

Wodonga Catholic Parish

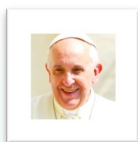
Incorporating:

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 31st-2024: Easter Sunday-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 :

Let us feel the joy of being Christian! We believe in the Risen One who conquered evil and death!

Let us have the courage to "come out of ourselves" to take this joy and this light to all the places of our life! The Resurrection of Christ is our greatest certainty; he is our most precious treasure!

Looking at the Readings:

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb.

He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe. © Greg Sunter

An Easter Message from Fr Adi:

Dear friends,

Resurrection is a big deal. Easter is the most important feast in our Christian faith. By the way, Jesus did not just wake up and continue his earthly life, but he destroyed death and existed in a new way! He was able to go through doors and walls in his body to greet his followers, and yet at the same time still carries his wounds... What a mystery!

We believe that Christ has been raised. St Paul once said, "For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Cor 15:22).

Jesus, the Son, is our Lord and God; and hence it is possible for him to make us like him and bring us to the Father in the Holy Spirit. This is indeed a gift. I would accept it if I were you!

Having accepted this gift of salvation, we ought to follow Jesus in his ways; to be like Him, to obey Him, to love Him. It won't be easy, but it is possible with his help.

One day we shall be like Jesus, being raised from the dead in our own bodies - maintaining our humanity and yet existing in a new way in our heavenly home.

Happy Easter. *Fr Adi*

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RISEN!

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Monday to Friday

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6024 3366

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Father John Paul Pasala
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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: Stephen Kirley, Patricia (Toner) Sheather

Anniversaries: Paul Ginnivan, Janet Selsby, Sr Imelda Gain, David Sinnott, Ingeborg Husz, David Nicholson, Terence Mahony, Frank Larkin,

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

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults INVITATION

This Saturday at the Easter Vigil Mass we will welcome, with much joy Justin Chenhall, Georgia Campbell, Rachael Miller, Sonia Mbachilin, Cassandra Shoesmith, Bianca Gallo and Katie Gallo into our Catholic community as they celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

We invite you our parish community to join us at this Mass and for supper after to celebrate this wonderful occasion .

We would very much appreciate any help with providing food or serving tea, coffee etc.

*Many thanks,
RCIA team.*

Catholic College Wodonga Invites you to PRAY FOR OUR CLASS OF 2024

As we embrace the new year, we find ourselves once again at the threshold of a cherished tradition within our Parish. Since the early 2000s, the tradition of the Year 12 Prayer cards has woven its way into the fabric of our community, serving as a beacon of support and solidarity for our beloved students embarking on their final year at Catholic College Wodonga.

The essence of this tradition lies in the power of prayer. Each year, parishioners like yourselves are graciously invited to participate and dedicate your prayers to our Year 12 students throughout their journey. This simple act of solidarity creates a bridge between our parish community and the students, offering them spiritual strength, encouragement, and guidance as they navigate the challenges and joys of their final year of schooling. As we extend this heartfelt invitation once again, we are reminded of the profound impact that collective prayer can have. Your prayers serve as a source of comfort and inspiration, reminding our students that they are not alone on their journey. Whether it's a prayer for courage before exams, resilience during times of uncertainty, or gratitude for the friendships and experiences they cherish, your words of prayer hold immeasurable significance.


So, I invite each and every one of you to participate in this beautiful tradition once again. Take a moment to pick up a prayer card, hold our Year 12 students in your thoughts and prayers, and let them feel the warmth of our collective love and support as they embark on this transformative journey.

To provide our students with an opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year, we will hold our annual Parishioners Breakfast and bring our community together. Please register your name and email address either via the signup sheets available at Sacred Heart Parish, Wodonga or via email to kirstie.elvidge@ccw.vic.edu.au. We will send you your digital prayer card early in Term 2 and we will also contact you with details about our breakfast event, to be scheduled early in Term 4.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our youth and our community. Together, through the power of prayer, we can uplift, empower, and inspire our Year 12 students to shine brightly as they step into the next chapter of their lives.

Damien Keady-Director of Catholic Identity

Wodonga Catholic Parish **Reconciliation Program 2024:** **Enrolments Closing Soon!**

 Enrolments are now open for the Wodonga Catholic Parish First Reconciliation Program **commencing in May**. An enrolment form can be found on our website, at <https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/>, collected from our Parish Centre, via email: [wcpSacramental@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Syro-Malabar - Indian Community Holy Week and Easter Mass Times:

Sacred Heart Church - Wodonga

EASTER MASS:

6:30am-Easter Sunday Celebrations
(Blessing of Candles and New Water)

WODONGA ROSTERS 6TH & 7TH APRIL 2024

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Kevin & Rita Keating

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dor Larkin, Carmel Gannon

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Jenny Sinnott
Lector 2: Marilynn Seiter

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Tekauita Taavaomali
Lector 2: Marg Ware

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Caster Gonzadan
Lector 2: Kendra Gonzadan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Mick, Christine & Phil

8:30 am Marg, Michael & Anne K

10:30 am Nina, Helen & Diane

Children's Liturgy:

School holidays

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 31ST MARCH

THIS WEEK: TEAM 4: Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kath Didier

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 5: Margo Keat, Marion & Gerry Fitzpatrick

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 14TH APRIL

LECTOR: Peter
BACK UP Fran
COMMENTATOR: Gail
POWERPOINT Stuart

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 7TH APRIL

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Diane Goonan
POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Gospel John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark,
when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb.

She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running
to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved.

'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb'
she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb.

They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in.

Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb,
saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head;
this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in;
he saw and he believed.

Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture,
that he must rise from the dead.

Readings this week:

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20:1-9

Readings next week:

Acts 4: 32-35

1 John: 5: 1-6

John 20:19:31

Responsorial Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal
sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



Wodonga Catholic Parish and the Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong Easter Mass Times 2024

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

6:00 am Sunrise Mass :	Ebden Reserve	Hume Weir
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

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Do you **volunteer** for your Parish?
Are you aware of your **responsibilities** as
a volunteer ? **No?**
Contact Sonni for any information you
may require :

E:wodcath@bigpond.net.au

**Daylight
Saving Time
Ends**

7th

April



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Clocks
go back
one hour
before bed
Saturday Night

Easter Octave Masses: Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Easter Octave Masses will be celebrated during
the week from Easter

Monday April 1st to Saturday April 6th

Monday - Friday 9:15 am at Sacred Heart
Church.

Saturday 9:30 am at St Augustine's Church
followed by morning tea.

***Please note: Confessions will be heard at
St Augustine's Church (not Sacred Heart Church)
on Saturday April 6th - from 9:00 am - 9:30 am.***