



# 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.



## December 31st - 2023: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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.

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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 Sundays @ 8.30 am  
 5th Sunday - No Mass

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

**Corryong**  
 Sacred Heart  
 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**  
 5th Sunday @ 11:00 am

**Weekday Masses**  
**Sacred Heart**  
 Tuesday to Friday @ 9:15 am  
 Saturday  
 St Augustine's  
 Saturday 9.30 am  
Reconciliation:  
 Sacred Heart, Wodonga  
 Saturday 9:00 am  
**Country Churches:**  
 Before Mass.

## Looking at the Readings . . .

While the Gospel for this feast tells us about the family life and events of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the accompanying readings follow themes not connected to the Holy Family but rather connected to the purpose of the Feast Day. The Gospels relate three separate difficulties the Holy Family experienced together: their escape into Egypt and return (A: Matt 2:13, 19-23); the prophecies of Simeon and Anna concerning suffering and sorrow at the presentation of Jesus in the Temple (B: Luke 2:22-40 [today]) and account of losing and finding 12 year old Jesus in the Temple (C: Luke 2:41-52).

The first reading from the book of Genesis gives a very abbreviated account of the promise to Abraham that he will be a father and a beginning of a new line of descendants. Then we skip six chapters to hear the fulfilment of God's promise with Sarah giving birth to Isaac. Our response is: "The Lord remembers his covenant forever." A praise of God's faithfulness to his people for 1000's of generations. The second reading is a praise of the faith of Abraham and Sarah. The faith of parents: Mary and Joseph, Abraham and Sarah is the faith we find from God to be parents in a tough world, in difficult times and in uncertain futures for our sons and daughters, and their children.

## Pope Francis of the Family

To protect harmony in the family, the dictatorship of the "I" has to be fought - when the "I" inflates. It is dangerous when, rather than listening to one another, we blame one another for mistakes; when, rather than showing care for each other, we become fixated on our own needs. It is sad to see a family at dinner, with everyone on their mobile phone. In the evening, when everything is over, always make peace. Never go to bed without making peace.

## Prayer for the Day . . .

O God, you cradle us at the beginning of life and embrace us at our journey's end, for you love us as your own. Bind our families together and deepen our faith, that, like the Holy Family of Nazareth, we may grow in wisdom, obedient to your word. Amen.

## Liturgical Jottings: Feast of the Holy Family

Celebrated within the Christmas cycle, this feast commemorates the saving truth that Christ grew up nourished by human love and subject to human authority, yet was destined, in the Spirit, to be oriented to God the Father's will and word in a way that relativised all fleshly ties (cf. Mark 3:34-35).

The Feast was introduced as an optional memorial in 1894 on the third Sunday after Epiphany then moved to 19 January and again to the first Sunday after the Epiphany and finally as a universal feast to the Sunday after Christmas or the 30 January, Pope St John XXIII, in particular, desired to foster family groups and associations to protect and promote family life and values.



# ... As a Community We Pray for ...



## Recently Deceased:

## Anniversaries:

Bishop Joe Grech, Anthony Horne, Diego Ramirez, Frank Artis, Jack Scudds. Mary Murray, Eileen O'Reilly, Frank Reardon

## Those Who Are Unwell:

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

## What's Happening in Our Parish

### 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.***



**Vinnies**  
good works

St Vincent de Paul:

**Have you ever thought about volunteering  
with an established not for profit organisation?  
Do you feel the need to support people/families  
in your community?**

**Interested in volunteering with Vinnies?  
Need more info?**

**Contact Marg Ph: 0417021272**

Parish Centre January Hours:

**Please Note: The Parish Centre hours  
during the month of January will be as  
follows: Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 9:00 am to Noon**

### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

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

### Readings this week:

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40

### Readings next week:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

## Wodonga Rosters - January 7th

### Sacred Heart Cleaning:

Volunteers

### Sacred Heart Altar:

Mary & Jennifer

### Lector 1

6.00pm TBA

8.30am TBA

10.30am TBA

### Lector 2

TBA

TBA

### COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 1

Mick Bone, Maureen & Greg Baker, John Foley

### NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 2:

Val Mulqueeney, Zennon McCarty, Rob Saric

## Mt Beauty Rosters - January 7th

### Lector:

TBA

### Back up:

TBA

### Commentator:

TBA

## Dederang Rosters - January 7th

### First Reading/Second Reading:

Sharon Coulston

### Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful:

Alanna Kirley

### PowerPoint:

Harrison Fischer

### On The Lighter Side:

Mary and Joseph, Abraham and Sarah easily chose names for their sons. But I heard one family put more effort into determining their username and password for their Wi-Fi than naming their first child. But it should be easy naming your kids: you don't have to add extra digits and special characters for that greater security.