



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.



MAY 05-2024: THE 6TH 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.

Looking at the Readings:

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!

This is the message that Jesus conveys to his disciples in this week's gospel. He shares with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46). © Greg Sunter

Quote of the Day:

When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving much advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand. ~ Henri Nouwen

Liturgical Jottings-Easter Hymns



Each parish have their favourite hymns and songs for the Sunday Liturgy. Some of the old favourites for Easter are: "My Lord, He died for a Kingdom" (Easter Song, Sr Miriam Winter); "This is the Day the Lord Has Made" (The Easter Song, Ray Repp); "Alleluia No.1" (Donald Fishel). Some of the newer ones are: "Christ Be Our Light" (B Farrell); "Sing to the Mountains" (R Dufford); "This is the Day" (M Mangan); "Happy Day" (T Hughes & B Cantelon). With computer and projector parishes are not limited to one or two hymn books. Our limitation now seems to have good resources and regular contact with networks of musicians.

Ascension & Pentecost

Popular hymns are "Hail Redeemer King Divine" (P Brennan); "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (W Dix); "Hearts of Fire" (M Mangan); "Come, Holy Spirit" (several versions); "We are Many Parts" (M Haugen)

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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:

Bill Lambourn, Margaret Wilkin (nee Porta)

Anniversaries:

Jim Costelloe, Maree Raftopolous, Yelka Simcic, Tom Tobin, Xavier Ramirez, Bill Smith, Cathy Campbell, Peter Rafter, Frank Borrell.

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.

Baptism Preparation A Pre-requisite for Baptism

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.

Vinnies St Vincent de Paul Collection:

A collection for the Local branch of St Vincent de Paul, will be taken up at all Masses in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga this weekend. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Volunteering: Volunteering with Vinnies is a rich and rewarding experience. If you think you would like to donate your time to make a real difference in the lives of people who are disadvantaged or living in poverty, please contact Marg Ph: 0417 021 272

Congratulations on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary



60 years of Marriage, 720 months, 3,130 weeks, 21,915 days, 525,960 hours & 31, 557,600 minutes of love. 3 incredible children, 4 amazing grandchildren all loved and adored.

Barbara and Michael were married in St Patrick's Church, Albury by Michael's brother, Fr Gerry Iverson, on the 4th of April 1964.

Wodonga Catholic Parish congratulate Barbara & Michael Iverson.

Pentecost Sunday-All Welcome

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.

Welcoming Cuppa:

Please join the families and staff of St Augustine's Primary School as they host our Welcoming Cuppa after the 8:30am Mass this weekend at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

Parishioners Please Note:

Our Parish 'NEW CREATIONS' YOUTH Ministry Team will Lead the Saturday evening Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, on May 25th. **ALL WELCOME**

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WODONGA ROSTERS 11TH & 12TH MAY

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Peter Kellow

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dot Larkin

5:00 pm

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Marilyn Seiter
Lector 2: Michael McIlinden

8:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Des Lonergan
Lector 2: Maureen Lonergan

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Ampy Clark
Lector 2: Josh Jaculbia

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Joy, Sandy, & Jenny

8:30 am Maureen, Dave & Pat

10:30 am Jacinta, Jean & Bronwyn

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK: TEAM 9: Gerard Peeters & Thomas Zerafa

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 10: John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Mavis Hyndman, Gloria Humpage

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 12TH MAY

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

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 2ND JUNE

FIRST / SECOND READING: Judy Brewer
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley
POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Gospel John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.
Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends, if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends, because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name.
What I command you is to love one another.'

Readings this 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

Readings next week:

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Do you volunteer for our Parish Counting Team?

Do you know your responsibilities for 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 the Parish Centre, and ask to speak with Sonni. PH: 60243366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au



IRISH MUSIC CONCERT

7.30PM SAT 11TH MAY

Special Guests

JP Sweeney



Oscar West



FEATURING MUSICIANS, SINGERS AND DANCERS FROM IRELAND AND ACROSS AUSTRALIA - (SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK)



ENTRY \$20

St Francis's
Primary School
Wodonga



On The Journey This Week:

Fr James Arblaster says the readings this weekend highlight that God doesn't have favourites. Mother Hilda and finding the one word that connects you with God. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.



LAUDATO SI' WEEK:

May 19th – 26th



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.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Tues MAY 7th > Parish Centre Morning Tea> After 9:15am Mass

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

MAY 19th - TANGAMBALANGA Invite all parishioners to celebrate The Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. **ALL WELCOME**

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MAY 25th - Parish YOUTH Led Mass 5pm BE THERE!

National Sorry Day - Sunday 26th May