



WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH



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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

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

15-DECEMBER-2024-THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fr Adi's Farewell Message

What does it mean to be a "Eucharistic people"? Let's start by reflecting on the word "Eucharist" itself. What does it mean? It means "thanksgiving." Our faith calls us to embrace a spirit of thanksgiving, no matter what happens, because true thanksgiving is ultimately directed to the Father for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

During this Christmas season, may I invite you to give thanks to God for everything that has unfolded in your life? As challenging as it may be, this includes even the difficult moments.

Over the past 2 years and 4 months, I have learned a lot from you – the clergy and Christ's faithful of Wodonga, Tallangatta and Corryong parishes. I give thanks to God for every moment, both challenging and joyful, as each has been a gift from Him. As I reflect on my time here, I see how these moments have woven together into a beautiful tapestry that I will cherish forever.

As I prepare to embark on a new mission, I ask for your prayers.

Let us stay united with Christ and with one another in the Eucharist.

In His Sacred Heart. ~ *Fr Adi.*

Focus on the Readings

The Gospels of the two middle Sundays of Advent focus on John the Baptist. His message last week was: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" and his ministry and this week: repentance, baptism and to point to the Messiah and his mission. John speaks words of advice and encouragement to the poor, the rich, the sinner, the tax collector, and even the Roman soldiers.

In his preaching there is an element of the "apocalyptic" the messiah will come with the winnowing-fan and fire. But there are words of hope and encouragement for the Day of the Lord. These themes are also expressed by the Prophet Zechariah: The Lord is in your midst, he will bring his joy, renewal and love. St Paul exhorts the Christians of Philippi not to worry. How many times do we hear that same advice, and how many times do we tell others not to worry. It seems to be a human trait, an occupational hazard, an attempt to bring calmness in our hectic lives. We also need to heed Paul's other words of comfort: 'Be happy! Be joyful!'

Advent Prayer

The Collect (Opening Prayer) today contains two key words: Nativity and Salvation. Underling these words is the mystery of the incarnation: the divine one taking flesh and living as fully human. The primary unpacking of the incarnation is that the saviour must be born to be of one flesh with us. From this flows the prayer's understanding of the 'nativity'. The term seeks to focus our attention on the full humanity of Jesus who comes to give us life to the full.

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

Rhonda McCormack, Gregory John Jackson (Brother of Barry)
Ann Miller, (Sister of Mary Callanan)

Anniversaries:

Maria Pavlovski, John & Helen Haskell, Vincent Black, Bonifacio Caraig, Emil Auda
Harry McAuliffe, Joan Henderson, John & Barbara March, Guido Angelini, Jim Toole,
David McGrath, Benjamin Hickey.

Those who are unwell

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

Quote for the Week

I am determined to enjoy each day to the fullest. I don't want to wish away Christmas. I want to enjoy these last moments of Advent and look forward to Jesus's birth with anticipation. ~ *Shelley Shepard Gray*

WCP Office Space for Rent.

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 ask to
speak to Fr Andrew or Sonni PH: 02 6024 3366 during office hours.

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.

Tallangatta Parishioners

Congratulations to the year 6 students & staff of
St Michaels Primary School, Tallangatta. The students
and staff celebrated their graduation Mass on
Thursday with Fr Adi & Fr Andrew.

Corryong Parishioners Please Note:

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

All Welcome.

Caritas Global Gifts:

are Christmas Cards with purpose! Every card
you buy helps build brighter futures for
children, women and men experiencing
hardship and poverty.

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



Wodonga Parishioners

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

**January to June rosters will be emailed on Thursday,
12th December. Rosters will begin on January 4 & 5.**

Sign-up sheets for Christmas will be in foyer of the
church this weekend. **Sign-up sheets for the Feast of
Holy Family on 28/29 December** will be in the foyer of
the church the following weekend.

Excerpts from the Synod 2024

The synodal journey of the Church led us to rediscover the
root of the varieties of charisms, vocations and ministries:
"we were all baptised into one body and we were all made
to drink of one Spirit." (1 Cor 12:13). Baptism is the
foundation of Christian life. It introduces everyone to the
greatest gift, to be children of God, that is, to share in
Jesus' relationship to the Father in the Spirit. There is
nothing higher than this baptismal dignity, equally
bestowed upon each person, through which we are
invited to clothe ourselves with Christ and be grafted onto
Him like branches of the one vine. (n.21)



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM PALMS!

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special this year? Something that makes a
tangible difference? Palms has the shop for
you! Whether it be a GIFT directly
supporting our overseas development
program, or some unique Timorese



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perfect GIFT here! Just scan the QR or go to
palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop

Happy shopping! Your purchase assists the amazing
communities overseas



ROSTERS



Wodonga 21st & 22nd December

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Sacred Heart Sacristy: Volunteers

Lectors/Altar Servers

5:00pm

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Stephen McKinley
Lector 2: David Gill

8:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Michael Iverson
Lector 2: Anne Tremethick

10:30am

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

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm: Mick, Christine & Phil

8:30: Marg B, Anne K & Maureen

10:30am: Diane, Gerard & Helen

Counters

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

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

Mt Beauty -25th December

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

Dederang - 25th December

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

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John. 'What must we do?'
he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none,
and the one with something to eat must do the same.'

There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him,
'Master, what must we do?'

He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn,
'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people,
who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all,
'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming,
someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn;
but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

As well as this,
there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Readings this week

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

Reading next week:

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer



Advent Prayer Leaflets:

Copies of the 3rd Sunday of Advent Prayer leaflet can be found in the church foyer. A digital copy is accessible via our FB page or website: just hit the link:

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



Liturgical Jottings: Springtime of the Liturgy IV

The sources of liturgy from the first five centuries offer the student and the participant a great service for those "who are tired of drinking their water from the pitcher of routine and prefer to drink from the fountain of tradition. It is from this fountain that flows, like spring water, in its original freshness. The journey back to the sources is a marvellous one for knowledge of the past brings the promise of youth and newness for the future. Under the action of the Holy Spirit, says, Irenaeus of Lyons, 'the faith we have received from the Church, like a priceless perfume that has been kept in a superb vessel, constantly rejuvenates and communicates its own youthfulness to the vessel that contains it.'" Lucien Deiss, Springtime of the Liturgy, 1979, (intro).

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WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024

Let's celebrate



REMEMBER

RECONCILIATION
SACRED HEART CHURCH, WODONGA
21 DECEMBER 9-10AM

WCP WELCOMING CUPPA
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ST VINNIE'S COLLECTION
1ST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH

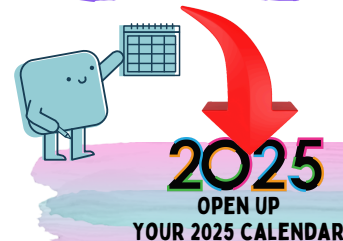
NO BAPTISM PREPARATION
IN JANUARY - NEXT ONE FEB 4TH 2025

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



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

BAPTISM PREPARATION
FEBRUARY 4TH 2025

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 .

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 - 5:00 pm Syro Malabar Community

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

Corryong: Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 7:00 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.

