



WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH

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9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH

PRIESTS:

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WEEKEND MASSES

WODONGA

SACRED HEART CHURCH

SATURDAY @ 5:00 PM.

SUNDAY @ 8:30 AM & 10.30 AM

TANGAMBALANGA

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY @ 10.30 AM MASS

DEDERANG: ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY @ 10.30 AM MASS

MT BEAUTY: ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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 CHURCH

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY @ 4:00 PM

SANDY CREEK: ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

5TH SUNDAY @ 8:30 AM

MITTA MITTA: ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

5TH SUNDAY @ 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS:

2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS: SAYRO–

MALABAR MASS 6:30PM

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 MASSES.

Acknowledgement of Country

Wodonga Catholic Parish, acknowledges 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

SEPTEMBER 29-2024-MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

God Walks with His People.

Today we celebrate the 110th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES with the theme: *God walks with his people*. Pope Francis' message for this day says, "God not only walks with his people, but also within them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation."

Today, in our parish, we give thanks for the variety of gifts with which our migrant & refugee brothers & sisters have enriched the tapestry of Australian life. We pray that Australians will always work together to 'welcome the stranger'. A range of resources and articles are available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2024>

Pope Francis~ Season of Creation

In our hopeful and persevering expectation of the glorious return of Jesus, the Holy Spirit keeps us, the community of believers, vigilant; he continually guides us and calls us to conversion, to a change in lifestyle in order to resist the degradation of our environment and to engagement in that social critique which is above all a witness to the real possibility of change. This conversion entails leaving behind the arrogance of those who want to exercise dominion over others and nature itself, reducing the latter to an object to be manipulated, and instead embracing the humility of those who care for others and for all of creation

Focus on the Readings:

Prophets and Leaders are two different types of persons requiring different qualities and ways of acting. A leaders can be prophetic but can also lose their popularity and followers. The readings from the book of Numbers and the Gospel of Mark highlight this disparity. Medad and Eldad were given the gift of prophecy, yet they had not received "Commissioning" from Moses, their leader. Joshua, a future leader of the Exodus people wanted to stop them. Medad and Eldad did not fit into his ideas of structure and order. Again the disciples of Jesus wanted to stop another "outside the inner circle" to stop healing. Both Moses and Jesus were above the concerns of religious structures and human authority.

Cultures, including religious cultures, have their language, symbols, customs, traditions, systems of law and order, rules and regulations that provide identity, security and well-being. Yet flexibility and exceptions are important for harmony and growth. Particularly in these times we must seek divine wisdom and God's grace in our decision making and relationships with our communities.

In the second string to the Gospel passage Jesus gives dire warnings to the community using metaphor and exaggeration not to be taken literally. These warnings are as relevant today as they were in his time.



A HAPPY THOUGHT

May the blooming flowers of springtime be a reminder of the loveliness of Mother Earth and the beauty of God's creation. (inspired by St Francis)

Recent Deaths

Margaret Scanlon, Jennifer Harrison, David Stanford, Debbie Forrest, Milka Prosen.

Anniversaries:

Ivan Zagrovic, Denyse Elliott, Nicholas Gleeson, Katie Ronan, Antonietta Nero, Pat Oliver, Olga & Joseph McFarland, Darren Elliott-McFarland, Vera Gehrig, Frank Beattie, Norma O'Sullivan, Jim Duggan, John Worrall, Joel Vicoy, Elsie McKinley, Garry & Shirley Boyd, Des & Pat O'Meara. Kerry O'Mahony.

Those who are unwell

Joan Larkin, Ray Reardon, (Sr Eileen's Brother), Colin La Motte, John Hodson, Eloise Hill, Ricky Ellul, Genevieve Govers, Salome Ramirez, Marie Morgan, Kerstin Lancaster, Robert Anderson, Mary Shaddock, 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: wodcathbigpond.net.au. OR Ph: 0260243366.

Due to privacy laws we are unable to place names in the bulletin unless requested by a relative.

Reconciliation Candidates:



Congratulations to the six candidates who have prepared for and celebrated their First Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga. Please pray for these children and their families as they continue their faith journey.

Baptism Preparation Evening 0 to 6 Years:

Our next Preparation evening is **THIS Tuesday**

October 1st @ 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 book in for the evening Contact: Our friendly staff at your Parish Centre: 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 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>. The program includes four sessions: Date/Time to be arranged at time of booking.

For further information please contact your PC staff.

Ph: 60243366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au

Emergency Safety Exit Plans & 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.

Mass of Anointing:

Please Note: Change of date:

Please join us for the Mass of Anointing at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wodonga, **THIS Wednesday, OCTOBER 2ND @1:30pm.**

Catholic College Year 12 Students:

Prayer cards for those who are praying for the CCW year 12 students are available for collection in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church. The students will be joining us for Mass at 9.15am on **Thursday 10th October** and will provide morning tea as a gesture of thanks to those who have been praying for them.

CWL: Catholic Women's League:

The CWL will meet on Wednesday the 2nd of October after morning Mass in the parish Centre meeting room. please contact **Margaret Bates Ph: 0427273272**

CCR Prayer Group:

The CCR Prayer Group meet fortnightly. Wednesday 6.45 pm Cuppa. 7 - 8.30 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga. Contact Brigita: 0412 042 196

Daylight Savings Begins: Sun, 6 Oct 2024.

Each year, daylight saving time kicks in at 2am on the 1st Sunday of October.

Don't forget to bring your clocks forward 1 hour Sunday October 6th.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 06-2024
Daylight Savings Begins



SPRING FORWARD-ONE HOUR

SMOKE ALARMS:

When you change your clocks for daylight savings, vacuum in and around your smoke alarms and change your smoke alarm batteries even if there is no beeping noise.

Visit the [CFA website](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) for more information on installation and maintenance of smoke alarms or if you have further questions call us on (03) 9705 5200.

ROSTERS

Wodonga September 5th & 6th October

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Sacred Heart Sacristy: Mary Harkness & Jennifer Flower

Lectors/Altar Servers

5:00pm

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Meryl Brown
Lector 2: David Gill

8:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: John Barrat
Lector 2: Luci Saric

10:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Josh Jaculbia
Lector 2: Jean Tabra

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm: Mick, Christine & Phil

8:30am: Maureen, Mark & Pat

10:30am: Bronwyn, Jenny & Diane

Counters

This Week: TEAM 10: John Dunstan, Mavis Hyndman, Gloria Humpage

Next Week: TEAM 1: John Foley, Mick Bone, Maureen & Greg Baker

Mt Beauty -6th October

Lector: Fran
Back Up: Roseanna
Commentator: Mary-Anne
PowerPoint: Stuart

Dederang - October 6th

First / Second Reading: Judy Brewer
Welcome/Psalm/PoF: Alanna Kirley
PowerPoint: Harrison Fischer

Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

John said to Jesus,

'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name;
and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.'

But Jesus said,

'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me.

Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ,
then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith,
would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck.

And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off;

it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell,
into the fire that cannot be put out.

And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off;

it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.

And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out;

it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye,
than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Readings this week:

Numbers 11: 25-29
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Readings next week:

Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

Responsorial Psalm:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



The Ripple Effect of Volunteering:

Volunteering is often viewed as a selfless act dedicated to helping others, however the pressures of life; can easily get in the way.

Life can be busy, challenging, but do you know how much of an impact volunteering can have in your community & on your own physical and emotional wellbeing?

Research indicates that volunteering leads to improved health.

The social interaction & community engagement are known to reduce stress and increase general wellbeing

The Australian Centre on Quality of Life at Deakin University regularly measures life satisfaction across different demographics, including volunteers.

Their findings consistently show that individuals who engage in volunteer work report higher levels of life satisfaction compared to those who do not volunteer.

IMPORTANT

REMHINDER

Parish Centre weekly Morning Tea:
Tuesday Mornings

Baptism Preparation Evening:
This Tuesday October 1st @6pm

Parish Pastoral Council:
This Wednesday, October 2nd.

CWL Meeting:
This Wednesday, October 2nd.

Safeguarding Team:
This Wednesday, October 2nd.

Mass of Anointing:
This Wednesday
October 2nd @ 1:30pm

Sacramental Program Commences:
Tuesday October 8th.

CCW Parishioners Morning Tea
Thursday 10th October

Parish Finance Team:
4th Friday of the month

CCR Prayer Group:
Wednesdays fortnightly

Wodonga Catholic Parish EarthCare Team:

Do you have a passion for ecological justice?

Would you like to make sound changes to create a positive impact on future generations?

Frs Andrew, JP, Adi & Sister Eileen Reardon are seeking 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 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au



A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:



Towards Healing helpline Free Call Ph: 1800 816 030:
Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour Crisis
Support Ph: 13 11 14.

If you have any concerns please contact our Parish Safe Guarding Officer Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366 OR refer to our safeguarding reporting process poster which is available in your church foyer.

Liturgical Jottings: Liturgy and the Elderly

The liturgical books abound with texts for children, see last week. But there are only a few liturgical texts for elderly persons. We find prayers and scripture reading for elderly in the Rite of Anointing of the Sick, the Funeral Liturgies and in the Book of Blessings. Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grand-parents and the Elderly in 2021. The Ambrosian Missal has a Mass Preface for the elderly:

[Lord], you give us length of days as a token of your love, and as they pass, you teach us to take delight in that life which will endure for all eternity. You accompany our journey with the many gifts of Christ, that we may remain in your love as our years increase and fulfil the purpose to which you call us. Though bodily vigour may fade, your ceaseless love is always new; for you strengthen in us the gifts of your Spirit that we may make our way, secure in hope, to you, the Lord in whom we put our faith.

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