



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
 & Parishes of ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH Tallangatta, SACRED HEART CHURCH Corryong.



September 10th - 2023 : Season of Creation

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.



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
 Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home "

Pope Francis on the Season of Creation 2023

God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures



To read the complete message From Pope Francis please go to

<https://seasonofcreation.org/2023/05/25/message-of-pope-francis-for-creation-day-2023/>

Looking at the Readings:

Two weeks ago the Gospel from Matthew mentioned "Church". It is the only time in all the Gospels that this term is used. Today's passage offers three implications of the charisms of the Church. Firstly it has the duty to correct faults and bring its members to repentance; secondly it has the authority to maintain order and discipline and to judge in the Lord's name. Thirdly it is a community of believers, gathering to pray which, in a way, constitutes the presence as God's people in the world.

The Reading from Prophet Ezekiel gives the same duty to the believer: to call a sinner to repentance. But the Lord adds two warnings on the failure to act and the refusal to respond.

Superficially one may see that the community, the present day Church, as an organisation that has rules and protocols for behaviour, a code of conduct, judicial procedures, structures of leadership, hierarchy and the like. But there underlies in Christ's teaching the need for charity and forgiveness and the sense of fraternal care and wellbeing. The passages also speak of the power of prayer and pastoral authority. St Paul throws another light onto duties and commandments: "You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour and answers every one of the commandments" (Rom 13:10).

Season of Creation

Season of Creation began on the 1st September (first day of Spring) and concludes on The 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the author of the Canticle of the Creatures [or the Sun]). Christians around the world are praying and caring for creation.

Prayer for the Day:

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom You give us light. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

(excerpt from Canticle of the Sun)

Wodonga Parish Centre
 283 Beechworth Road
 Wodonga Vic 3690:
 Phone: 02 6024 3366
 E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au
 Office Hours
 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
 Monday to Friday
 Parish Priest
 Father Junjun Amaya
 0459-356-917
 Priest
 Father Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/
 OSS.
 0422-814-178
 Father Adi Indra
 6024-3366
 Pastoral Associate
 Sister Eileen Reardon
 0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)
 Safe Guarding Officer :
 Sonia La Motte-Schubert :
 60243366

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 :



What's happening in our Parish



Recently Deceased: Keith Hill.

Anniversaries: Yvonne Pocza, Matilda Jackson, Edmond Jackson, Evan Richardson, Monica Maher, Margaret Crothers, Roma Kampf.

Sick: John Hodson, Max Walsh, Eloise Hill. Leigh-Anne McKinley, Robert Anderson, Ricky Ellul, Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, Mary Shaddock, parishioners who are ill, their families & carers.

Prayers to be Offered.

Would you like your loved ones recent death, anniversary or ill health acknowledged in this bulletin for prayers to be offered? Please pass the information on to the Priest or email Sonni at : wodcath@bigpond.net.au. OR Ph: 0260243366. Due to privacy laws we are unable to place names in the bulletin **unless requested by a relative.**

WCP Sacramental Program 2023 Confirmation/ Eucharist

ENROLMENTS CLOSING SOON **for the 2023 Confirmation/Eucharist Program**

Enrolment forms and the timetable are available online, on our parish website or Facebook page
Hard copies can be collected from our CEW Schools or the Parish Centre.

To enrol your child/children in the Confirmation/Eucharist Program they must have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have any questions about the program please E: [wcpSacramental@gmail.com](mailto:wcpsacramental@gmail.com)

CCR Prayer Group:

The CCR Prayer Group meet fortnightly
Wednesday-6.45 pm starting with a cuppa
Meeting 7 - 8.30 pm.

20 September—Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.
"Living in the power of God "Romans 2"

All welcome

Contact Brigita- 0412042196

Compassion in times of crisis

Psychological First Aid/Personal Support TRAINING

The Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry is an organisation specialising in disaster response in Victoria and has been involved in the coordination and integration of chaplains and personal support workers supporting disaster affected communities since 1977. VCC EM training is a comprehensive training package designed to equip members of faith communities to support affected residents through their participation in VCC EM deployments.

For more information contact

Sr Eileen Reardon PH: 0458 327 554



Please join us at the Parish Centre on
Tuesday September 12th after
Morning Mass for an extra special
Morning Tea.

All Very Welcome



Everything is Connected

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that *everything* is connected.

Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others.

This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other.

It calls us to action.

Season of Creation Prayer:

Creator God, You made us and all creation to share your life:

all the birds and bugs of the air, the animals of the land, the creatures of the rivers and seas;

all the trees and flowers and plants;

and all the people everywhere.

Open our minds to your way of life and teach us how to live together with hearts full of love and justice.

We ask this in your name,

Amen.

Wodonga Rosters 16th & 17th September

SACRED HEART CLEANING:

Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR:

Volunteers

MASS TIMES:

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Lector 1: Ha Ngo

Lector 2: Christina Dinh

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Lector 1: Marg Pallot

Lector 2: Michael Iverson

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Lector 1: Joe Maccioni

Lector 2: Marie Noske

Eucharistic Ministers 16th & 17th September

5:00 pm: Meryl, Amilia & Juliana

8:30 am: Maureen, Pat & Marg

10:30 am: Jean, Bronwyn & Jacinta

Children's Liturgy:

School Holidays

Counters This Weekend

THIS WEEK: TEAM: 5

Margo Keat, Gerry & Marion Fitzpatrick

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 6:

Marg Whitehead, John Barrat

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 17TH SEPTEMBER

LECTOR: Mary-Anne

Backup: Jenny

Commentator: Gail

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 17TH SEPTEMBER

FIRST / SECOND READING: Alanna Kirley

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Sharon Coulston

POWERPOINT: Diane Goonan

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you:

the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge.

But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community;

and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven;

whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again,

if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all,

it will be granted to you

by my Father in heaven.

For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Readings this week:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Roman 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Readings next week:

Sirach 27:30-28-7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



What's happening in our Parish



Youth Corner

The Parish Youth Team were grateful for the presence of 25 young people at the "New Creations" Movie night.

Please continue to pray for us...



WATCH THIS SPACE
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR NEXT
EVENT: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH

Parishioners Please NOTE:

There will be no Morning Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga - Wednesday September 13th.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you someone OR do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
Was Baptised Catholic, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
Was Baptised in another Christian Church and is interested in becoming Catholic.

COME... SEE.... HEAR

The RCIA team are running an information session at 9:30 on Sunday September 17th in the Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre.
Any inquiries contact Marg: 0458 031 903

Do you volunteer for our Parish?
Is your information up to date?

Do you require support in applying for your Working with Children Card or National Police Check?
Contact The Parish Centre Ph: 60243366



St Monica's Primary School
Wodonga Celebrates...
50 years!

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

10AM SCHOOL MASS

Sacred Heart Church, Beechworth Road, Wodonga

11:30AM MORNING TEA & CUPPA

St Monica's Primary School

6PM ST MONICA'S ART SHOW

St Monica's Primary School

Art will be on display from our students and wider community.

Art Show Tickets \$20 per person - complimentary drinks, nibbles and entertainment from 7pm (18+ only event)

Please RSVP by Friday 6th October
RSVP by the Google Form <https://forms.gle/ixUtrPnkC1vk1CmX8>
or phoning the office on 02 6024 3151

For more information or if you have any questions around the event, please email anniversary@smwodonga.catholic.edu.au.



Bendigo Marion Festival:

The 49th Annual Marion Festival:

The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima of the Diocese of Sandhurst joyfully invites all members of the faithful to come and join the celebrations of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917, and as she requested, to pray for world peace.

The **2023 Marian Festival will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo on October 15th.**
Pope Francis recently called the Church to turn again to Our Lady of Fatima, when on August 5th as part of World Youth Day celebrations in Portugal, he led 200,000 pilgrims in praying the Rosary at the Shrine of Fatima. He spoke particularly of the need to pray to the Blessed Virgin for peace in the world. As the conflict in Ukraine continues and threatens to spread, we face other challenges to peace and harmony in the world, it is timely that we answer again the call of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima to entrust ourselves, the Church, and all nations to her Immaculate Heart which she promised would triumph and bring peace.

For more information on the Marian Festival, please contact Wilma McCormack by email: info@bendigofatima.com.

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Towards Healing helpline Free Call Ph: 1800 816 030. Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour Crisis Support Ph: 13 11 14. If you have any concerns please contact our Parish Safe Guarding Officer Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366 Or refer to our safeguarding reporting process poster available in your church foyer or on our website. If you would like to view our safety policies, please go to our website at <https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/information/wcp-child-safe-policy/> and follow the links provided or E: woddcath@bigpond.net.au.

