



# Wodonga Catholic Parish

INCORPORATING

SACRED HEART CHURCH, Beechworth Rd Wodonga, ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, High St Wodonga,  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Tangambalanga, ST. JOSEPH'S Dederang,  
ST. JOSEPH'S Mt. Beauty & The Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong.

## January 1st - 2023- The Holy Mother of God

### Acknowledgement of Country

We, Wodonga Catholic Parish, acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land where our churches, schools and buildings are located. We pay our respect to the Aboriginal people and Elders past and present whose spirits dwell in this land. May the spirit of this ancient land be always with us.

### Pope Francis: World Day of Peace

Great social challenges and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young. Each must be willing to make room for others and not to insist on monopolizing the entire scene by pursuing their own immediate interests, as if there were no past and future.



*World Day of Peace 1/1/2022*

Looking at the Readings: The Gospel for this Feast is almost the same as that of the Christmas dawn Mass with the added verse 21 which jumps eight days to the naming and circumcision of the child Jesus. The first reading from the book of Numbers is the "Aaronic Blessing", suitable for the beginning of the new civil year and honouring the name of God. The second reading captures the title of the feast, "Mary the Holy Mother of God" noting the power of the Holy Spirit and the benefit for the human race: we are the sons and daughters of God, enable us to call God: "Abba, Father".

Teaching of Vatican Council II: After the Council of Ephesus (431) the devotion of the people of God toward Mary wonderfully increased in veneration and love, in invocation and imitation, according to her own prophetic words: "All generations shall call me blessed, because He that is mighty hath done great things to me".(Luke 1:48) This devotion, as it always existed, although it is altogether singular, differs essentially from the worship of adoration which is offered to the Incarnate Word, as well to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and it is most favourable to it. The various forms of piety toward the Mother of God, which the Church within the limits of sound and orthodox doctrine, according to the conditions of time and place, and the nature and ingenuity of the faithful has approved, bring it about that while the Mother is honoured, the Son, through whom all things have their being (Col. 1:15-16) and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, (Col 1:19) is rightly known, loved and glorified and that all His commands are observed. *Lumen Gentium, 21 November 1964, art 66.*

Prayer for today: Grant us, Lord, as we honour with joyful devotion the Nativity of your Son, that we may come to know with fullness of faith the hidden depths of this mystery and to love them ever more and more. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (*Dawn Mass*)

1<sup>st</sup> of January: New Year's Day harmonises many civil and religious celebrations. It is the beginning of the new civil year. This day is also called the Octave of Christmas (eight days inclusive from 25 December). This day was once called the Naming of Jesus and at another era also the Circumcision of Jesus. It is also World Day of Prayer for Peace. The revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969 has designated this day as the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. This is the oldest feast and celebration of Mary in the Roman liturgy. The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus has been moved to 3 January as an optional memorial.

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Office Hours

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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

2nd & 4th Sunday @ 10:30 am

Dederang

St Joseph's

1st & 3rd Sunday @ 10.30 am Mass

Mt Beauty

St Joseph's

Sunday @ 8.30 am

5th Sunday - No Mass

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:

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Saturday 9:00 am:

Country Churches:

Before Mass.

## Recent Deaths:

## Anniversaries:

Mary Murray, Allan Crothers, Eileen O'Reilly,  
Anthony Horne, Frank Reardon,

## Sick:

Michael McCormick, John Hodson, Christina Toria,  
Ricky Ellul, Robert Anderson, Kerstin Lancaster,  
Salome Ramirez, Mary Shaddock,  
parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.  
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## PLEASE NOTE:

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

### Reconciliation

**As one of the priest's is absent during January, Reconciliation on Saturdays, will be at St Augustine's Church at 9.00 am prior to Mass at 9.30 am.**

## THANK YOU

A Big thank you to all those involved in preparing our Christmas Liturgies: our priests, the musicians and choirs, Lectors and Eucharist Ministers, cleaners, church decorators, PowerPoint operators, collectors, those involved in the Children's Nativity, and all in our congregations.  
We thank also our group of counters, bankers, gardeners, office staff and volunteers for their good work during the year. Again **"Well done"**.  
We wish all a Happy New Year and good health through 2023.

## Readings this week:

Numbers 6:22-17

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

## Reading next week

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

## ROSTERS: 7th & 8th January 2023

**Sacred Heart Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Sacred Heart Altar :** Volunteers

### Lector 1

5.00pm Volunteer

8.30am Ross Black

10.30am Christian Bashimbe

### Lector 2

Volunteer

Luci Saric

Ampy Clark

### **COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 9:**

Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown

### **NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 10:**

John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage,  
Mavis Hyndman

## Mt Beauty - 15th January - 8.30am

**Lector:** Gail

**Back up:** Bruce

**Commentator:** Peter

## DEDERANG - 15th January- 10.30am

**1st & 2nd Readings:** Sharon Coulston

**Welcome/Prayers of the Faithful:** Alanna Kirley

**PowerPoint:** Madison Coulston

**Responsorial Psalm:** May God bless us in his mercy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

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