



WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 22-2024-25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pope Francis~

The groaning of creation, of Christians and of the Spirit is the anticipation and expectation of a salvation already at work; all the same, we continue to find ourselves enduring what Saint Paul describes as “tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword” (Rom 8:35). Hope, then, is an alternative reading of history and human affairs. It is not illusory, but realistic, with the realism of a faith that sees what is unseen. This hope is patient expectation, like that of Abraham. Pope Francis, Message 2024

Focus on the Readings:

Apparently, most people like Messiahs, that is, someone from outside to come, fix the problem, restore what was lost and save the day. Jesus' disciples had now come to recognise Christ as the Messiah, albeit on how they understood Messiahship – the one who would restore Israel to its glorious past. Jesus, however, again and again taught and lived a different understanding. In today's gospel he reminds them that he would be rejected and suffer death. The disciples could not cope with this.

Unfortunately, the church in the recent past and society in general had experienced the same reactions as the disciples, arguing about who is the greatest, how to dominate and to avoid suffering and sacrifice. Today we must recognise that pain and sacrifice are very much part of being disciples, living our faith and showing love and forgiveness to others.

Christ, who challenged his disciples to become like little children, speaks to our church today: we are to be repentant, take up the call for a change of heart and mind; to recommit ourselves to innocence and holiness; to act with integrity and justice; and to safeguard the young and the vulnerable. It may be uncomfortable, and it may hurt but also it would be life giving. Peace and Goodness!

Quote of the Day

“Most people are no longer exposed to regular exhortations from church pulpits to act lovingly, kindly and charitably towards each other and particularly towards the marginalised and the disadvantaged: when these lessons are not regularly reinforced, they can easily fade.”

~ Hugh Mackay, *The Way We Are*, 2024, p20



Happy thoughts:

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!' ~ Robin Williams.....

The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring”.

~Bernard Williams



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.

Recent Deaths

John Saric, Paul Fulford, Frank Maljevac, Sr Mary Duffy RSM (Founding Principal of Catholic College Wodonga)

Anniversaries:

Alvan Zagrovic, Denyse Elliott, Nicholas Gleeson, Katie Ronan, Antonietta Nero, Frank Beattie, Olga & Joseph McFarland, Darren Elliott-McFarland, Vera Gehrig,, Norma O’Sullivan, Jim Duggan, John Worrall, Joel Vicoy, Elsie McKinley, Shirley Boyd Des & Pat O’Meara, Hilda Hickey, Beryl & James Bone.

Those who are unwell

Joan Larkin, Ray Reardon, (Sr Eileen’s Brother), Gwyn McCall, 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: wodcathbigpond.net.au. OR Ph: 0260243366.
Due to privacy laws we are unable to place names in the bulletin unless requested by a relative.

This week we were informed of Sr Mary Duffy’s passing. Sr Mary played an integral role in the development of Catholic Education in Wodonga. Below is Sr Mary’s reflection from the 10th anniversary celebrations of the College.



The original school logo



CCW Early Years

REFLECTION ON MY YEARS AT C.C.W. Sr Mary Duffy.

How well I remember the day towards the end of 1974 when I drove with Sister M Adrian to a paddock “way down in Wodonga South” to view a block of land where a new secondary college might one day be built.

As we pause to celebrate the tenth anniversary of this building, we give thanks for all that has been achieved at Catholic College Wodonga. At that time there were eighty-four girls enrolled at St Augustine’s Secondary School from Years 7–11As enrolments increased and boys were once again a part of St Augustine’s, army huts from Bonegilla were brought into Osborne Street to cater for the growing numbers. Father Ring set up a School Board which worked tirelessly to consider plans and finance a new College. Early in 1978, it was decided to sell the property in Osborne Street in order to finance the beginnings of a new building at Wodonga South. Work commenced immediately, but, despite a concerted effort, the buildings were not ready at the commencement of the 1978 school year. Vacant possession of St Augustine’s was required, so at the end of 1978 we moved all our belongings to temporary accommodation on two levels of Irene House. Access to this area was via a narrow staircase at the back of the building, and I have vivid memories of staff and parents carrying steel lockers, partitions and chairs up this steep entrance at great physical cost. All classes worked in an open area with little ventilation or privacy. Our stay at Irene House extended from an expected six weeks to nine months and I pay great tribute to the staff, students and parents who persevered in this situation during that year. Only the sight of a growing building at Melrose Street kept us going!

At last the great day came when we could move into our new College. In one short day, staff, students and parents co-operated to move our belongings and to set up all areas for classes. The view, fresh air, colour were suddenly gifts which were appreciated with greater understanding! In the remaining six weeks of 1979, lessons were enjoyed in new areas and plans were quickly underway to landscape the grounds immediately adjacent to the classrooms and administration area. It was at this time that the College became known as Catholic College and our new symbol and motto were accepted. As we recall the spirit of commitment, dedication and sacrifice that has characterised the Catholic Community of Wodonga in their continuing support of Catholic secondary education, we have ample evidence of the very real gift of LIFE IN HIS NAME

This information was taken from the forward in the booklet produced for the 10th Anniversary celebration of CCW on the current site, kindly shared by Mr John Drummond

The New Board was formed on 24th November 1975–Board Members:

Sr Mary Duffy, Frs Ring and Harney, Mrs Raie Tanner, Mr Norm O’Neill, Mr Andrew Rutkowski, Mr Norm Dwyer, Mr Leo Mulqueeney, Mr John Drummond and Mr Peter Annett (Melbourne).

The new school opened in October 1979 with an enrolment of 250 students like all new projects there were some early financial difficulties:

An appeal was launched in 1980. (advent of Fr Hickey) to raise \$250,000. Many of our families contributed very generous amounts Fr Hickey donating \$3000. of his own funds. Fund raising efforts included many events including Bingo, Auctions, Raffles and Gaming.

ROSTERS

Wodonga September 28th & 29th September

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Sacred Heart Sacristy: Volunteers

Lectors/Altar Servers

5:00pm	8:30am	10:30am
Altar Server: Volunteer	Altar Server: Volunteer	Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Ha Ngo	Lector 1: Marg Pallot	Lector 1: Gerard Moore
Lector 2: Christina Dinh	Lector 2: Diana McKinley	Lector 2: Estrella Wiltshire

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm: David, Helen & Mavis **8:30am:** Marg H, Michael & Anne K **10:30am:** Nina, Jacinta & Jean

Counters

This Week: TEAM 9: Gerard Peeters, Thomas Zerafa
Next Week: TEAM 10: John Dunstan, Mavis Hyndman, Gloria Humpage


Mt Beauty -September 15th

Lector: Roseanna
Back Up: Gail
Commentator: Bruce
PowerPoint: Stuart

Dederang - October 6th

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

Gospel Mark 8:27-35




After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.'

But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'

He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



Readings this week:

Isaiah 50:5-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Readings next week:

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

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.



EARTHCARE DAY for our CEW Schools and Wodonga Catholic Parish:

On Monday 16th September the four CEW schools and our Parish came together to celebrate the Season of Creation, learn about Laudato Si and create an EarthCare action plan for their school and the wider community.

The day was hosted by St Francis of Assisi Primary School and the students enjoyed the company of Father Andrew, Sister Eileen and Sonni La Motte-Schubert.

Students learnt about the plight of native bees. They made a "plan for action" which included making Bee hotels and auditing the local environment to see what plants were needed to attract native bees.

What is a Bee Hotel you ask?



Bee hotels simulate the habitats of native bees and provide a safe home from harsh weather conditions. These hotels will be hung at each school and at the Church grounds.

There will also be an education campaign that each school will run to inform students of their purpose and importance. Hopefully you will spot a Bee Hotel soon. The day was a huge success and the students left invigorated by the experience, ready to commence their Term 4 work.



- **Baptism Preparation Evening:**
1st Tuesday of the month
- **Parish Pastoral Council:**
1st Wednesday of the month
- **Safeguarding Team:**
1st Wednesday of the month
- **Parish Finance Team:**
4th Friday of the month
- **CCR Prayer Group:**
Wednesdays fortnightly
- **World Day of Migrants & Refugees**
Sunday 29th September
- **RCIA Program Commences:**
Sunday 29th Sep
- **Mass of Anointing:**
Wednesday 2nd October
- **CCW Parishioners Morning Tea**
Thursday 10th October
- **Sacramental Program Commences:**
2nd week Oct

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?***

We 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

Please Note: CHANGE OF DATE:

Mass of Anointing:

Please join us for the Mass of Anointing at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wodonga, on 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. They are not allocated to any specific parishioner. 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.

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.