



# 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.

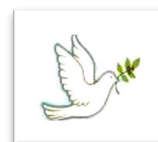
## February 18th-2024: The First Sunday of Lent-Yr B

### 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' Prayer for Peace



Lord God of peace, hear our prayer,  
keep alive within us the flame of hope,  
so that with patience and perseverance  
we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation.

In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division",  
"hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman.

Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands.

Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be  
"brother & sister" and our way of life will always be that of:

Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

**Amen.**

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Caritas  
AUSTRALIA**

End Poverty

Promote Justice

Uphold Dignity

### Leaia's Story, Samoa

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.



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 clean water for their daily lives has caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they used to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, she 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 their 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.

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

### Upcoming Parish Events: Save the Dates:

**Tuesday 20th February: Parish Centre Morning Tea All Welcome!**

**Sunday 25th 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 :

## WODONGA ROSTERS 24TH & 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Volunteers

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Volunteers

<b>MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
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<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer <b>Lector 1:</b> David Gill <b>Lector 2:</b> Matthew Ley	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer <b>Lector 1:</b> Diana McKinley <b>Lector 2:</b> Barry Jackson	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Volunteer <b>Lector 1:</b> Estrella Wiltshire <b>Lector 2:</b> Christian Bashimbe
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### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<b>5:00 pm</b> Michael, Clive & Mavis	<b>8:30 am</b> Anne T, John A, & Marg B	<b>10:30 am</b> Jacinta, Helen & Bronwyn
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**Children's Liturgy:**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am**

### COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 18TH FEBRUARY

**THIS WEEK: TEAM 8:** Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 9:** Gerard Peters & Thomas Zerafa

#### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 3RD MARCH

**LECTOR:** Gail  
**BACK UP** Bruce  
**COMMENTATOR:** Bruce  
**POWERPOINT** Eileen C

#### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 3RD MARCH

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

### Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days,  
and was tempted by Satan.

He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee.

There he proclaimed the Good News from God.

‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand.

Repent, and believe the Good News.’

#### Readings this week:

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

#### Readings next week:

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18  
 Romans 8:31-34  
 Mark 9:2-10

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory!

#### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

## Recent Deaths:

Ben Wallen (Son of Lyndelle Tubie) Vonnie Williams (Sister of Michelle McCarty)

## Anniversaries:

Judy Kindermann (Aunty to Ross Black), Lawrence Roberts (Tallangatta),  
Kevin Worrall (Kath Duggan's brother) Amedeo Saltalamacchia,  
Joan Reeves (Corryong), Neil McDermott.

## 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.



## RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)



### The Rite of Election:

This Sunday, February 18th at 8:30am Mass, we welcome Georgia, Rachael, Justin, Cassie and Sonia as they express their wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter.

We will also welcome Bianca and Katie on Saturday Feb 24th at 9:30 Mass.  
As with the entire RCIA process the Parish community fulfils an important role.  
We ask you to join with us in praying for them as they make this journey of Faith.



## 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.



## A Big Thank You

Sr Eileen is on the road to recovery, and wishes to express her heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported her in her recovery.

**Thank you to each of you for your prayers, support, messages and phone calls. I am truly grateful ~**  
*Sr Eileen Reardon*



## Welcome & Congratulations

We welcome and congratulate candidates and families as they celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

## Parish Welcoming Cuppa's 2024

A huge and heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in any way with our first Welcoming Cuppa for 2024 on February 4th after the 8.30am Mass.  
It is so heartening to witness 'community in action'. If your Parish Ministry or Cultural Group would like to host a Welcoming Cuppa after the 5pm OR 8.30am OR 10.30am Mass on the first weekend of the month we would love to hear from you.

We are looking for host groups for the months of **APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, SEPTEMBER or OCTOBER.**  
**For further information on hosting please contact the Parish Centre on 6024 3366**

Parishioners: Eucharistic Adoration During Lent  
**Thursdays 29th Feb & 7th, 14th, 21st March: 6-7pm**

### 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.

### Welcome St Francis of Assisi Primary School:

We welcome staff and students of our St Francis of Assisi Primary School this Tuesday @ 10:00am as they celebrate their welcoming Mass for 2024. **Please note this Mass replaces the 9:15am Mass, all welcome to attend.**

## A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Wodonga Catholic Parish follows Safeguarding practices. Vulnerable and at risk peoples are respected & protected from harm.  
A Safety Tip 101: Did you know? Children going to the toilet from the churches must be accompanied by an adult family member.  
Need Support? 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. Our Parish Safeguarding Rep is Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366



## Liturgical Jottings: Lent - 2: Prayer over the People

During Lent, the historic **Prayers over the People** have been restored to the Roman Missal after an absence of 40 years. Its roots go as far back as the third century. The 2010 missal restores a distinct one for each day of Lent. On weekdays of Lent there is a rubric that says that the **Prayer over the People** is optional. On Sundays the prayer is there but lacks the rubric "for optional use." The Prayer is mostly addressed directly to God for the faithful, as "your people," "your servants," and "those who call upon you." A further characteristic is that the spiritual graces implored for the indefinite future with phrases such as always, constantly, perpetual protection, etc. After the prayer, the priest gives the blessing: "And may almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Response: **Amen.**"

### Baptism Preparation/information

Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents and other family are also welcome.

*For information or to register .*

**Contact: The Parish Centre: PH: 6024 3366**

**E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au).**

### 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**

### **Like to know Jesus better?**

**Why not join us every second Tuesday  
5.30pm -7:00pm. At the Parish Centre -**

**Starting February 20th**

**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.

### 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

## **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! →



## **Wodonga Catholic Parish Hosts World Day of Prayer**



**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**