

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 25 - 2024 The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Yr B

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:

The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us. Nourishing ourselves of Him and abiding in Him through Eucharistic Communion, if we do so with faith, transforms our life, transforms it into a gift to God and to our brothers and sisters. Nourishing ourselves of that "Bread of Life" means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour. It means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity. The very things that Jesus did. ~ Angelus, St Peter's Square 16.08.15

Focus on the Readings:

From the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes Gospel passage that was read four weeks ago and the "I am the Bread of Life" (6:35,51) profession of Jesus last week, we now receive very explicit teaching on the Eucharist as the flesh and blood of Christ and real food and real drink (6:55) for eternal life (6:58).

The reality of Christ's flesh and his blood leaves no room for doubt both according to the Lord's teaching and our faith. We are speaking of true flesh and true blood when we receive and absorb these substances, they put us in Christ and Christ in us. Is this not the truth? What we are is in God. (St Hilary of Poitiers).

Strengthened by this food from heaven we shall make the most of our opportunities and whatever the difficulties of our journey, and walking at a brisk pace we shall arrive at this promised day of eternal life.

Prayer for the Day :

Happy those who come to light through the night of Jesus.

Happy those who receive their selves from the hand of God.

Happy those who find their lives in the death of Jesus.

Happy those who owe their names only to the name of Jesus.

Happy those who are happy with their God's happiness.

Happy those who set their steps in the steps of Jesus.

Victorious, they will eat from the tree of Life.

(Didier Rimaud d 2002)

Wodonga Parish Centre

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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 9:10am

Country Churches:

Before Mass.

What's happening in our Parishes

Recent Deaths:

Elizabeth Herczeg, Margaret Ruhl, Peter Klaus.

Anniversaries:

George McKinley, Perc Ward, Beryl Ward, Tim Fischer, Fr Steve Bohan, Mick McKenzie, Patrick Goonan, Albert Kiraly, Anne Briody, Patricia McComisky, Marie Harangozo, Phillip Porta, Ivan Babic.

Those who are Unwell:

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.

Baptism Preparation Evening: 1st Tues of the month
Parish Pastoral Council 1st Wed of the month
Safeguarding Team: 1st Wed of the month
Parish Finance Team: Friday 23rd August
Sacramental Program Enrolment: Deadline Sep 11th
Sacramental Program Commences : 2nd week October



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:



[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 Parish Centre for collection.

[Life in Jesus](#)

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.

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**

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region:

The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia.

Applications close October 31st, 2024.

Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Wodonga Rosters 31st August & 1st September

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Peter Kellow

SACRED HEART SACRISTY: Volunteers

5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers: Volunteer	Altar Servers: Volunteer	Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Juliana Vaughan	Lector 1: Kate Rotherham	Lector 1: Jean Tabra
Lector 2: Marilyn Seiter	Lector 2: Barry Jackson	Lector 2: Josh Jaculbia

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm Joy, Pam & Clive	8:30 am Erris, Marg H & Michael	10:30 am Jenny, Diane & Gerard
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COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK: TEAM 5: Margo Keat, Marion Fitzpatrick

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 6: Marg Whitehead, John Barrat

Children's Liturgy: 8:30 am

Mt BEAUTY ROSTERS: 1ST SEPTEMBER

LECTOR:	Mary-Anne
BACK UP	Jenny
COMMENTATOR:	Barb
POWERPOINT	Gail

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 1ST SEPTEMBER

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

Gospel: John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said,
‘This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?’
Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said,

‘Does this upset you?

What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

‘It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

‘But there are some of you who do not believe.’

For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him.

He went on,

‘This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.’

After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’

Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord, who shall we go to?’

You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.’

Readings this week:

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

Readings next week:

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Save the Dates! Upcoming WCP Events:



Season of Creation Begins



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY August 31st-WCP, PPC Sausage Sizzle After 5pm Mass

SAVE THE DATE

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

Welcoming Cuppa:

Hosted by

St Monica's Primary School Community

Please Welcome St Monica's Primary School Community as they host the parish welcoming Cuppa, this Sunday after the 8:30am Mass.



Change of Venue:

Parish Centre Tuesday Morning

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!

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



Save the date!

To hope and act with Creation

You are invited to the Parish Sausage Sizzle, **on August 31st 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 and 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.*

