



# 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.

## January 26th - 2025 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year 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 DJ SUGITAN  
FR JOHN PAUL PASALA (PASTORAL  
LEADER OF TALLANGATTA & CORRYONG)  
**PH: 6024 3366**

**MERCY PRESENCE**  
SISTER EILEEN REARDON  
**PH: 0458 327 554—MT BEAUTY**

**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:



*"Whatever happens, 'hope does not disappoint!"*

### Looking At The Readings

These reflections are based on the readings of the third Sunday in Ordinary Time (for the Saturday Vigil Mass on 25 January) and for local churches that may decide not to use the Australia Day texts on 26 January.

Moving from "Cana Sunday" last week with its attention on married relationships and the third manifestation of Christ we enter the Ordinary Time sequence of readings starting with the beginning of Luke's Gospel. The text emphasises the importance and the power of the Word of God. Firstly, we hear of Luke's purpose and structure of his writing and skip three chapters to hear Jesus in the synagogue reading the scripture and its relevance for then and today: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' (Luke 4:21)

This power of God's word kept the faith and identity of the Hebrew people through thick and thin. The first reading from the book of Nehemiah recorded how Ezra reading the Law of the Lord to the Hebrew exiles who had returned to Jerusalem. Because the temple has been destroyed Ezra stood a wooden dais and read and translated the sacred texts to affirm their identity, to enliven their hearts and to celebrate God's goodness. The people were exuberant! We need to treasure the Word of God and find in the Gospel a way of life, faith and joy.

Pope Francis instituted the "Word of God Sunday" on this Sunday, for the readings are so appropriate to rediscover power and love of scripture. In Australia, Word of God Sunday has been moved to the second Sunday of February. (9 February 2025) due to the holidays in January.

### Australia Day Prayer

Lord we thank you for the diversity of this land and its people; for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity. Our history, with all its struggle in adversity, its courage and hope. For the first Australians, who knew and loved this continent with an intimate sensitivity; for the courage and sacrifice of the early settlers and the many peoples who now call Australia home. Lord, in our diversity give us respect and tolerance for one another and a passionate commitment to justice for all. Amen.  
*Bruce Prewer from his book, 'Australian Prayers'*



### Christmas Collections

Thank you all for your generosity in contributing to the Christmas Collections. Donations of \$1073.97 have been sent to Caritas Children's Mission and \$1078.98 to Caritas Christmas Appeal.

**Recent Deaths:** Alfred Brunner

**Anniversaries:** John Gill, Jack Goonan, Jean Sully Bob Jensen, Mary Patterson, Vince Tobin, Mila Setka, Bernadette Ford (Ley), Lyn Robertson, Alan McKenzie, Anna Zagrovic, Zora Galovic.

**Those Who Are Unwell**

John Mathey, Sue Kleehammer, 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, all who are ill, their families & carers.

**Liturgical Jottings: Sunday Cycle Year C**

**Australia Day**

The 2025 Ordo (the official calendar and guide for the celebration of the Liturgy) for Australia and New Zealand list both 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and Australia Day for Sunday 26 January. Obviously there is no vigil for this national day Australia Day is described as a Day of Prayer in the Lectionary and Missal with its own set of Readings namely: Isaiah 32:15-18; Psalm 89:9-14; 1 Cor 12:4-11 or Romans 12:9-13; Matthew 5:2-12 or Luke 12:22-32.

The Prayers for the Mass include the Collect, Prayer over the Gifts, Preface, Prayer after Communion, Entrance and Communion antiphons and a Solemn Blessing:

May God who formed our southern land  
be for you a rock of strength.

May God who rules the great seas  
keep you safe in every storm.

May God who made the skies above  
urn your darkness into light.'

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**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord next Sunday**

Parishioners are invited to bring candles to be blessed at these Masses.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

The PPC will meet for the first time in 2025 on Tuesday 4th February in the Parish Centre at 6.00 pm.

**Baptism Preparation**

Parents wishing their children to be baptised are invited to the Baptism Preparation Program Tuesday 4 Feb 6pm

**Quote of The Week**

The great test of life is obedience to God. *Ezra Taft Benson*

**Readings this week:**

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**Reading next week**

**Presentation of the Lord**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Hebrews 2\_14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia.

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Rosters:- Wodonga 1st & 2nd February**

**Sacred Heart Cleaning:** Peter Kellow  
**Sacred Heart Altar :** Volunteers

**Lector 1**

5.00 pm Kerrie Kerr  
8.30 am Des Lonergan  
10.30am Gerard Moore

**Lector 2**

Matt Ley  
Maureen Lonergan  
Nina Uy

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5.00 pm: Michael, Joy & Pam  
8.30 am: John A, Michael & Marg B  
10.30 am: Diane, Jenny & Jean

**COUNTERS:**

**THIS WEEK TEAM 7:** Matt, Sally & Peter  
**NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 8:** Ross, David, Helen & Frank

**Rosters:- Mt Beauty 2nd February**

**Lector:** Deb  
**Back up:** Mary-Anne  
**Commentator:** Mary-Anne  
**PowerPoint:** Stuart

**Rosters:- Dederang 2nd February**

**First Reading/Second Reading:** Alanna  
**Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful:** Sharon  
**PowerPoint:** Harrison

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Morning Mass at Sacred Heart Church Wodonga on **Tuesday 28th January** will be **at 8.30 am**. Our CEW teachers will gather to commence the 2025 school year.

**Fr Adi's Farewell Gift**

Thank you all for your generosity in contributing to a gift for Fr Adi. The amount of \$2785.25 was donated and gratefully received.