



WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH



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OFFICE HOURS
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH
PRIESTS:
FR ANDREW FEWINGS: MODERATOR
FR ADI INDRA
FR JOHN PAUL PASALA (PASTORAL
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MERCY PRESENCE
SISTER EILEEN REARDON
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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

2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS: SYRO-MALABAR
MASS 6:30PM

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 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

08-DECEMBER-2024-THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Looking at the Readings:

Last Sunday's readings directed our attention to the second coming of Christ at the end of time, this Sunday we focus at his first coming. But not his coming as an infant born in Bethlehem, but as one coming as the Messiah. But he does not appear in the Gospel just yet. The way for his coming among us must be prepared. The Prophet's secretary, Baruch (see below) spoke of making the road clear and safe, flattening mountains and levelling the ground and providing shade on the road. John the Baptist makes full use of this prophetic image in his emphatic words: "Prepare the way of the Lord." The first time I heard this in song was the opening lines of the musical "Godspell". It was chilling. It reached into the depths of my being. I can only imagine how the first witnesses to John's cry must have received it. Many people took his words to heart, they confessed their sins and went into the waters of the Jordan to be baptised. May we hear the awesome cry anew and really prepare our ears and hearts to hear "Godspell" (German for Good News) and experience that change on which the prophets insist

The Book of Baruch

The Catholic and Orthodox Churches include this book in the canon of the bible, others may include it as a deuterocanonical book. Baruch is the faithful secretary of Jeremiah, the prophet, after the Exile. The book comprises five very different parts: an introductory account, a psalm of repentance, a hymn of instruction, a message of consolation, and the letter of Jeremiah. The Book of Baruch has the honour of revealing the profoundly religious soul of the Jews dispersed throughout the world

Excerpts from the Synod 2024

The local Churches are asked to continue their daily journey with a synodal methodology of consultation and discernment, identifying concrete ways and formation pathways to bring about a tangible conversion in the various ecclesial contexts (parishes, religious institutes, movements of the faithful, dioceses, national bodies, groupings of Churches, etc.). The Document expresses awareness that the call to mission is, at the same time, the call to the conversion of each local Church and of the whole Church, in line with the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium. (nn. 9 & 11).

Liturgical Jottings Springtime of the Liturgy III

The sources of liturgy in the first four centuries include Scripture texts, early collections of prayers and a third group of writings from the Catechesis of Cyril of Jerusalem (347) his Mystagogia text (ca 400), Baptismal Catechesis of St John Chrysostom (386-398) though only discovered in 1955. Instructions and homilies of St Ambrose (Milan, 389-410) on the sacraments, liturgy and catechetical instruction. A very rich firsthand witness of the liturgy comes from of a fourth century nun. Etheria, a colourful Hispano-Roman Christian woman. She authored a detailed account of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where she witnessed and recorded many of the liturgies, including Holy Week and Easter. These sources were sometimes controversial but always illuminating on the birth of Christian liturgy

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 MICHAEL'S Tallangatta, SACRED HEART Corryong.



Recent Deaths

Fr Dennis Conway (USA) friend of Fr Adi

Anniversaries:

Marie (Goonan) Williams, Br Pat Howley FMS, Joan Kelly, Jake Elkington, Dan Ley, Jim Toole, Jackie Darmody, Terry Toner, Annette Smith, Sr Melita Burke, Esther Gullifer, Kath Sartori.

Those who are unwell

Linda Hall, Karen Ward, John Hodson, Eloise Hill, Ricky Ellul, Geoffrey Halford, Rosanna Jackson, Genevieve Govers, Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, Robert Anderson, David Evans 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: 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.

WCP OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT.



Are you in search of a professional environment to expand your business? Wodonga Catholic Parish offers an office space for rent; ideally situated with additional amenities. Including.....

Reverse cycle air conditioning, a shared restroom, kitchen and a stylish meeting room. For further details about this available space and its features, please contact the Parish Centre and ask to speak to Fr Andrew or Sonni PH: 02 6024 3366 during office hours.



Mass of Anointing Change of TIME:

Parishioners' Please NOTE:

The WCP Mass of Anointing will take place at the adjusted time of 11am on Wednesday the 11th of December at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Further info: Des Lonergan 0408 575 825



Corryong Parishioners Please Note:

Sacred Heart Primary School Graduation Mass will take place in Sacred Heart Church, Corryong, on December 16th @ 10:30am.
All Welcome.

Tallangatta Parishioners Please Note:

St Michaels Primary School Graduation Mass will take place in St Michaels' Catholic Church, Tallangatta, on December 13th @ 1:00pm.
All Welcome.



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Tallangatta Parish:

St Michael's Catholic Church

The conference of St Vincent de Paul will hold their collection during Mass on December 22nd and the Christmas Eve Mass. Both collections support the distribution of the St Vincent de Paul Family Hampers gifted to families within the community.

Quotes:

The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come. ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Caritas Global Gifts:

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By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. Use the QR code to view and purchase Or go to www.globalgifts.org.au

Christmas Cards available NOW:

Christmas cards are now available in the WCP Gift Shop, sold in packs of ten @ \$8.00 each, produced by Majellan Family Media. Sending these beautifully designed cards during the festive season helps share the Christmas message with loved ones, reminding us of the joy and warmth of the holiday and the importance of cherishing time with family and friends.



Wodonga 14th & 15th December

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Sacred Heart Sacristy: Dot Larkin, Carmel Gannon

Lectors/Altar Servers

5:00pm

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Fiona Barret
Lector 2: Marilyn Seiter

8:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Maureen Lonergan
Lector 2: Des Lonergan

10:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Gerard Moore
Lector 2: Estrella Wiltshire

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm: Loni, Sandy & Michael

8:30: Michael, Erris & Marg H

10:30am: Jacinta, Bronwyn & Jenny

Counters

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

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

Mt Beauty -15th December

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

Dederang - 25th December

First / Second Reading: Judy Brewer
Welcome/Psalm/PoF: Diane Goonan
PowerPoint: Harrison Fischer

GOSPEL LUKE 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.

He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Readings this week

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

Entrance Antiphon:

To people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reading next week:

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. . Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER LEAFLET

Parishioners please note:

Free copies of the 2nd Sunday of Advent Prayer leaflet are available in the foyer of your church.

You may also access a digital copy from our FB page or our website.. Just Hit the link:

<https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Wk-2-Advent-2024-Year.pdf>



Wodonga Parishioners, please join us today after the 8:30am Mass in the foyer of



Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, for a cuppa and a chat



REMEMBER

WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024

Let's celebrate



Community Celebration of Reconciliation

Wodonga: Sacred Heart Catholic Church. - Thursday, December 12th - 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wodonga: Sacred Heart Catholic Church. - Saturday December 21st - 9:00 - 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Mass Times

Wodonga: Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 6:00 pm - FAMILY NATIVITY MASS:

Wodonga: Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 8:30 pm

Tangambalanga: Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church - 6:00 pm

Wodonga: Saint Augustine's Catholic Church—5:00pm Syro Malabar Community

Tallangatta: Saint Michael's Catholic Church- 6:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass Times

Wodonga: Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 8.30 am & 10:30 am

Mt Beauty: Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 8:30 am

Walwa: Christ the King Catholic Church - 9:00 am.

Dederang: Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 10:30 am.

Mitta Mitta: Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 8:30 am.

Sandy Creek: Saint Michael's Catholic Church -11:00 am.

Corryong: Sacred Heart Catholic Church -11:00 am



A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION RECONCILIATION SACRED HEART CHURCH, WODONGA 12 DECEMBER 7PM

11AM MASS OF ANOINTING WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

ST VINNIE'S COLLECTION 1ST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH

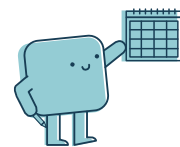
WCP BAPTISM PREPARATION 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

WCP PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

WCP PARISH FINANCE TEAM MEET 4TH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

WCP PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

CCR PRAYER GROUP MEET WEDNESDAY'S - FORTNIGHTLY



2025 OPEN UP YOUR 2025 CALENDAR

28 JANUARY CEW OPENING MASS 8:30AM SACRED HEART CHURCH, WODONGA

12 FEBRUARY -CCW WELCOMING MASS & PIZZA EVENING - ALL INVITED

SAFER INTERNET DAY IS COMING! 11 FEBRUARY 2025

DEVELOPMENT OF OUR WCP GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEER ROSTER, POLICY, PROCEDURE .