



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.

September 1-2024 The Season of Creation Acknowledgement of Country

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.

Wodonga Parish Centre
283 Beechworth Road
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Office Hours
9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Monday to Friday

Wodonga Catholic Parish
Priests:
Father Andrew Fewings
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.



The first fruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

Your action is the firstfruits of hope, a sign of the Spirit working among us.

Pope Francis:

As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling. ~ Pope Francis

Season of Creation 2024: This year's Season of Creation theme is "Hope and act with Creation" and our guiding inspiration is the symbol "The first fruits of hope", from Romans 8:19-25. The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration that calls us together each year to pray and respond jointly to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family from around the world comes together to listen to and care for our common home. The "Celebration" begins on 1st September, the Feast of Creation, and concludes on 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations

A Father's Day Prayer

Thank you for the Blessings that Fathers provide for their children and for all those who play a fatherly role in the lives of others, we pray with gratitude.



God our Father, We give thanks for all fathers young and old, we recognise the dedication and patience it takes to be a source of compassion and understanding when helping shape a young life.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the **God of compassion** walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Focus on the Readings:

Australians, it is said, have a different approach to rules and laws than other peoples arising from the time of the original British settlement consisting of convicts and their unruly guards. We have sayings like "you can bend the rules but not break them"; and "laws are more honoured in their breach rather than in their keeping". Yet the number of laws and rules are rapidly increasing in our society, for example in taxation, security, employment and sports.

Moses encouraged obedience to laws and customs and emphasised their role to maintain right relationship with God and one another. God's laws, perhaps, more importantly defined their identity as a people and their collective wisdom. But laws are very susceptible to human ways, whether the laxity found in Australian society, or the strictness found in Jesus' time and place. His words are encouraging people to regain right relationships and keep constant vigilance on interpretations and reviews of laws. Moreover our motivation for action must be from good intentions and loving hearts.



What's happening in our Parishes

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Monica Laney, Guiseppi (Arti) Ortis, Peter O'Neill, Ivan Babic, Ivan Zagrovic, Rev Fr Paul Purcell, Beryl Ward, Percy Ward, George McKinley, Bessie Jensen, Marianne Murray, Fr John Naughton, Dina & Frank Cepile

Those who are Unwell:

Joan Larkin, Ray Reardon, (Sr Eileen's Brother), 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

E: 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.

REMINDER

- * **Baptism Preparation Evening:** This Tuesday
- * **Parish Pastoral Council** This Wednesday
- * **Safeguarding Team:** This Wednesday
- * **Parish Finance Team:** 4th Friday of each month
- * **Sacramental Program Enrolment:** Deadline Sep 11th
- * **Sacramental Program Commences :** 2nd week October



Catholic College Wodonga

Life in Jesus

Catholic College Wodonga Year 12 Prayer Cards:

Did you register to pray for one of our Catholic College, Wodonga year 12 students? Prayer cards have arrived and are available in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church.

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 our friendly staff at the parish centre for an enrolment form PH: 60243366 You may also download an enrolment form from our website: <https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Baptism-Enrolment-7-years-plus-1.pdf> 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 Lighter Side:

**Students,
Who in the Bible
knew the
most people?**

**Little Johnny Replied,
Well Miss,
Abraham knew a Lot.**



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

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 .

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 The Parish Centre

Ph: 0260243366 or E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au

**Our first inquiry meeting will be held 9:30 am,
September 15th, in the Parish Centre.**

All are welcome.

Baptism Preparation Evening 0 to 6 Years:

**Our next Preparation evening is THIS Tuesday
September 3rd @ 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**

Wodonga Rosters 7th & 8th September

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: Stephen McKinley	Lector 1: Michael Iverson	Lector 1: Cristy Fraser
Lector 2: Dave Seiter	Lector 2: Tekauita Taovaomali	Lector 2: Joe Maccioni

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm Meryl, Amilia & Juliana	8:30 am Anne K, Anne T & Mark	10:30 am Helen, Nina & Jacinta
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COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK: TEAM 6: Marg Whitehead, John Barrat

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 7: Peter Murray, Matt & Sally Ley

Children's Liturgy: 8:30 am

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 8TH SEPTEMBER	
LECTOR:	Deb
BACK UP	Mary-Anne
COMMENTATOR:	Peter
POWERPOINT	Stuart

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 6TH OCTOBER	
FIRST / SECOND READING:	Judy Brewer
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:	Allana Kirley
POWERPOINT:	Harrison Fischer

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves.

There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes.

So these Pharisees and scribes asked him,

‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’

He called the people to him again and said,

‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean.

For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly.

All these things come from within and make a man unclean.’

Readings this week:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Readings next week:

Isaiah 35:4-7
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

Responsorial Psalm:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

SAVE THE DATE

Parish News

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Save the Dates! Upcoming WCP Events:

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Season of Creation Begins



TUESDAY September 3rd

Morning Tea in the Foyer of Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

SUNDAY September 8th- Afternoon Tea in the Gardens of the Presbytery

Sunday October 4th- Parish Celebrations to mark the end of the Season of Creation

ALL WELCOME

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Change of Venue:

Parish Centre Tuesday Morning Tea:

Please Join us for a special morning tea, on Tuesday the 3rd of September, as we celebrate Marg's 85th birthday, in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga. Marg has volunteered for our parish, since 1996 and is still generously giving her time and energy as a valued volunteer in our Parish Centre. 28 yrs, an extraordinary effort. We thank Marg for her continued contribution to our Parish community and wish her all the best for her 85th Birthday!

EarthCare Parish Team

Do you have a passion for ecological justice? would you like to make sound changes to create a positive impact on future generations?

WCP are requesting expressions of interest for the formation of a Parish EarthCare Team.

If you feel you have something to offer or would like more information, please contact the Parish Centre Ph: 60243366

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Towards Healing helpline Free Call Ph: 1800 816 030.

Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation

A FREE 24-hour Crisis Support Ph: 13 11 14.

If you have any concerns please

contact our Parish Safe Guarding Person

Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366 Or refer to our safeguarding reporting process poster available in your church foyer or on our website.

If you would like to view our safety policies, please go to our website at

<https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/information/wcp-child-safe-policy/> and follow the links provided.

OR E: wcp safeguarding@gmail.com

Season of Creation

Parish Sausage Sizzle



JOIN US THIS SATURDAY

To hope and act with Creation

You are invited to the Parish Sausage Sizzle, This Saturday after the 5pm Mass, in the grounds of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, as we Celebrate the 1st week of the "Season of Creation".

The WCP PPC invite you to stay have a sausage in bread, enjoy the conversation and celebration.

The following weekend, Frs. Andrew, JP & Adi invite you to join them on

Sunday the 8th of September at 4pm,

in the gardens of the presbytery BYO afternoon Tea and then a walk around Belvoir Lake

A short informative chat on the ecology & history of Sumsion Gardens/Belvoir Park and the Lake.

COMING SOON



More to come on the celebration of this Season of Creation. Watch this space!

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.

