



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 21st-2024: THE 4TH 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.

Good Shepherd Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is usually known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel readings from Years A, B and C are taken from John 10, in which Jesus talks about himself as the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for his sheep. In 1964, Pope Paul VI instituted the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to coincide with Good Shepherd Sunday. During Masses this weekend, let us pray especially for vocations (to the Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage and Single Consecrated Life) in our Diocese, especially from our Parish.

I'll let the Pope conclude my remark. Here is Pope Francis' message from 2024 World Day of Prayer for Vocations: *"Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves."* ~ Fr Adi

Looking at the Readings: The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is such a familiar image that it can sometimes become over-familiar and cease to engage us. Countless works of art have presented this image literally, picturing Jesus as a shepherd with a crook and surrounded by sheep or even with a lamb draped around the back of his neck. The image from this week's gospel often gets merged with the image from the parable of the lost sheep that appears in the gospels of Luke (15:1-7) and Matthew (18:10-14) where artists frequently place Jesus as the hero of his own parable and portray him as the 'good shepherd' going out to retrieve the one lost sheep. Such amalgamations of different gospel images can become very confusing. The emphasis of the image is on the adjective, **good**. Jesus is the **good** shepherd. Shepherds generally were not regarded as particularly good people so the choice of image is a deliberate one to unsettle the listeners. Unlike their normal expectation of shepherds who would run away at the first sign of danger – Jesus is the good shepherd: the one who does not abandon his flock; the one who has concern for his sheep; the one who will lay down his own life for his sheep. The final verses of the passage make an interesting extension to the image of shepherd and sheep. Unlike the 'sacrificial lamb', the good shepherd chooses to lay down his life and also has the power to take it up again. © Greg Sunter

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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.

SAVE THE DATE Tues April 23rd > Parish Centre Morning Tea > After 9:15am Mass
ALL WELCOME

RECONCILIATION Program: LAST DAY TO ENROLE: Wednesday April 24th
April 25 > ANZAC DAY 9:15am Mass SHC Wodonga

Youth Event: April 28th: SCAN the QR Code on page 2
National Zoom for EarthCare: Thursday 2nd May 5.30-7.00pm AEST

LAUDATO SI' WEEK: May 19th - 26th
Pentecost Celebration > MAY 18th > Saturday 5pm Mass S.H.C Wodonga

Recent Deaths:

Frances Danaher, Peter Dower.

Anniversaries:

Keith Martin, Ted Horne, Maria Fairman, Josie Grujcic, Bernie Mervin, Christine Ryan, Paul McGowan, Patricia Henson, John Crothers.

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.



Are you aware of your responsibilities as a volunteer in our Parish ?

NO?

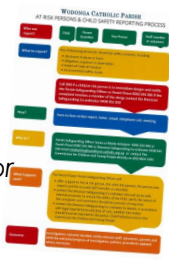
Contact Sonni our Parish Safeguarding person for any information you may require :

Ph:060243366 OR

E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au Do you have any questions or concerns please phone 60243366 or

E:wodcath@bigpond.net.au.

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



**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! 😊



**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

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.**



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 27TH & 28TH APRIL 2024

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers: Volunteer	Altar Servers: Volunteer	Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Matthew Ley	Lector 1: Michael Iverson	Lector 1: Christian Bashimbe
Lector 2: Kerrie Kerr	Lector 2: Luci Saric	Lector 2: Lara Jaculbia

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Meryl, Amilia & Juliana	8:30 am John , Marg B & Erris	10:30 am Ampy, Nina & Helen
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Children's Liturgy: School holidays

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK: TEAM 7: Peter Murray, Matthew & Sally Ley
NEXT WEEK: TEAM 8: Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

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 John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

‘I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’

Readings this week:

Acts 4:8-12
 1 John 3:1-2
 John 10:11-18

Readings next week:

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

Responsorial Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

ANZAC DAY

April 25th

*They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Not the years condemn
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning
We will remember them
Lest we forget*



Lest We Forget

....The First Anzac Day

In 1916 the first Anzac Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them "The Knights of Gallipoli". Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney march convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war Anzac Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns, and parades of serving members of the AIF were held in most cities.

...What it means today

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day. Australians recognise 25 April as a day of National Remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and service-women meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

...Why is this day special to Australians?

When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany. The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months.

At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war. Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the "Anzac legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.



**RSL
WODONGA**

ANZAC DAY IN WODONGA:

Dawn Service commences: 5:45am Woodland Grove, Wodonga.

Morning March: Form up at Wodonga RSL 10:15am: Step off 10:30am.

Morning Service Commences: 11:00am Woodland Grove Wodonga.

Th Wodonga RSL invite you to come together at the RSL Reid St Wodonga for a Gunfire Breakfast, and Live Entertainment.

Coffee and Food Vans, Jumping Castles.

Traditional TWO-UP from 6:30am

