

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 10th-2024: The Fourth 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' A Letter to the World's Children:

Pope Francis asks children of the world to make the world better, "Making the world a better place for everyone starts with prayer and little steps like saying hello, sorry or thank you. Pope Francis said in a letter to the world's children, they are "a source of joy for your parents and your families, but also for our human family and for the Church, in which each of us is like a link in a great chain stretching from the past to the future and covering the whole earth". "The fact that we are small reminds us we are also frail and need one another as members of one body,"

Pope Francis explained to the children that he chose the Bible passage, "**Behold, I make all things new,**" as the theme for **World Children's Day** because it is a reminder that to make the world a better place, people need to be united with Jesus and with others.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) ~ Cindy Wooden



MAKE IT A SLAVERY-FREE EASTER

As Easter is fast approaching,

we are calling for everyone to consider the ethical dimensions of their purchases;

we ask you to make sure your Easter chocolate is slavery-free.

"Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act" ~ Pope Francis

The Sweet, but Sometimes-Bitter Truth about Easter Chocolate:

Chocolate is delicious and people around the world know it. Every Easter Australians spend millions of dollars buying hundreds of kilograms of chocolate to eat and give away.

Australians will purchase over \$200 million in chocolate this Easter. A 2018 report by IBISWorld found that Australia's chocolate spend had risen by \$26 million over the previous five years.

But some of this chocolate is tainted by slavery and comes at the cost of a child's health, education and sometimes his or her freedom. Much of our chocolate is made using cocoa beans harvested by children, often in the West African region. Many of these children are forced into labour. We can help change this.

Chocolate and Child Labour – A Snapshot:

A 2020 Macquarie University report, *Not so sweet: chocolate, slavery and complicit corporations*, found that, "More than two million children under the age of 15 years old work in the cocoa industry in Ivory Coast and Ghana. Many are the children of farm labourers, but others are also sold to farms as bonded labourers from neighbouring Burkina Faso and Mali" A 2021 report by the International Labor Organisation (ILO) found that 152 million children (64 million girls and 88 million boys) are involved in child labour – that's almost one in ten of all children worldwide Almost half of child labour happens in Africa (72 million children) Many of the children harvesting cocoa beans work in hazardous conditions COVID-19 has made children even more vulnerable. School closures have aggravated the situation and many millions of children are working to contribute to the family income.

Where to buy chocolate that is certified slavery-free

Go to <https://www.chocolatescorecard.com/>

You can check out how your favourite brand rates? You can check out which retailers are best! Slavery-free chocolate is chocolate that is certified. Look for chocolate with one of the three logos Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Cocoa Horizons.



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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:

Patrea Turton.

Anniversaries:

June Duncan, Michael Jackson, Fr Owen Doyle, John Wright, Lisa Malone, Annelese Maree Hutchins, Frank & Kath Kane.

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.



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.



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

INVITATION

On March 30th at the Easter Vigil Mass we will welcome, with much joy Justin Chenery, Georgia Campbell, Rachael Miller, Sonia Mbachilin, Cassandra Shoesmith, Bianca Gallo and Katie Gallo into our Catholic community.

They have chosen to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and Eucharist at this Mass thus becoming full members of our faith community.

To give you, our parish community, an opportunity to celebrate this wonderful occasion with them, we invite you to join us at this Mass and for supper after.

If you are able we would very much appreciate any help with providing of food or serving tea, coffee etc.

Many thanks, RCIA team.

2024 Synod Consultation

As the Church prepares for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024, our Northeastern deanery has been invited to contribute by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report that are fundamental to the Synod's theme. These contributions are guided by the question: How can we be a synodal Church in mission? Please join us **on Sunday, 10 March, 2024 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom to participate in this process and help to shape the communications provided to the Second Session of Synod in October. The synthesis report is available at the link below, we will focus on **Chapters 8-12, 16 and 18** during this session.

If you intend to participate please read these chapters prior to the Zoom call.

Synthesis Report: 2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis
to view hit the link: [Synthesis-Report](#)

To Join Zoom Meeting Hit the link: [Join the Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 814 864 5873

Passcode: 045506



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 16TH & 17TH MARCH 2024

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Kerrie Kerr
Lector 2: Fiona Barret

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Lector 1: Maureen Lonergan
Lector 2: Des Lonergan

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Lector 1: Josh Jaculbia
Lector 2: Cristy Fraser

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Meryl, Amilia & Juliana

8:30 am Dave, Pat & Anne T

10:30 am Yves, Jacinta & Jean

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 3RD MARCH

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

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 2: Val Mullqueeney, Rob Saric, Zennon McCarty

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 17TH MARCH

LECTOR: Roseanna
BACK UP Gail
COMMENTATOR: Mary-Anne
POWERPOINT Stuart

DERERANG ROSTERS: 31ST MARCH

FIRST / SECOND READING: Judy Brewer
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Diane Goonan
POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Gospel: John 3:14-21.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Readings this week:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

Readings next week:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Responsorial Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



Wodonga Catholic Parish and the Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong Holy Week & Easter Mass Times

Palm Sunday: March 24th:

Blessings of the palms at all Masses this weekend.

Chrism Mass: 11:00 am Tuesday March 26th – Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo

Holy Thursday: March 28th

3:00 pm until 4.00 pm	Reconciliation - St Joseph's Church	Mt Beauty
4:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper - St Joseph's Church	Mt Beauty
6:30 pm until 7.00 pm	Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper - Sacred Heart Church	Corryong
9:00 pm	<i><u>Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, will remain open until 9:00pm</u></i>	

Good Friday March 29th

9:00 am	Stations of the Cross - St Francis of Assisi Primary School	Baranduda
12:00 pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross - Followed by Reconciliation	Dederang
3:00 pm	Liturgy – The Lord's Passion – Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga
3:00 pm	Liturgy – The Lord's Passion – St Michael's Church	Tallangatta
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga

Holy Saturday Vigil March 30th

9:00 am until 10:00 am	Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga
5:00pm until 6.00 pm	Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church	Corryong
6:00 pm	Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart Church	Corryong
7:00 pm	Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga

Easter Sunday March 31st

6:30 am Sunrise Service :	Ecumenical Service	Tawonga Gap
8:30 am & 10.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga
8:30 am	St Joseph's Church	Mt Beauty
9:00 am	Christ the King Church	Walwa
9:00 am	St Joseph's Church	Mitta Mitta
10:30 am	St Joseph's Church	Dederang
11:00 am	St Michael's Church	Sandy Creek
11:30 am	St Michael's Church	Tallangatta

