

27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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OFFICE HOURS
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.



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

OCTOBER 06-2024-27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Focus on the Readings

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately, we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ. ~ © Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the Week

Creator God, in Christ you call man and woman to the fullness of glory for which you created them in your image. Heal our hardened hearts, renew our obedience to your spoken will, and conform our lives to your gracious design. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

World Mission Day 2024-Oct 20th

HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE

EVERY YEAR, SOMETHING SPECIAL HAPPENS in October. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that, "every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ.



JUST FOR GIGGLES

What type of miracle can be performed by someone who constantly complains?They can turn anything into whine!

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

Joan Larkin.

Anniversaries:

Fr. Lawrence Moate SDB, Patricia O'Shaughnessy, Peter Garfirth, Trevor Baker, Lorraine Nilon, Kevin Hynes, Laurence Hannebery, Vern Braunack, Pat Filby, Joan Watson, Kerry O'Mahony, Patricia Maureen Alice Roy, Mary Tobin, Michael Garoni, Mirella Magarotto, Veronica McDougall, Anna & Anton Kalcic, Rudolf Kalc, May Cromptvoets, Mary Osborne, Pauline Woods.

Those who are unwell

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.



BAPTISM Welcome & Congratulations
We welcome and congratulate children and families as they celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Rite Of Christian Initiation For Adults (RCIA)



Are you or someone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home?

A Journey of faith

Then our friendly RCIA might be for you. Our second inquiry meeting will be held at the Parish Centre Sunday October 13th at 9:30am. Would you like to know more contact the Parish Centre on 60243366 or Marg on 0458031903 marghanebery@icloud.com


Wodonga Catholic Parish Welcomes Catholic College Yr 12 Students & Staff:

Wodonga Catholic Parish welcomes Catholic College Wodonga year 12 students and staff; as they Join us for morning Mass on Thursday 10th October.

The students will provide morning tea as a gesture of thanks to those parishioners who have been praying for them.

Parish Centre Morning Tea

Please join us in the Parish Centre, Wodonga,



Tuesday after Morning Mass for a cuppa and a chat.

This is a great opportunity to get to know our Priests and staff. **All welcome**

Daily Mass Books 2025

it is that time again! Time to order Daily Mass books and Breakopen the Word for 2025. If you wish to place an order, please contact our staff in the Parish Centre,

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

SMOKE ALARMS:

Did you remember your smoke detectors when setting your clocks forward?

Smoke Detector Maintenance 101:

Vacuum in and around your smoke alarms and change your smoke alarm batteries even if there is no beeping noise. Visit the [CFA website](http://www.cfa.com.au) for more information on installation and maintenance of smoke alarms or if you have further questions call us on (03) 9705 5200.

What Does a Sacristan do in our Church?

The sacristan undertakes the overall preparation for liturgical celebrations. Specific duties include: readying the wine, water and bread and putting them in place before the start of Mass.

Wodonga Catholic Parish are in need of volunteers to train for this Ministry. Do you come to Mass, are you willing to arrive a little earlier? Please contact the Parish Centre for further information PH: 60243366.

Or Email: Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre



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

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

ROSTERS

Wodonga 12th & 13th October

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Peter Kellow

Sacred Heart Sacristy: Volunteers

Lectors/Altar Servers

5:00pm

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Matt Ley
Lector 2: Juliana Vaughan

8:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Barry Jackson
Lector 2: Marg Ware

10:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Joe Maccioni
Lector 2: Cristy Fraser

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm: Loni, Sandy & Michael

8:30am: Anne T, John A & John B

10:30am: Gerard, Helen & Nina

Counters

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

Next Week: TEAM 2: Val Mulqueoney, Zennon McCarty, Rob Saric

Mt Beauty -13th October

Lector: Peter
Back Up: Fran
Commentator: Barb
PowerPoint: Gail

Dederang - November 3rd

First / Second Reading: Alanna Kirley
Welcome/Psalm/PoF: Sharon Coulston
PowerPoint: Harrison Fischer



Gospel Mark 10 : 2 - 16



Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked,
'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him.
He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?'
'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.'

Then Jesus said to them,
'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you.
But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female.
This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body.
They are no longer two, therefore, but one body.
So then, what God has united, man must not divide.'

Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them.
'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her.
And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away,
but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me;
do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'
Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Readings this week:

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

Readings next week:

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

Responsorial Psalm:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Culture of Life



On Saturday, 21 September, a team from the 'Teams of Our Lady' in our parish gathered for a retreat at St Augustine's Church.

As their chaplain, I led a short reflection on the theme "Season of Creation and the Culture of Life" for a group of couples, all of whom are parents. I'd like to share a few key points.

Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, states, **"Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us" (LS 1).**

At the same time, we are entrusted with a special role in creation to till and keep it (cf. Genesis 2:15).

The Season of Creation involves more than just recycling batteries and planting trees;

our Holy Father urges us to embrace the culture of life! and "the family is the heart" of this (LS 213).

We believe that one day all creation will be redeemed. The culture of life in our earthly existence is the beginning of the fulfilment of everlasting life, which we hope to experience with God and all who love Him in our heavenly home. ~ Fr. Adi



Welcoming Cuppa:

THIS Sunday after 8:30am Mass

Parish Centre weekly Morning Tea:

This Tuesday after 9:15am Mass

Sacramental Program Commences:

THIS Tuesday October 8th.

CCW Thank You Morning Tea

THIS Thursday 10th October

RCIA 2nd Inquiry Meeting

Sunday October 13th @9:30am

Parish Finance Team:

4th Friday of the month

CCR Prayer Group:

Wednesdays fortnightly

St Vincent de Paul Collection

First weekend of each month

Baptism Preparation Evening:

First Tuesday of each month

Parish Pastoral Council:

First Wednesday of each month



Mission: Transform Lives - theirs....and yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice?

Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our at our Discovery Online session Wednesday 9 October. Explore unique opportunities matching your skills to sustainable solutions.

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date:

Wednesday 9 October 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

02 9560 5333

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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.

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.

