

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.

August 4 - 2024 : The 18th 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.

Focus on the Readings:

Physical hunger causes pain and exhaustion. For the Israelites in the exodus through the desert hunger also prompted regret in escaping slavery from Egypt and complaints to Moses, their leader. God provided food in the form of manna (bread from heaven) in today's first reading (Exod 16:15) and later water from a rock, (Exod 7:1-7; 3rd Lent, A). The Gospel (John chapter six) moves from physical hunger to spiritual hunger; from bread and fish to spiritual bread; earthly food that cannot last to heavenly food that gives life to the world. Jesus responds to the people's enquiries by stating: "I am the Bread of Life".

The crowd that ate the loaves and fishes, seeks Jesus out in Capernaum. They face an ambiguity in understanding physical food and spiritual food. These readings give each of us, individually and collectively, the opportunity to consider for ourselves what do we really hunger after. What do we seek in order to give us life? We discover that path to follow is Jesus and his Word. Jesus, Our Lord, is the bread of life: his word, his teaching and his way provide nourishment for eternal life. In the Gospel passages these next three Sundays he elaborates further on the Bread of Life. His teaching is a stumbling block for some and enrichment for others.

We continue reading St Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Chapter 4 contains a "Charter" for Christian Life, emphasising the need for unity among the baptised who have taken up a new way of life. May this give us a new outlook in our dealings with the world.

Prayer for Feast of St Mary of the Cross:

We give you thanks, Lord, God for by your grace, Saint Mary was bold in going forth to serve the neglected parts of your vineyard.

Eager even in the face of rejection, yet humbly patient in doing your will, she stood by the Cross she embraced, a shining witness to the Resurrection of Christ, your Son.

~ Preface (Australian) National Liturgical Commission, ACBC 2021.

Quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop:

"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can". ~ St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.



Parishioners Please Note:

- Wodonga Catholic Parish Celebrates St Mary of the Cross Solemnity, with Mass Thursday, August 8th at 9:15 am Mass and at 6pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.
- We will also celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity with Mass the following Thursday, August 15th at 9:30am and 6pm @ Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.



Wodonga Parish Centre
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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 9:10am

Country Churches:

Before Mass.

What's happening in our Parishes

Recent Deaths:

Heidi Watz-Petrovic.

Anniversaries:

Peter Bluck, Frank & Ilma McDonald, Ron McGrath, Lucy Kelly, John Canty, Barry Nolan, Olga McFarland, Judy Ellery, Ben Kelly, Mary Kelly, Margaret Phillips, Klara Schametzki.

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.

The Catholic Women's League:

The CWL will meet on **FRIDAY the 9th of August**, in the Parish Centre meeting Room, after the 9:15am Mass. Contact Margaret Bates Ph: 60246620.

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.



St Vincent De Paul

Good Works

The Collection for our local branch of St Vincent De Paul will be taken up after all Masses this weekend.

Liturgical Jottings-Liturgy and Mission 1

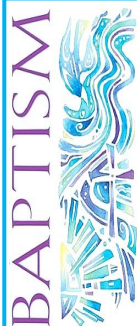
Liturgy is at the front line of the Church's mission of evangelisation. In Australia, many baptised Catholics do not participate regularly in Sunday Mass. However, the liturgy offers unique moments for evangelisation. Very many of these people will have occasion to be present in the church at Christmas and Easter, for baptisms, weddings and funerals. This is not just an opportunity for them to hear the liturgical prayers offered and the Scriptures proclaimed and explained. It can be a profound involvement in the action of the Church and an exposure to the saving work of Christ. Since they are baptised, the liturgy can draw them into the sacramental moment when, with the Church as a whole, they are offered an intimate relationship with Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, and touched by the saving love of the Father.

From: A sacred action surpassing all others Australian Bishops Commission for Liturgy, 4 December 2013

one **Giggle** at a time

During an English class the teacher ask little Johnny, to read his essay, after hearing it the teacher said, 'Little Johnny, your essay on 'My Dog' is EXACTLY the same as your SISTER'S did you just copy her essay?'

Little Johnny replied,
No, ma'am, but it is the same dog!



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

THIS 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 please contact our friendly PC staff. **Ph: 60243366**

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WODONGA ROSTERS 10TH & 11TH AUGUST

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART SACRISTY: Mary Harkness & Jennifer Flower

5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers: Volunteer	Altar Servers: Volunteer	Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Dave Seiter	Lector 1: Des Lonergan	Lector 1: Lara Jaculbia
Lector 2: Meryl Brown	Lector 2: Maureen Lonergan	Lector 2: Christian Bashimbe

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm Loni, Sandy & Mavis	8:30 am Michael, Anne K & Maureen	10:30 am Bronwyn, Jenny & Diane
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COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK: TEAM 2: Val Mulqueeny, Rob Saric & Zennon McCarty

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 3: Bernie & Julie Jones

Children's Liturgy: 8:30 am

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 11TH AUGUST

LECTOR:	Fran
BACK UP	Roseanna
COMMENTATOR:	Gail
POWERPOINT	Stuart

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 1ST SEPTEMBER

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

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?'

Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says:

He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life.

Readings this week:

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35

Readings next week:

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!. No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

What's happening in our Parishes

Tuesday 6 August after Morning Mass
PARISH CENTRE MORNING TEA ALL WELCOME!



Thursday 8 August Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Masses 9.15am & 6pm



Thursday 15 August Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses 9.30am & 6pm

Thursday 15 August @9:30am - St Francis Of Assisi P-S Join us for Morning Mass

SAVE THE DATE!



Season Of Creation begins 1st September- Parish Celebration!



Mission: Transform Lives- theirs...and yours

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty? Join our Palms' [Discovery Webinar](#) online on **Thursday 15 August**.

Meet Carolyn, currently in Timor Leste, and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Aboard](#).

Venue: Online via Zoom- register at palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/

Date: Thursday 15th August 2024

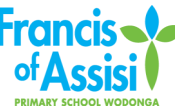
Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AEST

Ph: 02 9560 5333

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Welcome St. Francis of Assisi



Wodonga Catholic Parish Welcomes students and staff of St Francis of Assisi Primary School, as they join us for Morning Mass, at the altered time of 9:30am on Thursday August 15th for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Season of Creation:

The Season of Creation is fast approaching. It's a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. The season starts **September 1st**, World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends **October 4th**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of ecology believed by many Christian denominations. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home.

Spirituality Day - Saturday August 10th 10am - 3pm

You are warmly invited to our Spirituality Day - a wonderful opportunity to grow together in adult faith and enjoy each other's company.



The presenter is **Dr Sandie Cornish**, a lecturer from Australian Catholic University who specialises in Catholic Social Teaching.

In order to enable Sandie's presentation to reach more people across the diocese, she will present via Zoom, enabling interaction with the people at the venue

Venue: Albury - Xavier High School

RSVP: Monday 29th July 2024

• <https://forms.gle/tGm3CvzUxxLTw9qp6> or
Email: spiritweaverswagga@gmail.com



Planned Giving Reports:

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

On The Journey

Tune in to the journey weekly: The Journey podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au.