

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.

July 21st - 2024 : The 16th 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.



Words from Pope Francis

With all my heart, I suggest that you *learn to practise the art of communal discernment*, employing the method of "conversation in the Spirit", which has proved so helpful in the synodal journey. I am certain that you will reap from it many good fruits, not only in structures of communion such as parish councils, but in many other fields. Discernment is a key element in the pastoral activity of a synodal Church: ... to be exercised in pastoral settings, ... and to recognise better the charisms present within the community; to distribute wisely different responsibilities and ministries, and to plan in the light of the Spirit pastoral projects that go beyond the mere programming of activities" *Letter to Parish Priests, 2 May 2024*

Focus on the Gospel:

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them. There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them. In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

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While waiting for his mum to come out of the supermarket Little Johnny was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

Little Johnny replied,

"Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked him kindly and said, "Son, I'm the new pastor in town, I'd like you to come to church on Sunday, and I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

Little Johnny replied with a chuckle,

"Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office !"

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

Wodonga Catholic Parish

Priests:

Father Andrew Fewings-

Moderator

Father Adi Indra

6024 3366

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 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

Monday & Saturday 9.15 am

Reconciliation:

St Augustine's Church, Wodonga

Saturday 8:45 am to 9:10 am

Country Churches:

Before Mass.

What's happening in our Parishes

Recent Deaths:

Mary Cardwell (Creamer), Margaret Corbett (Bohr)

Anniversaries:

Marie Boulding, Jack Mehegan, Rita Zammit, Tom Goonan, Leigh Clohesy, Ken Toll, Darrell Mark, Reg I'Anson, Mary & Leo Lonergan, Kevin Kelly, Joan Watson, Barry Williams, Carmel Holley.

Those who are Unwell:

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

Welcome & Congratulations

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

Baptism Preparation Evening 0 to 6 Years:

Our next Preparation evening is Tuesday August 6th @ 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

On The Journey

Tune in to the journey weekly:

The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

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.*

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. please go to:

www.wodongacatholicparish.com.au and hit the link. Bulletins – Wodonga Catholic Parish

Planned Giving

Reports:

Planned giving reports and new sets of envelopes are available in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga this weekend.

Rite of Christian initiation for Adults RCIA

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA is a program:

- * For those who wish to learn about the Catholic faith and to discern whether this is the right path for them.
- * For those who are not baptised.
- * For those who have been baptised into another Christian faith.
- * For those who were baptised as Catholic but never received the sacraments of Confirmation or First Eucharist (Holy Communion).

As a member of the Wodonga Parish Community, you can be involved by inviting someone to learn about the Catholic faith through the RCIA; by becoming an RCIA team member yourself; or by sponsoring a potential candidate. And always, by praying for us.

Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. Please consider this as your personal invitation to help bring people into our Catholic faith community.

For further enquiries contact Wodonga Catholic Parish on 0260243366 or email wodcath@bigpond.net.au

WODONGA ROSTERS 27TH & 28TH JULY

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: Kerrie Kerr Lector 2: Ha Ngo	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Takauita Taavaomali Lector 2: Michale Iverson	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Josh Jaculbia Lector 2: Jean Tabra

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm Mavis, Mick & Clive **8:30 am** Anne T, John A & John B **10:30 am** Diane, Gerard & Helen

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK: TEAM 10: John Dunstan, Mavis Hyndman, Gloria Humpage
NEXT WEEK: TEAM 1: John Foley, Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker

Children's Liturgy: 8:30 am

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 28TH JULY

LECTOR: Gail
BACK UP Bruce
COMMENTATOR: Mary-Anne
POWERPOINT Stewart

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 4TH AUGUST

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley
POWERPOINT: Diane Goonan

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught.
Then he said to them.

'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while';
for there were so many coming and going
that the apostles had no time even to eat.
So they went off in a boat to a lonely place
where they could be by themselves.

But people saw them going. and many could guess where;
and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them.
So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd;
and he took pity on them
because they were like sheep without a shepherd.
and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Readings this week:

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

Readings next week

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-
John 6:1-15

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

What's happening in our Parishes

SAVE
THE
DATE

9:15am Mass @ St Augustine's :Monday's

Tues after Morning Mass> Parish Centre
Morning Tea all invited

New Creations Event coming soon!

Liturgical Jottings - Liturgy and Personality

The Constitution on the Liturgy states: "All the faithful should be led to that **fully conscious, and active participation** in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy (art 14). The people gathered for the liturgical celebrations of Mass, Sacraments and other rites are individuals but at the same time a community of believers. One but Many. Some prayers begin with "I confess ...", "I believe ...", "I am not worthy", and in the baptism rite parents and godparent answer: "I am" and "I do". Yet while in the singular all are united together to confess and to proclaim their faith. Other prayers include: "We praise you, we bless you ...", "We offer you fruit of the earth", "We lift [our hearts] up to the Lord" "We proclaim your death". You and I, and We are many persons but one people to come to worship our God together in peace and unity. © 2024 Diocese of Sandhurst

Change Lives: by 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 in your local community, who are disadvantaged or living in poverty, please contact

Marg Ph: 0417 021 272

PRAYER BREAKFAST



2024 SPEAKER

Susannah McFarlane



Susannah McFarlane
Bible Society Chief Publisher
and children's book author

Susannah is an award-winning Children's Author, selling over half a million copies in Australia alone.

An atheist for half a century, Susannah came to faith eight yrs ago. Being given up for adoption as a baby, Gods truth of "I will never leave you or forsake you", became very real knowing others prayed for her, her whole life.

Now, it's time to stand in the gap.

Bring Home the Prodigals!

Date: Wednesday 21st August 2024 | Where: Albury Entertainment Centre, 525 Swift Street, Albury
Email: contact@awpb.com.au | Bookings: www.awpb.com.au | Time: 7am

early booking essential - limited seating



Sea Sunday Appeal 2024.

Sundays, 21 and 28 July are commemorated

as Sea Sunday, the day set by many Christian churches to remember, celebrate and pray for seafarers and their families. In the Catholic Church, Sea Sunday is supported by Stella Maris around the world. Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas throughout the year bringing to Australia more than 90 per cent of the goods we need. [Sea Sunday Appeal 2024 - Stella Maris, Australia \(stellamarisaustralia.org\)](https://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)

KSC Wodonga and People First Community Lottery



Proceeds to Seminarians, Parish project, KSC charities.

Tickets sales close

Thursday 25-July,
drawn 01- Aug.

50 Prizes – Toyota Hybrid Car,
Solar/Battery Package,
Travel vouchers, shopping
vouchers.

Scan code to view info and purchase.

\$2 tickets: SCAN sales with mobile, email, DEBIT card>

CASH SALES: A local member of the KSC will be in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga after all Masses on **13 -14 July and 20 -21 July.**



A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

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: Reporting 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.