



Wodonga Catholic Parish

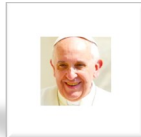
INCORPORATING

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 28 - 2024 : The 17th 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

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

28 July 2024: Message from Pope Francis

Theme: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Ps 71:9). God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. On this World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. To all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you I send my blessing, accompanied by my prayers. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

Focus on the Gospel:

The readings from the Gospel according to Mark are interrupted from today until the 21st Sunday in Ordinary time (25 August). The Gospel of John, Chapter 6 (69 verse) are proclaimed in these five Sundays. Each week an Old Testament reading is chosen to complement the Gospel. It is interesting to follow this sequence and to discern the reasoning behind these selections. At the same time Jesus moves the minds and spirits of the people from the material to the spiritual, from the physical to the sacramental. Within chapter six there are many quotes from the Hebrew texts linking the events of their history of salvation to the present and then linking the present age to the promise of everlasting life in eternity. Today we hear of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. There are many allusions to the Eucharistic meal in this chapter and three in this week's Gospel: 1. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover; 2. [Jesus] knew exactly what he was going to do 3. Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out. Healing the sick and feeding the people are signs of the Messiah among his people. He is offering life and life to the full. Let us journey with the apostles and the crowd in these coming weeks.

Wodonga Parish Centre

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Wodonga Vic 3690:

Phone: 02 6024 3366

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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:

Giggles



Little Johnny was leaving Church on Easter morning, the Priest was standing at the door as he always to shake hands..... The Priest grabbed Little Johnny by the hand and pulled him aside. The Priest said to him, *You need to join the Army of the Lord!*

Little Johnny replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord,

Father The Priest questioned him,

"Well how come I only see you here at Christmas and Easter?"

Little Johnny whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."



What's happening in our Parishes

Recent Deaths:

Ampy Clark, Audrey Noske.

Anniversaries:

Rosalina de la Cruz, Peter Donkers, Julie Rigby, Sydney Plunkett, Klara Schametzki, Bridget Hannebery, Carlo Nero, Barry Goonan, Sharon Jacka, Jean Frauenfelder, Maria Starcic, Bert Cadman, Gary Cadman, Les Dunstan.

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.

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.

Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2024

Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through every
season of life,

Do not abandon us, take care of us,
And grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves
and recognise that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.

May your Spirit of love fill us with
Your tenderness
And teach us to say: "I will not abandon you!"

To those we meet on our journey.
With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness
of loneliness.

Help us to look to the future with renewed
hope,
And make the World Day for Grandparents
and the Elderly A day without loneliness,
and a day abundant with the
first-fruits of Your peace.
Amen.

Planned Giving Reports:

Planned giving reports and new sets of envelopes are available in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga 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 please contact our friendly PC staff. **Ph: 60243366**
OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au

On The Journey

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

WODONGA ROSTERS 3RD & 4TH AUGUST

<u>SACRED HEART CLEANING:</u>	Kevin & Rita Keating	<u>SACRED HEART SACRISTY:</u>	volunteers
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5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers: Volunteer	Altar Servers: Volunteer	Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Marilyn Seiter	Lector 1: Anne Tremethick	Lector 1: Joe Maccioni
Lector 2: Fiona Barret	Lector 2: Ross Black	Lector 2: Cristy Fraser

Eucharistic Ministers		
5:00 pm Joy, Pam & Michael	8:30 am Marg B, Erris & Marg H	10:30 am Nina, Jacinta & Jean

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK	
<u>THIS WEEK: TEAM 1:</u>	John Foley, Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker
<u>NEXT WEEK: TEAM 1:</u>	Val Mulqueeney, Rob Saric & Zennon McCarty

Children's Liturgy: 8:30 am

Mt BEAUTY ROSTERS: 4TH AUGUST	DERERANG ROSTERS: 4TH AUGUST
LECTOR: Roseanna	FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston
BACK UP Gail	WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Alanna Kirley
COMMENTATOR: Peter	POWERPOINT: Diane Goonan
POWERPOINT Stuart	

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick.
 Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples.
 It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip,
 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?'
 He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do.
 Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.'
 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said,
 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish;
 but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.'
 There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down.

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready;
 he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted.

When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples,
 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.'
 So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves.
 The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.'
 Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king,
 escaped back to the hills by himself.

<u>Readings this week:</u> 2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15	<u>Responsorial Psalm:</u> The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
<u>Readings next week</u> Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 6:24-35	<u>Gospel Acclamation:</u> Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!
	<u>Prayers of the Faithful:</u> Lord, hear our prayer.

What's happening in our Parishes

COMING

SOON!

NEW CREATIONS YOUTH-LED MASS- COMING SOON WATCH THIS SPACE

MONDAY MORNING MASS 9:15AM @ ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH 55 HIGH ST WODONGA



Tues after Morning Mass> PARISH CENTRE MORNING TEA all invited

OCEANIA

Teams: For Married Couples

FYI Helen and David Gill are attending the international Teams of our Lady conference this week in Turin Italy, 7000 attending from about 80 different countries. When they return I am sure they will have many photos and share more information for our married couples in the parish. Teams provides a great opportunity for us to enrich our marriage whilst spending quality time with other like minded couples. Would you like to know more? Please contact: David Gill Ph: 0408 638818 OR Des Lonergan Ph: 0408 575825.

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



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
E: palms@palms.org.au



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 venues.

Venue: Albury - Xavier High School

RSVP: Monday 29th July 2024

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

