

Wodonga Catholic Parish

INCORPORATING

SACRED HEART CHURCH, Beechworth Rd Wodonga, ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, High St Wodonga,
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Tangambalanga, ST. JOSEPH'S Dederang, ST. JOSEPH'S Mt. Beauty
& Parishes of ST MICHAELS CHURCH Tallangatta, SACRED HEART CHURCH Corryong.

June 16th - 2024 : The 11th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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



Pope Francis Tweets:

When the #WordOfGod, infused with the Holy Spirit, is received with an open heart, it never leaves things as they were before. ~ Pope Francis



Focus on the Readings:

The cedar tree (Ezekiel's allegory/parable on the kingdom of David) parallels with the mustard tree (Jesus' parable on the Kingdom of God). The cedar tree is a mighty noble tree and stands for the restoration of the Judaic monarchy after the Exile. Its timbers are used for the reconstruction of the Temple. Ezekiel's prophecy finds its fulfilment in the Kingdom of Christ.

The mustard tree in Christ's time and place was a scrawny bush, the complete opposite to the cedar. Listeners would have wondered where Jesus is taking them in this parable. He begins with the allusion to the cedar: it provides a home and shelter for the birds. Following with the allegory, the mustard tree in what the kingdom of God is like. The big differences are notable: small beginnings, humble existence yet for all a home and shelter, a visible presence of the new kingdom on earth: the church as the people of God and the body of Christ. In the light of the first parable in today's Gospel, the growth on the kingdom of God requires God's wisdom and might and the participation of humankind to do the planting. From small beginnings comes the final consummation.

2024 Declaration on Human Dignity 3

There is widespread agreement today on the importance and normative scope of human dignity and on the unique value of every human being. However, the phrase "the dignity of the human person" risks lending itself to a variety of interpretations that can yield potential ambiguities that lead us to wonder whether the equal dignity of all human beings [...] is truly recognised, respected, protected and promoted in every situation." This brings us to recognise a fourfold distinction: ontological (or innate) dignity, moral dignity, social dignity, and existential dignity. The most important among these is the ontological dignity that belongs to the person as such simply because he or she exists and is willed, created, and loved by God. This dignity is indelible and remains valid beyond any circumstances in which the person may find themselves. *DI 7.*

Quote for the Week:

Little things are indeed little, but to be faithful in little things is a great thing.

~St Teresa of Calcutta

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Office Hours
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Monday to Friday

Priests: Wodonga Catholic Parish
Father Andrew Fewings-Moderator
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

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**

Monday morning Mass @ St Augustine's begins this Monday!

Tuesday JUNE 18th > Parish Centre Morning Tea all invited

New Creations Event coming soon!

What's happening in our Parishes

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.*

Recent Deaths:

Angelika Sunjo



Anniversaries:

Jan Brunner, Phillip Joss, Dawn Pianto, John Penny, Violet Armstrong, Jack Maher, Dr John Moran, Benny Constantino.

Those who are Unwell:

John Saric, John Hodson, Ricky Ellul, Eloise Hill, Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, Zoey La Motte-Schubert, Robert Anderson, Genevieve Govers, Mary Shaddock, Marie Morgan, parishioners who are ill, their families & carers.

Wodonga Catholic Parish Welcomes Bishop Shane Mackinlay

Please welcome Bishop Shane as he joins us on Saturday evening for 'Spirituality in the Pub' Synodality and on Sunday at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, 8:30am Mass, as he celebrates the Team Ministry Installation for Frs. Andrew, John Paul and Adi.



Monday Morning Mass

Commencing Monday June 17th.

Morning Mass will take place each Monday at St Augustine's Church, Wodonga.

@9:15am-Excluding public holidays.

All welcome to attend.

Want to Keep up with the Latest Parish News?

FYI: You may request our Bulletin by email OR view the latest and previous Bulletins on our Facebook page or website. To view this on Facebook search Wodonga Catholic Parish or to view the bulletin on the website, please go

to: www.wodongacatholicparish.com.au and hit the link [Bulletins - Wodonga Catholic Parish](#)



Caritas AUSTRALIA

PAPUA NEW GUINEA
LANDSLIDE

Emergency Appeal:

As you would know from the news, remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by a catastrophic landslide. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, have lost their lives. As rescue efforts continue, those who have lost their homes urgently need food, shelter and clean water in the weeks and months ahead. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support partners on the ground assisting those affected by the devastation.

Tax Deductible Donations can be made

at www.caritas.org.au/PNG

or by calling 1800 024 413.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

The July to December rosters for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are being prepared. Please let Marilyn Seiter, cdmaseiter@gmail.com, know if you are unavailable at any time between July and December.



Praying the Rosary.....

Would you like to join other parishioners praying the Rosary? Please contact Diana Ph: 0404 081 909.

Our Next
New Creations
Youth Event
Coming Soon!

WODONGA ROSTERS 22ND & 23RD JUNE

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART SACRISTY: Volunteers

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

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

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Tekauita Taavaomali
Lector 2: Barry Jackson

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Lector 1: Lara Jaculbia
Lector 2: Don Cameron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Clive, Mavis & Sandy

8:30 am Marg H, Michael & Anne K

10:30 am Gerard, Yves & Jenny

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK: TEAM 5: Margo Keat, Marion Fitzpatrick

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 6: Marg Whitehead, John Barrat

Children's Liturgy: 8:30 am

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 16TH JUNE

LECTOR: Peter
BACK UP Fran
COMMENTATOR: Mary-Anne
POWERPOINT Stuart

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 7TH JULY

FIRST / SECOND READING: Diane Goonan
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Sharon Coulston
POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowd,
 'This is what the kingdom of God is like.
 A man throws seed on the land.

Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing;
 how, he does not know.

Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.
 And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said,

'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it?
 It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on
 earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches
 so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these,
 he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it.
 He would not speak to them except in parables,
 but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Readings this week:

Ezekiel 17:22-24
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
 Mark 4:26-34

Readings next week

Isaiah 49:1-6
 Acts 13:22-16
 Luke 1:27-66,80

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God,
 Christ is the Sower; all who come to him will live
 forever. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Baptism in our Parish

Safety in our Parish

Welcome & Congratulations

We welcome and congratulate children and families as they celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

BAPTISM



Baptism Preparation Evening 0 to 6 Years:

Our next Preparation evening is Tuesday July 2nd @ 6:00 pm in Parish Centre.

Parents of children from 0 to 6 years who wish to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents and other family are not required to attend however they are welcome. For information or to register

**Contact: Our Parish Centre friendly staff :
PH: 6024 3366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au.**

Baptism Preparation for 7 Years of Age Plus

Children 7 years of age & over who wish to be Baptised are invited to join a preparation program prior to our sacramental season.

If you wish to enrol in this program please contact the parish centre for an enrolment form
PH: 60243366 Or E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au
You may also download an enrolment form from our website: The program includes four sessions: Date/Time to be advised. For further information please contact our friendly PC staff.

Baptism Preparation as an Adult:

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic ?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Program.

The RCIA Program is for all those seeking to become members of the Catholic Church. This journey is for people who have not been baptised, and for those who have been baptised in Christian denominations.

The non-baptised are prepared through the RCIA program and are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist, which traditionally takes place at Easter Vigil .

For those already baptised, they are also prepared and welcomed into full communion of the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist.



A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Are you aware of your obligations as a volunteer of our Parish? Is your information up to date?

Have you completed a 'Volunteer Role Description' and signed the 'WCP Responsibilities of a Volunteer' form? No?

Please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer
Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366

Sonni is happy to help you organise these requirements and address any queries or concerns you may have.

OR
refer to our safeguarding reporting process poster which is available in your church foyer or on our website

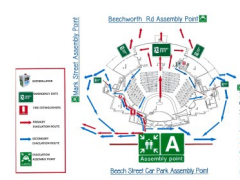


Towards Healing helpline Free Call Ph: 1800 816 030:

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

Emergency Safety Exit Plans and Assembly Points

Are you familiar with **Emergency Safety Exit Plans** and **Assembly Points** of the Wodonga Catholic Parish premises?



These plans and safety procedures are located at the entry and exits points of each of our public spaces.

Do you volunteer for our Parish?

Are you unsure if your volunteer role requires you to have a

Working With Children Card

OR

National Police Check?

Do you require help to apply for your Working with Children Card or National Police Check?

Please contact our friendly staff at the Parish Centre Ph: 60243366