



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

22 DECEMBER 2024 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Focus on the Readings

The scripture texts for this Sunday carry several themes. Micah, a shepherd from Bethlehem, prophesies the coming of a ruler-shepherd with power and majesty of God. The Letter to the Hebrews unites the coming of Christ as one who suffers and offers himself to complete his purpose; thus taking up the Advent-Easter connection (see the column on the left).

On the fourth Sunday of Advent we are now ready to prepare for the birth of Christ. This year, cycle C Gospel account is the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary with her kinswoman Elizabeth. Comparing with Cycle A, the annunciation to Joseph, and Cycle B the annunciation to Mary, we can infer that Elizabeth also received an annunciation from a messenger of God that Mary will bear the Saviour. Here are five faith-filled people in the drama of Christmas: Zechariah and Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary and John, yet to be born leaping for joy. Each and everyone have a wonderful role in welcoming the Saviour into the world. May we enter the drama of Christmas with faith and our part to play.

Liturgical Jottings: Advent and Easter

Advent, as a season of the church, evolved in the end of the fourth century in Gaul and Spain as preparation for the Feast of Christmas, 25 December, the winter solstice. The birth of Christ was regarded by the Christians of the day as the beginning of the mystery of the feast of Easter. Hence the season of Advent took on some of the elements of the season of Lent.

Also at this time the meaning of the festival of Christmas varied. From just a memorial of Christ's birth (St Augustine) to a sacramental type in celebrating the actual event in the present moment (St Leo). Rome did not have a season of Advent until the sixth century. Several prayers of the Advent liturgies point to the resurrection of Christ: "to free us from sin and renew his life within us. {Collect 3rd Tuesday of Advent}.

Also see the prayer opposite. © *Diocese of Sandhurst 2024*

Advent Prayer

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Collect Prayer of the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Angelus



Recent Deaths

Cheryl Hodgson

Anniversaries:

Ivan Sunjo, Anne Willcox, Neville John Yea, Esther Gullifer, Alan McKenzie, Tom Carroll, Ian Boys, Vince Harangozo, Sue & Lisa Moore, Neil Brown, Bob, Genevieve, Maggie (Margaret) & Joe Glasby,

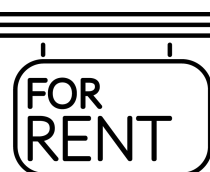
Those who are unwell

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

Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. ~ Pope St Paul VI



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

Parish Office Hours

Christmas 2024 – January 2025

Please note the following:

- Christmas Day 25 December: **Closed**
- Boxing Day 26 December: **Closed**
- Friday 27 December; 10.00am to 12.00 pm
- Monday 30 December: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Tuesday 31 December: 10.00am – 12.00 pm
- Wednesday 1 January: **Closed**
- Thursday 2 January: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Friday 3 January: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Monday 6 January to Friday 24 January 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Christmas Octave Masses 9:15 am

- Thursday 26 December: **Sacred Heart Church**
- Friday 27 December: **Sacred Heart Church**
- Saturday 28 December: **St Augustine's Church**
(Christmas Octave continues with the usual weekend Masses)
- Monday 30 December: **St Augustine's Church**
- Tuesday 31 December: **Sacred Heart Church**
- Wednesday 1 January (New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God): **Sacred Heart Church**



Children's Catholic Mission Appeal

Children's Catholic Mission, a part of Catholic Mission Societies, raise donations that are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources. Children in communities, orphanages, homes for the disabled, refugees, and those living on the streets are assisted by the generosity of children who wish to help make the love of Jesus known everywhere. <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/about-catholic-mission/the-pontifical-mission-societies>

**Farewell Fr Adi,
Welcome
Fr DJ!**

Bishop Shane Mackinlay has appointed Fr Adi as the Assistant Priest of St Brendan's Shepparton and St Mary's Dookie, as well as the Supervising Priest of St Mary's Rushworth effective 6 January 2025. Fr DJ Suguitan will join the Ministry Team on the same day.

**Fr Adi will celebrate his last Masses at Sacred Heart Wodonga on the following weekends:
Saturday 28 Dec 5pm, Sunday 29 Dec 8:30am,
Saturday 4 Jan 5pm, Sunday 5 Jan 8:30am, 10:30am**

Advent Prayer Leaflets:

Copies of the 4th 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/Wk-4-Advent-2024-Year.pdf>

Christmas Appeal - Caritas Australia

This Christmas, families like Sakhina's are facing the devastating risk of disease due to a severe lack of clean water and proper sanitation in the world's largest refugee camp. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. As part of the second-largest humanitarian network in the world, Caritas Australia and our partner Caritas Bangladesh are on the ground, ready to act. Together, we can improve access to clean water, provide better sanitation, and help reduce the spread of deadly waterborne diseases this Christmas. Donate today at caritas.org.au/christmas



WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024

Let's celebrate



REMEMBER

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

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.



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 .