



# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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 & The Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong.

## December 29th - 2024 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph C

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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  
LEADER OF TALLANGATTA & CORRYONG)  
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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 & 10.30AM

**TANGAMBALANGA**  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
CHURCH  
3RD SUNDAY @ 10.30AM MASS

**DEDERANG:**  
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
1ST SUNDAY @ 10.30 AM MASS

**MT BEAUTY:**  
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
1ST & 3RD SUNDAY @ 8.30 AM

**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@4:00PM

**SANDY CREEK:**  
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
5TH SUNDAY @ 8:30 AM

**MITTA MITTA:**  
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
5TH SUNDAY @ 11:00 AM

**WODONGA: TUESDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**@9:15AM S H C**  
**WODONGA: ST AUGUSTINE'S**  
MONDAY & SATURDAY 9.15 AM  
**RECONCILIATION:**  
**WODONGA**  
ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH,  
**SATURDAY 8:45AM TO 9:10AM**  
**COUNTRY CHURCHES:**  
**BEFORE MASSES.**

### Acknowledgement of Country

We, Wodonga Catholic Parish, acknowledge 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.



### Pope Francis: Prayer to The Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection & division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. *(from Amoris Laetitia, 2016)*

### Focus on The Readings:

Samuel and Jesus have a few things in common. Both had miraculous births, albeit 1000 years apart. Their mothers, Hannah (1Sam 2:1-10) and Mary (Luke 1:46-56) gave songs of praise to God for his marvellous works. They contain many common phrases. Both Samuel and Jesus had a very special mission. Perhaps the most striking similarity are their experiences in the temple we read today in the lectionary readings. Both are presented in the temple after their births. Samuel stays in the temple and is taught by Eli. Jesus returns home but frequently revisits with his parents. Today's passage relates the teaching he received from the elders in the temple.

The relevance of the story is not so much an adolescent causing his parents worry and stupefaction which many parents experience in the lives of their children, but rather the unfolding of the mystery of salvation. This mystery is slowly revealed: Who is Jesus? What is his relationship to the Father? What are his Father's business and Jesus' mission. Later he asks: "Who are my brothers and sisters and mother". While Mary and Hannah pondered many things in their hearts, we too ponder on our lives and relationships, on our vocations now and our destinies in the future.

### Quote of The Day

Peace in society depends upon peace in the family. *St Augustine*

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. *Theodore Hesburgh*

**Farewell to Father Adi.** Fr Adi will celebrate his last Masses at Sacred Heart Wodonga on the weekends of: Saturday 28 Dec 5pm, Sunday 29 Dec 8:30am, Saturday 4 Jan 5pm, Sunday 5 Jan 8:30am & 10:30am. We thank him for his ministry to us and wish him well in his new appointment.

**Recent Deaths:** Paul Millynn

**Anniversaries:** Bishop Joe Grech, Anthony Horne, Diego Ramirez, Frank Artis, Jack Scudds. Mary Murray, Eileen O'Reilly, Frank Reardon, Alan McKenzie.

**Those Who Are Unwell:**

Linda Hall, Don Ward, Karen Ward, John Hodson, Eloise Hill, Ricky Ellul, Geoffrey Halford, Rosanna Jackson, David Evans, Salome Ramirez, Genevieve Govers, Kerstin Lancaster, Robert Anderson, Mary Shaddock, parishioners who are ill, their families & carers.

**Wodonga Catholic Parish**

During the month of January the Parish Office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

**Liturgical Jottings: Liturgy and Family**

“Within the family ‘which could be called a domestic church’ (Lumen Gentium, art. 11), individuals enter upon an experience of communion among persons, which reflects, through grace, the mystery of the Holy Trinity. ‘Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated – forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer. (Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis 2016) Here Pope Francis emphasises how the family becomes the teacher of prayer and liturgy to its members. The Family is the place for prayer and leads to community liturgy. The Roman Missal and the Rites of the Sacraments refer to family in four ways: 1. God’s family or the family of the church, 2. The family of humankind, 3. The Holy Family (today’s feast) and 4. The domestic family. The Missal contains a Mass for the Family under “Various Needs and Occasions” in which we pray for charity, peace, grace and sharing in God’s love and life. © *Diocese of Sandhurst* 2024

**Readings this week:**

1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28 or  
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
1 John 3:1-2,21-24 or  
Colossians 3:12-21  
Luke 2:41-52

**Reading next week**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Responsorial Psalm:**

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia,

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Rosters:- Wodonga 5th & 6th January**

**Sacred Heart Cleaning:** Kevin Keating

**Sacred Heart Altar :** Volunteers

**Lector 1**

5.00 pm	Meryl Brown	Juliana Vaughan
8.30 am	John Barrat	Marg Pallot
10.30am	Christian Bashimbe	Cristy Fraser

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5.00 pm: Joy, Pam & Sandy  
8.30 am: John A, Michael & Marg B  
10.30 am: Jacinta, Nina & Helen

**COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 4**

Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kath Didier

**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 5:** Margo & Marion

**Rosters:- Mt Beauty 5th January**

**Lector:** Jenny

**Back up:** Peter

**Commentator:** Mary-Anne

**PowerPoint:** Gail

**Rosters:- Dederang 5th January**

**First Reading/Second Reading:** Sharon

**Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful:** Alanna

**PowerPoint:** Diane

**Thank You**

To all who made our Christmas Celebrations such joyful occasions, our priests, the organisers, musicians, choirs, and readers. To our collectors, counters, bankers, cleaners, gardeners and volunteers, for all your generous help during the past year. The Parish would not function without you. May God bless you all.