



Wodonga Catholic Parish

Incorporating:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Beechworth Rd Wodonga, St. Augustine's Catholic Church, High St Wodonga, Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Tangambalanga, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Dederang, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Mt. Beauty and the Parishes of Tallangatta and Corryong.

March 3rd-2024: The Third Sunday of Lent-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.



Pope Francis' "Lent is a Season of Grace"

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2024 has the theme,
"Through the desert God leads us to freedom."

The Holy Father's Message is inspired by the passage from the Book of Exodus,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery
(Ex 20:1-17)

The Lenten exodus helps us to free ourselves from slavery. God sustains our hope through an ecclesial, communitarian, and personal journey of conversion - to lead us to the land He wants to give us. to view our Popes full message click the link [A Message from Pope Francis for Lent 2024](#)



Third Sunday of Lent 2 & 3 March



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Laura Womersley/Caritas Australia



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9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Monday to Friday

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Father John Paul Pasala
6024 3366

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Sister Eileen Reardon
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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 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.

..... Parish News

Recent Deaths:

Marie Mullins (Nita Lawsons sister, sister-in-law to Brian), Daniel Byrnes, Betty Lonsdale, Frank McFarland, Moya Ceccanti.

Anniversaries:

Sergio Lobos, Wal Hayward, Jim Mooney, John Kelly, Paul McGowan, Annie (Sno) Casey, Anna Lobos, Christine Ryan, Ruza, Vlado & Stjepan Frketic.

Sick:

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.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

First Scrutiny

This weekend Rachael, Georgia, Justin, Sonia, Cassie, Katie and Bianca will participate in the first of three scrutinies prayers which are said to heal all that is weak, defective and sinful in our hearts, to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

We celebrate the scrutinies with the Parish Community so those who are seeking to become Catholic or receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist can be welcomed.

As with the entire RCIA process the Parish Community fulfils an important role.

These prayers said are intended to bring growth and holiness not only to those who would receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist but also for the community they are joining. We ask you to join with us in praying for them as they journey towards receiving the sacraments at Easter.

You are invited to attend Stations of the Cross:

All Parishioners are invited to attend Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.



Planned Giving Reports

Planned giving reports and new sets of envelopes are available in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga foyer, this weekend.

St Vincent de Paul:



A collection for the Local branch of St Vincent de Paul, will be taken up at all Masses in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga this weekend. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Parishioners: Eucharistic Adoration During Lent:

Sacred Heart Church-Wodonga
Thursdays 29th Feb & 7th, 14th, 21st March: 6-7pm

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 phone 60243366 or E: woddcath@bigpond.net.au. Or refer to or Reporting Process Poster displayed in our church.



Mass of Anointing

Wednesday - March 20th
@ 1.30 pm at Sacred Heart Church
Contact: Des Lonergan 0408 575 825



Wodonga Catholic Parish Reconciliation Program 2024: Enrolments Now Open

Enrolments are now open for the Wodonga Catholic Parish

First Reconciliation Program **commencing in May.**

An enrolment form can be found on our website, collected from our Parish Centre, via email: 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.

No later than Wednesday the 24th of April 2024

WODONGA ROSTERS 9TH & 10TH MARCH 2024

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Peter Kellow

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

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Altar Servers:	Volunteer
Lector 1:	Christine Stewart
Lector 2:	Ha Ngo

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Lector 2: Ross Black

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Lector 2: Ampy Clark

5:00 pm Mick, Christine & Phil

8:30 am Anne K, Michael & Erris

10:30 am Helen, Diane & Gerard

Children's Liturgy: 8.30 am & 10.30 am

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THIS WEEK: TEAM 10: John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Mavis Hyndman & Gloria Humpage

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 1: Mick Bone, Maureen & Greg Baker, John Foley

Mt BEAUTY ROSTERS: 17TH MARCH

LECTOR: Roseanna

BACK UP Gail

BACK OF	Call
COMMENTARY	Mark A. Rothstein

COMMENTATOR: Mary-Anne

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 31ST MARCH

FIRST / SECOND READING:	Judy Brewer
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Gospel: 2:13-35

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers,

‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market.’
Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me.
The Jews intervened and said, ‘What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?’
Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.’
The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary:
are you going to raise it up in three days?’
But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead,
his disciples remembered that he had said this,
and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Readings this week:

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-35

Readings next week:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you. Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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.....Parish News.....

Save the Dates! Upcoming WCP Events:



Tuesday 5th of March:

Parish Centre Morning Tea.

Wednesday 20th of March:

Mass of Anointing Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Eucharistic Adoration:

6:00pm to 7:00pm 29th Feb, 7th, 14th, 21st Mar SHC-Wodonga

ALL WELCOME

Did you Know? 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.*

Hosts for our Parish Welcoming Cuppa's

Sunday March 3rd : Teams & PPC .

Sunday April 7th : VACANT

Sunday May 5th: St Augustine's PS Community

Sunday June 2nd: VACANT

Would your Parish Ministry or Cultural Group like to host a Welcoming

Cuppa after the 5pm OR 8.30am OR 10.30am Mass
in **April** or **June**?

We would love to hear from you

**For further information on hosting please contact
the Parish Centre on 6024 3366.**

Vietnamese Masses

**Every 2nd Sunday of the month Mass in
Vietnamese at Sacred Heart Church,
Wodonga, 5pm.**

4:00 pm Catechism/Outdoor activity for
Vietnamese Children and Youth

4:00 pm Confession/ Choir Rehearsal

Easter Sunday MARCH 31st-5pm

No Mass in Vietnamese in April

2nd Sunday MAY - NOVEMBER.

22nd DECEMBER Advent/Christmas 5pm

CARITAS ONLINE EVENT:

Join Caritas on Tuesday 5 March at 4pm for a special seminar about incredible work being undertaken in the urban slums of The Philippines. You'll hear about life-changing programs to improve health, wellbeing, income generation & community connection in one of the most vulnerable areas in the world, featuring speakers from Caritas Philippines & Faithful Companions of Jesus. Learn how vulnerable individuals and families are overcoming hardship and becoming architects of their own future, thanks to the support of generous people like you. Register at

<https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/mission-in-action-seminar-the-philippines/?fbclid=IwAR2VWbIBRVBJ-BLxSVFR6eWJAMOGSivPsBcBIJA3o-Pc9063VFDgzA9ItYk>

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

CCR Prayer Group:

"BE continually filled with the SPIRIT"

7pm -8.30 Wed 21/2- 6.45pm cuppa

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga fortnightly

All Welcome - Brigita Ph: 0412042196

Parish News

Did you know you can request our Bulletin via email?

You can also view the latest and previous
Bulletins on FaceBook or our website.

Please go to our FaceBook page **WCP FB Page**
or our website. **www.wodongacatholicparish.com.au**