



# 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  
& Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong.

## February 11th-2024: The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Yr B

### 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.



### From Our Pope:

*Pope Francis encourages us to be "conquered by the beauty" the Word of God brings into our lives, opening our hearts and showing us new and unforeseen wonders and horizons of God's love.*



### Ronita's story-Philippines:



22-year-old Ronita lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.



Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family.



Thankfully, Ronita was given a second chance at completing her studies when she heard about the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ's Alternative Learning System (ALS) program, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies, and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child, Egzy Grey.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre which she hopes will allow her to support her family. With the support of the FCJ, Ronita has overcome tremendous obstacles to enjoy better employment prospects and a brighter future for her whole family. *"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said, "I feel hopeful for the future...Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream...Thank you*

### Parishioners are invited to attend Stations of the Cross:

Each Friday evening during Lent: 6:00pm - 7:00pm: Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

16th, 23rd FEB. 1st, 8th, 15th 22nd MARCH

All Welcome



### Upcoming Parish Events: Save the Dates:

**Tuesday 13th February: Parish Centre Morning Tea All Welcome!**

**Sunday 25 February: Youth Event: Bring your family.**

**Friday 1st March: Wodonga Catholic Parish Hosts World Day of Prayer**

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  
Administrator  
Father Adi Indra  
6024 3366

Assistant Priest & Pastoral Leader of  
Tallangatta and Corryong  
Father John Paul Pasala  
6024 3366

Mercy Presence  
Sister Eileen Reardon  
0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)

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 Mass

Dederang  
St Joseph's  
1st Sunday @ 10.30 am Mass

Mt Beauty  
St Joseph's  
1st & 3rd Sunday @ 8.30 am  
5th Sunday - Liturgy of the Word with  
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:  
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga  
Saturday 9:00 am :  
Country Churches:  
Before Mass.

# WODONGA ROSTERS 17TH & 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Volunteers

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Dot Larkin, Carmel Gannon

**MASS TIMES:** 5:00 pm 8:30 am 10:30 am

<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer
<b>Lector 1:</b> Marilyn Seiter	<b>Lector 1:</b> Marg Ware	<b>Lector 1:</b> Jenny Sinnott
<b>Lector 2:</b> Christine Dinh	<b>Lector 2:</b> John Barrat	<b>Lector 2:</b> Jean Tabra

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<b>5:00 pm</b> Mick, David & Helen	<b>8:30 am</b> Maureen, Dave & Pat	<b>10:30 am</b> Gerard, Diane & Jean
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**Children's Liturgy:**

8.30 am & 10.30 am

## COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 11TH FEBRUARY

**THIS WEEK: TEAM 7:** Matt & Sally Ley, Peter Murray  
**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 8:** Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 18H FEBRUARY

**LECTOR:** Bruce  
**BACK UP** Deb  
**COMMENTATOR:** Barb  
**POWERPOINT** Gail

### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 3RD MARCH

**FIRST / SECOND READING:** Alanna Kirley  
**WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:** Diane Goonan  
**POWERPOINT:** Harrison Fischer

## Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees:  
 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him,  
 Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him.  
 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!'  
 And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.  
 Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him,  
 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest,  
 and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'  
 The man went away,  
 but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere,  
 so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town,  
 but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived.  
 Even so, people from all around would come to him.

### Readings this week:

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46  
 1 Corinthians 10:31,11:1  
 Mark 1:40-45

### Readings next week:

Genesis 9:8-15  
 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Mark 1:12-15

### Responsorial Psalm :

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
 and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared  
 among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

# .....Parish News.....

## Recent Deaths:

Marie Jackson, Brian Beach.

## Anniversaries:

Cliff Robinson, Bernadette Ford, Marie William (Carmel Smith's sister), Valerie Phefley, Mary Dower, Mary Kalc, Radovan Jelacic, Marcelina & Andre Afonso & all deceased family members.

## Sick:

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

## Christmas Collection:

The Special Christmas Collection taken up on Christmas Day 2023 raised \$3943.80. This has been divided equally to support:

### **1) The Albury-Wodonga African Cultural School Inc.**

This school, established 2022, is a non-profit, non-denominational, and non-political organization providing refugee and migrant children and their families opportunities.

**2) The Gaza appeal, via Caritas** continues to provide humanitarian aid and support to our sisters and brothers in Gaza who are suffering the effects of war in the Holy Land.

## Wodonga Catholic Parish Welcomes CEW Primary Schools :

We welcome staff and students of our Primary Schools, as they celebrate their welcoming Masses for 2024.

**Please note these Masses replace the 9:15am Mass  
all welcome to attend**

**St Augustine's Primary School Friday  
February 16th @ 10:00am**

**St Francis of Assisi Primary School Tuesday  
February 20th @ 10:00am**

## Parishioners Please NOTE:

From **Monday the 19th of February to Thursday the 22nd of February** there will be no morning Masses at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, as our priests will be attending an Inservice.

## Parishioners:

### Eucharistic Adoration During Lent

**Thursdays 29th Feb & 7th, 14th, 21st March: 6-7pm**

## A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Our Parish Safety Officer is 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

## **NEW CREATIONS PARISH YOUTH 'PICNIC IN THE PARK'**

**WHEN:** 25th of February, 12pm

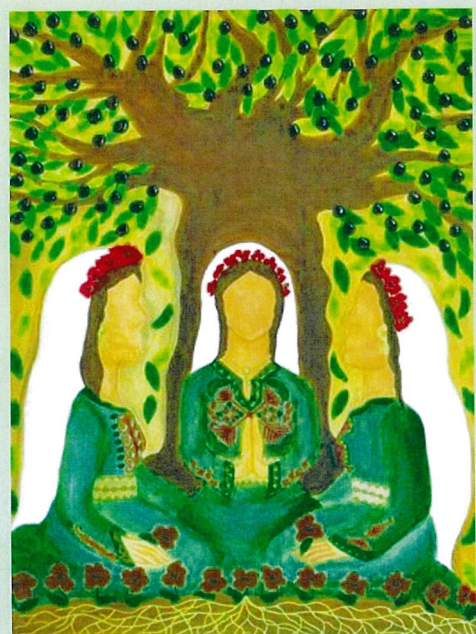
**WHERE:** Willow Park, Wodonga  
(Main BBQ Area)

**WHO:** Children in Years 4-7  
(Family members welcome!)

**RSVP:** Please scan the  
QR code and fill  
in the form  
before the  
23/2! →



## **World Day of Prayer 2024 Palestine**



### **Please Join Us As We Gather for World Day Of Prayer**

**When:** Friday March 1st @ 10:30am - Morning tea to follow.

**Where:** Sacred Heart Church, 285 Beechworth Rd, Wodonga

**Contact:** Anne Ph: 6024 3366.

Morning tea Provided: ALL WELCOME



## THIS LENT

Let's walk Christ's journey with Him - Three Sessions.

The Last Supper: Tuesday-February, 20th: Gethsemane Tuesday, March 5th, Golgotha: Tuesday, March 19th.

Venue: Parish Centre: 5.30pm -7:00pm. Contacts: Mark 0447 766 963 OR Gerri 0438 206 082

## LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to [BruceDownes.org](https://BruceDownes.org) for more information.

## A Heartfelt Letter: Eucharistic Ministry

My dear fellow Parishioners,

we are asking for your help and support to get involved in becoming a Eucharistic minister as we are all ageing rapidly and we have no one coming forth to continue this extremely vital ministry to visit our sick parishioners at their homes and also to ESTIA and Westmont. This is a wonderful way of contributing to our Catholic community and I can tell you that it makes you feel very humbled when you visit these beautiful people. Remember as we grow old and cannot attend mass that we would hope that someone from our parish would deliver the Eucharist to us as well. From the bottom of my heart I'm asking each of you to really think, dig deep and consider becoming a Eucharistic minister. The more we get the easier it becomes for all of us and the beauty of this, is our ministry will continue into the future. Want to know more? By all means contact me as soon as possible as time is of the essence! Regards, Dave Sully. Ph: 0488 022 311.

## Would you like to become a Eucharistic Minister?

### Eucharistic Ministry Training Sessions / refresher

Fr Adi has kindly offered to hold two sessions **NEXT WEEK** at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.  
**Tuesday the 13th of Feb from 4-5pm and Thursday the 15th of Feb from 6pm-7pm.**

**Please note: Only one session needs to be attended.**

If you are interested in this valuable Ministry or feel you need a refresher, please contact / **RSVP** Sonni in our Parish Centre: Ph: 60243366.



## Ash Wednesday 14th of February 2024

### Parish Mass Times

Sacred Heart Church - Wodonga:

9:15am & 6:00pm

Sacred Heart Church - Corryong:

12:30pm

### Parish School Liturgies

St Augustine's Primary School, Wodonga

10:30am

St Monica's Primary School, Wodonga

12:00 Noon

St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Baranduda

9:30am

School Liturgy St Michaels Church, Tallangatta:

9:00am

