

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 23rd - 2024 : The 12th 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 whose spirits dwell in this land. May the spirit of this ancient land be always with us.



Pope Francis Tweets:

We cannot speak of Jesus without joy, because faith is a wonderful love story to be shared. Bearing witness to Jesus, and doing something for others in His name, means testifying to this beautiful gift that words alone cannot express.



Focus on the Readings:

The book of Job is a classical work of literature both in our sacred scriptures and in our world generally because of its style, insights into human suffering and understanding of nature, divine, human and universal. Today's reading (38:1, 8-11) only gives a snippet of God's creation. It is well worth reading chapters 38-42 – you won't be able to put the book down. Job is waiting for God's response to his questions. The patience of Job ran out at the end of chapter two, but his faithfulness and righteousness lasted throughout the book. Now in Chapter 38 God responds but not in answers Job expected but in questions: "Where were you when ...?" God's power, sovereignty, creativity are manifested. His purpose and concerns for his creation may be discerned. Job is overwhelmed. We, too, come to gaze upon the enormity of God's creation and our own lowliness in the grand design of nature. Job learns more about his suffering and its place in God's love and purpose.

The Gospel only picks up one strand of God's sovereignty: his mastery of the sea and the wind. Like Job, the unnamed and unnumbered disciples are suffering and asking questions: "Does God not care? Is Jesus not listening?" We suffer storms personally and within our church. We are in the "same boat" as the disciples and seek help and answers. Jesus answers with two questions: "Why are you so frightened?" and "How is it that you have no faith?" Lord, increase our faith!

2024 Declaration on Human Dignity 4

When we speak of social dignity, we refer to the quality of a person's living conditions. For example, in cases of extreme poverty, where individuals do not even have what is minimally necessary to live according to their innate dignity, it is said that those poor people are living in an "undignified" manner. This expression does not imply a judgment on those individuals but highlights how the situation in which they are forced to live contradicts their inalienable dignity. No. 8

Born and raised in humble conditions, Jesus reveals the dignity of the needy and those who labour. Then, throughout his public ministry, he affirms the value and dignity of all who bear the image of God, regardless of their social status and external circumstances. Jesus broke down cultural and cultic barriers, restoring dignity to those who were "rejected" or were considered to be on the margins of society. No. 12.

On the Lighter Side:

You'll always stay young if you live honestly, eat slowly, exercise moderately, sleep sufficiently, work industriously, worship faithfully and lie about your age.

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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 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, Wodonga
Saturday 9.15 am

Reconciliation:
St Augustine's Church, Wodonga
Saturday 8:45 am to 9:10am

Country Churches:
Before Mass.

What's happening in our Parishes



Recent Deaths:

Cathie McMahon (nee Ley), Ivanka Celin.

Anniversaries:

Jan Brunner, Bernard Seymour, Joseph Bacash, Kevin Crothers, Bill Henderson, Peter d'Astoli , Ruth d'Astoli, Merle Riley, Marie Middleton, Emily Hooper, Elaine McEvoy.

Those who are Unwell:

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

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.*

A Busy Time In Our Parish:



Last weekend was a productive and busy time...
On the Saturday evening 'Spirituality in the Pub'

created interest and clearly parishioner's were eager to engage and ask questions while Bishop Shane spoke on synodality. A few difficult questions arising with no easy answers. A worthwhile evening...



The next morning on 16/6/2024 we celebrated the Installation Mass, with Bishop Shane Mackinlay as our principal celebrant, of our Pastoral Ministry

Team of the Parishes of Wodonga, Tallangatta and Corryong - Fr Andrew as Team Moderator and Frs. John Paul and Adi as Team Members.

Please continue to pray for our priests 🙏🏡

NEW CREATIONS PARISH YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

WHO: Students in years 4 to 7

WHEN: 23rd of June, 4-6pm

**WHERE Sacred Heart Church
285 Beechworth Rd, Wodonga**

RSVP: Scan the QR code & fill in the form to RSVP!



Parents & siblings welcome! 🍿

Movie: "The Prince of Egypt"

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY 2024 will be celebrated on 7th July

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church.



Take a book Leave a book

Did you know Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, has a Little Book Nook Library where you are welcome to borrow any of the books?

Do you have any suitable books for children and young people you are willing to donate to our little 'Book Nook Library'?

If you think you might have books suitable please drop them in to the Parish Centre during office hours.

WODONGA ROSTERS 29TH & 30TH JUNE

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART SACRISTY: Dot Larkin, Carmel Gannon

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Juliana Vaughan
Lector 2: Fiona Barrett

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Meryl, Amelia & Juliana

8:30 am Maureen, Dave, & Eris

10:30 am Jean, Bronwyn & Jacinta

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK: TEAM 6 Marg Whitehead, John Barrat
NEXT WEEK: TEAM 7: Matt & Sally Ley, Peter Murray

Children's Liturgy: 8:30 am

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 30TH JUNE

LECTOR: Jenny
BACK UP Peter
COMMENTATOR: Barb
POWERPOINT Stuart

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 7TH JULY

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

Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples,
 'Let us cross over to the other side.'

And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat;
 and there were other boats with him.

Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat
 so that it was almost swamped.

But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep.

They woke him and said to him,

'Master, do you not care? We are going down!'

And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea,

'Quiet now! Be calm!'

And the wind dropped, and all was calm again.

Then he said to them,

'Why are you so frightened?

How is it that you have no faith?'

They were filled with awe and said to one another,

'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

Readings this week:

Job 38:1,8-11
 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
 Mark 4:35-41

Readings next week

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
 Mark 5:21-43

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting .

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

What's happening in our Parishes

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.

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.

Wodonga Parishioners

Please Note a change of Venue and Time:



FROM JULY 6th- Reconciliation will take place at: **St Augustine's Catholic Church** on Saturday's from 8:45am to 9:10am



On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says that this Gospel is about faith and prayer, praying with intensity and working as if everything depends on God. Mother Hilda's story on Egyptian rug weavers' actions when they make a mistake. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Peter Abela, and Fr Dave Callaghan. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Thank you to those who serve in a volunteer role who have completed a **'Volunteer Role Description'** and signed the **'WCP Responsibilities of a Volunteer'** form.

Anyone who is still unsure as to their responsibilities as a volunteer in our parish is more than welcome to contact Sonni, who is happy to help you organise these requirements and address any queries or concerns you may have.



Do you know how to report a concern in regards to the safety of someone vulnerable ?



If you wish to talk to someone please contact the Parish Centre Ph:60243366 and ask to speak with Sonni the Parish Safeguarding Officer. OR Refer to the safeguarding reporting process poster which is available in your church foyer or on our website: this can be done anonymously.

Towards Healing Helpline Free Call

Ph: 1800 816 030:

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

Liturgical Jottings - Liturgy and Creation 3

The three great passages giving the accounts on creation are found in the Book of Genesis ch 1&2 (read at the Easter Vigil); Job 38-40 (partly read today) and Psalm 104 (Pentecost Sunday Psalm response) and in the Office of Readings, on the Sundays Week 2 (eg 10th & 14th week of Ordinary Time). Psalm 104 verses follow the sequence of Creation in Genesis 1 but in the form of a prayer of praise and awe and wonder on God's marvellous creation, actions and presence in the universe. From the heavens, and the earth, wind and fire, plants and beasts, food and wine, we see his wisdom, power and love. The last verse reads: "I will sing to the Lord all my life, make music to my God while I live. Bless the Lord, my soul." Ps 104:33-34. Also, the canticle in the book of Daniel (Sunday morning prayer) has all creation give praise to the Lord, not just human persons but all the elements and creatures of the universe. "Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord." Daniel 3:1