his family for the funeral of his sister Antonia.

Fr Junjun will be on compassionate leave from Tuesday April 20th to Tuesday May 10.

**Tomorrow April 25th Wodonga Catholic Parish will be celebrating Mass at 9:15am at Sacred Heart Church Wodonga.**



### Wodonga Catholic Parish Reconciliation Program 2022: Enrolments being finalised

Enrolments are now being finalised for the Wodonga Catholic Parish Reconciliation Program, commencing in May. An enrolment form can be found on our

website, via email:  
[wcpSacramental@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wcpsacramental@gmail.com).

Final Date for Enrolment Forms: Wednesday 27th 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

*They shall grow not old  
As we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them  
Not the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun,  
and in the morning  
We will remember them  
Lest we forget*



## ...The First Anzac Day

In 1916 the first Anzac Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them "the knights of Gallipoli". Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney march convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war Anzac Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns,

and parades of serving members of the AIF were held in most cities.

## ....What it means today .....

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day. Australians recognise 25 April as a day of National Remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.



**...Why is this day special to Australians?** When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany. The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war. Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the "Anzac legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.

## **Anzac Day**

This ANZAC Day Victorians will come together to honour and commemorate the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the Australian Defence force.



5.45 am: Dawn Service

7:00 am: Breakfast at RSL Wodonga sub-branch

10.45 am: Memorial march from RSL to Woodland Grove via High St

11:00 am: Memorial service in Woodland Grove

Noon: Refreshments and traditional games at RSL Wodonga RSL



*All Enquiries: Wodonga RSL sub-branch on (02) 6024 2023*