



150th Wodonga Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF SANDHURST 1874-2024

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 28TH 2024: THE 5TH 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.

Happy Ordination Anniversary Fr JP:



13th Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination. With a heart full of gratitude to God.

"As a young child, when I was 8 years old, I had a desire to become a Priest. I had the privilege of growing up in convent schools, amongst the Priests, Nuns and a Catholic environment, the desire

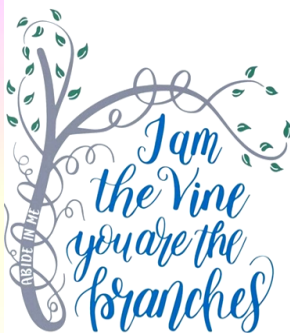
to become a Priest was instilled in me in a natural way.

My parents inspired me through their way of life. My Father was my Hero. In 1997 I joined the seminary, I was Ordained 28th April 2011, in Madhya Pradesh, India. It's almost 27 years of religious life. I believe that God made me as an instrument in His vineyard and granted me the grace to guide others on their spiritual journey and help them to grow closer to God. From my childhood I have a very spirited devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you all for your prayers. God bless you All. ~ Fr John Paul

Looking at the Readings:

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to 'prune' our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best. *It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential.*
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Liturgical Jottings: Altar Wine



When at the request of his Mother Mary, Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana, it was the best of all wines. At the Last Supper, Jesus "took a cup ... saying, 'Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins'" (Matthew 26:27-28). The wine had to be pure and true wine. Our Lord also said, "For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" (John 6:55). Altar wines have to meet requirements set by canon law and the General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM). Briefly, Canon 924§3 declares: "The wine must be natural, made from grapes of the vine, and not corrupt." GIRM 322 continues: "The wine for the celebration of the Eucharist must be made from the fruit of the vine (Luke 22:18), natural and unadulterated, that is, without admixture of extraneous substances."

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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.



Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Jim Mooney, John Kelly, Paul McGowan, Annie (Sno) Casey, Anna Lobos, Ted Horne, Christine Ryan, Keith Martin, John Crothers, Patricia Henson, Maria Fairman, Josie Grujcic, Bernie Mervin, Sergio Lobos,

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.



Parishioners:

Did you know you can request our Bulletin by email?

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

Please go to our FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wodongacatholicparish/> or our website. www.wodongacatholicparish.com.au



Catholic Women's League
of Victoria & Wagga Wagga

The has put her hands to strong things. Proverbs 31:10-31



A Member Organisation
of CWLA Inc.

Catholic Women's League:

The CWL will meet in the meeting room of the Parish Centre on **Wednesday, May 1st** after the 9:15am Mass held at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

Baptism Preparation Evening:

**Our next preparation / information evening is
Tuesday May 7th at 6:00 pm**

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.*

Parishioners Please Note:

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

Pentecost Sunday:

TANGAMBALANGA

Our Lady Help of Christians, Tangambalanga will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th @ 10:30 am followed by a cuppa. Sacred Heart Wodonga Muso's will join us and provide music for the celebration. Please bring a plate to Share for a late morning tea.

All Welcome



LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2024

LAUDATO SI' WEEK: May 19th – 26th

is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* to **hear the cry of the earth** and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. Significantly, Pope Francis promulgated *Laudato si'* in 2015 on the Feast of Pentecost. As a Catholic Earthcare Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven *Laudato Si'* Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

WODONGA ROSTERS 4TH & 5TH MAY

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dot Larkin, Carmel Gannon

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Dave Seiter
Lector 2: Juliana Vaughan

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Lector 2: Kate Rotherham

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Lector 2: Marinela Jaculbia

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Louise, Michaela & Caitlyn

8:30 am Marg H, Michael, & Anne K

10:30 am Diane, Gerard & Yves

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

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

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 9: Gerard Peeters & Thomas Zerafa

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 12TH MAY

LECTOR: Mary-Anne
BACK UP Jenny
COMMENTATOR: Bruce
POWERPOINT Stuart

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 5TH MAY

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

Gospel John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
 but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers;
 these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.
 It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.

Readings this week:

Acts 9:26-31
 1 John 3:18-24
 John 15:1-8

Readings next week:

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
 1 John 4:7-10 or 4:11-16
 John 15:9-17 or 17:11-19

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you,
 says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Do you volunteer in our Parish Counting Team?

Do you know your responsibility in this role?.....

No?

Did you know you are obligated to sign & be familiar with various Parish documentation?

i.e. the 'Code of Conduct', 'Responsibilities of a Volunteer', 'Volunteer Role Description', and be familiar with – the Parish/Diocesan Safeguarding Policy?

You will also need to acquire a National Police Check in order to volunteer in this role.

You may do so by going to the following website <https://crimecheckaustralia.com.au/> the Parish will reimburse any cost. For further information please contact your Parish Centre, asked to speak with Sonni. PH: 60243366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

This SUNDAY: 28th.

PARENTS & SIBLINGS Welcome:



**NEW CREATIONS : Parish Youth Event:
30 LANES Bowling Alley, SANYO Drive,
Wodonga.**



Scan the QR Code →

Tues April 30th > Parish Centre Morning Tea > After 9:15am Mass **ALL WELCOME**

National Zoom for EarthCare: Thursday 2nd May 5.30-7.00pm AEST

Pentecost Celebration > MAY 18th > Saturday 5pm Mass S.H.C Wodonga

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National Sorry Day - Sunday 26th May

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.

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, atannewz@westnet.com.au or on PH: **0401 979 417** for further information and to request an application form.