23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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.



WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 08-2024-SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024

Looking at the Readings:

The gospel describes in some detail the way Jesus heals the deaf-mute person. A significant detail in this healing is the way Jesus touches the person. Some healings Jesus merely speaks and the people are healed, but in other healings he touches: the hand of the young girl, the leper, and many on whom he lays his hands. In a way Jesus is crossing a cultural divide, in another way he shows his personal compassion and need to use physical touch to counter physical ailments. The humanity of Christ shows the disciples and all believers the power and divinity of the saviour. The divine touches the human in real and mysterious ways

The first reading from the Isaiah gives hope and encouragement to a despondent people who are in exile. A bright future awaits. Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry announces that he has come to give sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, ... He does just that.

Another interesting detail in this healing encounter is that only one word was spoken and recorded: "Ephphatha" and that was by Jesus, said as a prayer. Later we hear the people saying: "He has done all things well,"

A Message from Our Pope:

As people who dare to dream, we must dream with our eyes wide open, impelled by a desire for love, fraternity, friendship and justice for all. Christian salvation enters into the depths of the world's suffering, which embraces not only humanity but also the entire universe, nature itself, and the oikos, the home and living environment of humanity. Salvation embraces creation as an "earthly paradise," mother earth, which is meant to be a place of joy and a promise of happiness for all. Pope Francis, Message 2024.

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

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.

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Recent Deaths

Fr Noel Fauth OFM, Victor Simcic.

Anniversaries:

Keith Hill, Yvonne Pocza, Matilda Jackson, Dina & Frank Cepile, Roma Kampf, Edmond Jackson, Evan Richardson, Monica Maher, Kit Goonan, Maisie Goonan, Margaret Crothers.

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: wodcathebigpond.net.au. OR Ph: 0260243366.

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

Reflection Fr Adi



A few weeks ago, while attending a priest conference in Adelaide, I realised that we were on the brink of the beginning of the Season of Creation. One of the conference presenters discussed our place in the world—our place in this created universe. There we also had the chance to experience the Stations of the Cross amidst the greenery of a Passionist monastery. I found myself reflecting on our privileged place in creation, a gift from God that left me in awe and wonder.

Pope Francis touched on this topic in his General Audience on 20 May 2020, noting how the beauty of creation can inspire a profound sense of prayer and wonder within us. I believe this sense of awe should not remain limited to our appreciation of the created world alone. As we recognise the splendour of creation, we are invited to delve deeper into contemplation and express our gratitude to God as the Creator. Fr $\mathcal{A}\delta$ i

SANDPIPER NEWS:



Last week, Sandhurst's newest priests spent three days in Bendigo participating in an official Welcome and Induction Program designed to prepare priests from overseas for ministry in the Australian context. The program familiarises priests with the pastoral, administrative and community responsibilities they will undertake in parishes and connects them with the support structures of the Diocese.

Fr Jake Mudge, Director of Clergy Life and Ministry, said it is important for priests from overseas to be supported in their transition. "The time here in Bendigo allows these new priests to, not only become familiar with ministry fundamentals but also to know they are not alone in their journey," he said. "We need to make sure they are connected to the support structures available to them, to enhance their ministry and ensure their ongoing wellbeing." These priests are now ready to embark on a new chapter of Ministry in Australia, confident in the warmth and welcome they have already received.



Fr Damianus "Addin" Doe R.C.J. is a Rogationist of the Sacred Heart, originally from Sumba, Indonesia.



Fr Arun Kumar Korlakanti SHS, is a priest of the Society of the Holy Spirit from Hyderabad, India.



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ROSTERS

Wodonga September 14th/15th

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Volunteer Sacred Heart Sacristy: Volunteeer

5:00pm Mass

Altar Server: Volunteer

Meryl Brown Lector 1:

Lector 2:

Kerrie Kerr

830am Mass

Altar Server: Volunteer

Lector 1:

Ross Black

Lector 2: **Anne Tremethick** **10:30am Mass**

Altar Server: Volunteer

Lector 1:

Christian Bashimbe

Lector 2:

Lara Jaculbia

Eucharistic Ministry

5:00pm: Loni, Sandy & Clive.

8:30am: Pat, Maureen & John A.

10:30am: Jean, Bronwyn & Jenny

Counters

This Week: TEAM 7:

Peter Murray, Matt & Sally Ley

Next Week: TEAM 8:

Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

MT BEAUTY:

September 15th

Lector: Bruce

Back Up:

Deb

Commentator:

Gail

PowerPoint: Stuart **DEDERANG**

October 6th

First / Second Reading:

Judy Brewer

Welcome/Psalm/PoF:

Allana Kirley

PowerPoint:

Harrison Fischer

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre,

Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region.

And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech;

and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private,

away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle

Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him,

'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.'

And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted,

the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded.

'He has done all things well,'

they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Readings this week:

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

Readings next week:

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

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed

all who were sick Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

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<u>Prayer for Creation Afternoon Tea:</u> <u>Change of Date:</u>

Notice to Parishioners:

Prayer for Creation afternoon tea in the Presbytery Gardens: Frs. Andrew, JP & Adi invite you to join them on Sunday the 15th of September at 4pm, 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.

WCP Sacramental Program

ENROLMENTS



WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

for the 2024 Confirmation/Eucharist Program

E: wcpsacramental@gmail.com



- 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 each month
- **CCR Prayer Group:** Wednesday's fortnightly
- Afternoon Tea & Prayer for Creation: 15th Sept
- Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal: 15th Sept
- Sacramental Program Enrolment Deadline: 11th Sept
- Sacramental Program Commences: 2nd week Oct
- Mass of Anointing: Wednesday 25 Sep

<u>Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal</u> for retired Priests of Sandhurst

We have 12 retired Priests. Fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese. A special collection will be taken on the weekend 14/15 September and is the major fundraiser of the year. Your Donations (tax deductible) are essential. This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication; and to pray for our priests, active and retired. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10 are to please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

Wodonga Catholic Parish: NEW TAPnGO

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga has a new TAPnGo Donation Terminal:
The instructions for using this terminal are as follows:



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