

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

**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

Dederand 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

Corrvona: 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.

## 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.

## h-2024: 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy 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 Eders past and present whose spirits dwell in this land. May the spirit of this ancient land be always with us.



Pope Fracis :

Divine Mercy Sunday encouraged everyone, especially priests, to remember the moments in their lives when they have experienced God's forgiveness, and the joy and peace that God's forgiveness brings. "The joy God gives is indeed born of

forgiveness. It bestows peace.

## What's so Special about Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy devotion began with reported visions and apparitions of Jesus to Sister Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), who later was canonised by the Church. From these visions and apparitions, we get the expression "Jesus, I trust in You".

In 2000, Pope St John Paul II designated Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday (this Sunday!). In the words of Jesus, "This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it." (Diary, 420).

There are various prayers and practices to obtain plenary indulgence (total remission of the consequences of our sins) on Divine Mercy Sunday through the 1) Sacrament of Reconciliation (could be 20 days before or after),

Receiving Holy Communion,

3) Prayers for the intentions of Pope Francis

4) Spending time in prayer held in honour of Divine Mercy (e.g. praying the Chaplet) in the Church – I recommend you do this before or after Mass – and don't forget to say these words with all our hearts: "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you". Fr. Adí

### Looking at the Readings:

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authoritie. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

### <u>Recent Deaths:</u>

<u>**ONNIVERSAFIES</u></u>: Margaret Quirk, Michael Fagan, Anton Kalcic, Muriel Ward, David Sinnott, Maureen Mannion.**</u>

.....Parish News.....

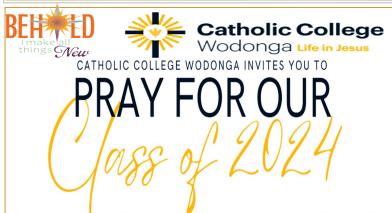
Sick:

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.

### 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.



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 register for 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.

Please register your name and email address either via the signup sheets available at your Parish 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 any events during the year.

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. With gratitude and blessings,





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

#### **Baptism Preparation Evening:**

Our next preparation / information evening is Tuesday May 7th at 6:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church, 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.

## Wodonga Catholic Parish Reconciliation Program 2024: ENROLL NOW Reconciliation 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 <u>https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/</u>, collected from our Parish Centre, via email: <u>wcpsacramental@gmail.com</u>, or via our CEW Schools. Your enrolment form must be completed and returned to the Parish Centre

OR email: wcpsacramental@gmail.com.

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1 John 2:1-5						

Prayers of the Falthful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Luke 24: 35-48

# 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

Do you have any concerns please phone 60243366 or E: <u>wodcath@bigpond.net.au.</u>

**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

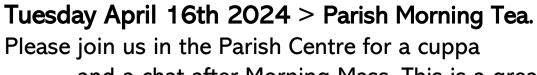
## Easter Poem

Without having seen we believe. Christ fulfils the promise. Christ is truly risen. He is our rebirth. The spirit of the Son witnesses to it, burning desire for the Father. Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is our rebirth. Christ is lifted from the dead and draws us into glory. Christ is exalted in his flesh. He is our hope. Why seek among the dead the living heart of the earth? Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is our hope. We feel this day rise like a shining sun. Christ strikes fire in our hearts, the burning love of the Passover.

On our paths may we find the torch that dispels the night: Alleluia, alleluia! The burning day of the Passover!



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and a chat after Morning Mass. This is a great opportunity to get to know our PC staff and other parishioners.