



# 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.

## APRIL 14TH-2024: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER-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:

*"Easter is a promise that no matter how dark the world may seem and no matter how heavy the burdens one carries, victory belongs to the Risen Christ and all who believe in him." "Let us lift our eyes to him and ask that the power of his resurrection may roll away the heavy stones that weigh down our souls,"*

### Looking At the Readings:

This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the story of the road to Emmaus and very similar to last week's passage in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples. However, what this account gives us, that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding the scriptures. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.'

This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than superficial, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it. © ~Greg Sunter~

### Quote of the Day:

Good Friday and Easter free us to think about other things far beyond our own personal fate, about the ultimate meaning of all life, suffering, and events; and we lay hold of a great hope. ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer~

### An Easter Poem

Remain with us, Lord Jesus, you who were the guest at Emmaus;  
throughout the watches of the night, resurrected, you lead us.  
Taking bread, you broke it, then our eyes recognised you,  
the flickering flame in our heart foretells our true happiness.  
The time is short, our days are fleeting.  
But you prepare your house,  
you give a meaning to our desires, a future to our labours.  
You the first of the pilgrims, the star of the last morning,  
awake in us by your love a great hope in your return.

~ Commission Francophone Cistercienne ~  
The Night, The Day ~

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Office Hours

9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Monday to Friday

Administrator  
Father Adi Indra  
6024 3366

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Tallangatta and Corryong  
Father John Paul Pasala  
6024 3366

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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.



## Recent Deaths:

Norm Campigli, Sister Marie Doolan rsm (Principal of St Augustine's Primary School 1970's)

## Anniversaries:

Kit Ley, Yvette Bone (Black), Rita McDonald, William Hickey, Monica Jones, Bill Smith, Mary Jones, Antonia Amaya Cabalida, Anna Lobos, Peter Tubie, Helen Jalski, Muriel Ward.

## Those Who are Unwell

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

## 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.**

## **WOULD YOU LIKE:**

to know Jesus better?

Why not join us

every second Tuesday - 5.30-7PM.

@ The Parish Centre Fortnightly meetings-

Starting April 16th

Info: Gerri Boldrini. 0438 206 082 or 02 6056 2442

## Baptism Preparation Evening:

Our next preparation / information evening is

**Tuesday May 7th at 6:00 pm**

The Parish Centre

283 Beechworth Rd, Wodonga

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 members are also welcome. *For information or to register - Contact: Our friendly Parish Centre staff : PH: 6024 3366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au.*

## explore

life  
faith  
meaning

**YOU'RE INVITED**



**You're invited!**  
Alpha organised by City Central Church, Albury with support from members of Wodonga Catholic Parish.

Register your intention here:



Alpha is a free Christian program. An opportunity for anyone to explore life, faith and meaning – in a friendly, open and informal environment. We are excited to announce two Alpha courses, commencing **Mon 29 April**. Evening Sessions Mondays at 7pm or Tuesdays at 10:00am  
For more information please E: [shaneb@citycentral.com.au](mailto:shaneb@citycentral.com.au)  
Or use the QR Code provided

Find out more  
[alpha.org.au](http://alpha.org.au)



## Wodonga Catholic Parish Reconciliation Program 2024:

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](mailto:wcpsacramental@gmail.com).**

**Enrolments close April 24th 2024**

Parishioners please Note:  
The Annual Mass Count for the Diocese will take place at all weekend Masses in May.

**CCR Prayer Group:**  
7pm -8.30 Wed 21/2- 6.45pm cuppa  
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga fortnightly  
All Welcome - Brigita Ph: 0412042196

# WODONGA ROSTERS 20TH & 21ST APRIL 2024

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Volunteers

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Mary Harkness & Jennifer Flower

**5:00 pm**

**8:30 am**

**10:30 am**

**Altar Servers:** Volunteer  
**Lector 1:** Meryl Brown  
**Lector 2:** Christine Stewart

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**Lector 2:** Marg Pallot

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**Lector 2:** Jenny Sinnott

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**5:00 pm** Clive, Mavis & Sandy

**8:30 am** Erris, Anne T & John A

**10:30 am** Jean, Bronwyn & Jacinta

**Children's Liturgy:**

School holidays

## COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

**THIS WEEK: TEAM 6:** Marg Whitehead, John Barrat

**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 7:** Peter Murray, Matthew & Sally Ley

### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 28TH APRIL

**LECTOR:** Jenny  
**BACK UP** Peter  
**COMMENTATOR:** Barb  
**POWERPOINT** Gail

### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 5TH MAY

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

# Gospel Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost.

But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?

Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.'

And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet.

Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them,

'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,

'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

### Readings this week:

Acts 3:13-15 17-19  
 1 John 2:1-5  
 Luke 24: 35-48

### Readings next week:

Acts 4:32-35  
 1 John 5:1-6  
 John 20:19-31

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

# 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 our Parish Safeguarding person for any information you may require :**

Ph: 060243366 OR E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au)

Do you have any concerns please phone 60243366 or

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

**Or** refer to or Reporting Process Poster displayed in our Church.

**Towards Healing helpline Free Call** Ph: 1800 816 030.

**Lifeline Ph: 13 11 14.** is a non-profit Organisation a FREE 24-hour Crisis Support



## NEW CREATIONS PARISH YOUTH BOWLING NIGHT

**WHO:** Students in Years 4-7

**WHEN:** 28th of April, 4-6pm

**WHERE:** 3D Lanes Bowling Alley  
2 Sanyo Dr, Wodonga

**RSVP:** Scan the QR code & fill  
in the form before the 21/4!



Parents &  
siblings  
welcome! 😊

## Part-time Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Bendigo 2024

A part-time Unit of CPE will be conducted in Bendigo in the second semester of 2024, from Wed. 10th July to Thurs. 28th Nov.

The course will be conducted by the North-east Victoria CPE Centre.

It will be supervised by Anne Wieczorek, a Spiritual Care Practitioner at Bendigo Health, who is an accredited Provisional Clinical Pastoral Educator, and Louise Ross, a Pastoral Carer at Wharparilla Lodge Echuca Community for the Aged, and a Provisional Clinical Pastoral Supervisor. It will be conducted in meeting rooms at Bendigo Baptist Church, 757 McIvor Hwy, Junortoun. The program will be conducted on Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 4.00 pm, with attendance on 3 Thursdays also required (11th July 26th September, and 28th November).

A further one and a half days each week is required for the delivery of spiritual/pastoral care in an approved placement and further time is also needed for writing reports on spiritual/pastoral encounters, so participants need to be able to devote at least 3 days each week for the 21 weeks of the program. Prospective applicants should contact the Course Coordinator, Anne Wieczorek, at [annewz@westnet.com.au](mailto:annewz@westnet.com.au) or on PH: 0401 979 417 for further information and to request an application form.

**Tuesday April 16th 2024 > Parish Morning Tea.**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

Please join us in the Parish Centre for a cuppa and a chat after Morning Mass. This is a great opportunity to get to know our PC staff and other parish ioners.

**ALL WELCOME**

**RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:**

**LAST DAY TO ENROL: APRIL 24th**

**Youth Event: APRIL 28th SCAN the QR Code!**

