



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 5th - 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord-Year C

WCP: PARISH CENTRE:
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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 SUGUITAN
FR JOHN PAUL PASALA (PASTORAL
LEADER OF TALLANGATTA & CORRYONG)
PH: 6024 3366

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:



The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us.

Definitions of Epiphany

This Greek word means manifestation applied particularly to the event in Matthew's Gospel of the visit of the Magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus. Christ is revealed to the Gentiles as Lord and Saviour. Some dictionaries include epiphany in a figurative sense meaning a sudden revelation, an "Aha!" moment.

Focus on The Readings:

We have heard the expression: "Pursue your dreams." Or "Follow your stars" There are many songs titled "Follow your Dreams". Today we celebrate the day when three Easterners followed a mysterious star. It became their quest and yearning to discover something, someone beyond their present understanding and experiences. Such a quest was prophesied by Isaiah in the first reading: nations are invited to come to the light, a new dawn, God glory has appeared!

St Paul writes of a mystery that has now been revealed to his own generations and for all generations and peoples that God has delivered his promises in Christ Jesus. We are all participants in this mystery. The Feast of the Epiphany centres on the visit of the wise men from the East to the infant King as recorded by Matthew. Yet the feast reveals more: With Christmas we celebrate the coming of the saviour, the gift to all nations. It is a time for gift giving, for baptisms, blessing of homes. We also recognise in the feast the presence of sadness or doom symbolised by the gift of myrrh (funerary spice) and of malefaction. Therefore the wise men decided to go home a different way to avoid the treachery of Herod. It is a time to look forward, to lift our eyes and look around to see God's dream for us.

Welcome to Our Parish, Father DJ!

We are delighted to welcome Father DJ as the newest member of our parish community!

Born in Metro Manila, Philippines, Father DJ grew up in a close-knit family with two siblings.

He began his studies for the priesthood in the Jesuit-run San Jose Seminary, finishing his philosophical studies before working as a secondary school teacher.

He continued his priestly training in Corpus Christi Seminary Carlton, studying at Catholic Theological College, where he is at present finishing a Masters degree.

With strong ties to the local community, Father DJ has family living in Wodonga and Albury and is looking forward to serving and growing with our parish family.

Let us keep Father DJ in our prayers as he begins this new chapter of his ministry among us. Welcome, Father!

Recent Deaths: Joan (Mitch) Grant

Anniversaries: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Margaret Miller, Fr Ted Harte, Fr Frank Hart, Sr Kath Grant, Mark Raine, Patricia Packer, Gerald Tanner, Allan Crothers, Mary Ronan.

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, who are ill, their families & carers.

Wodonga Parishioners PLEASE NOTE:

During the month of January The Parish Centre will be opened Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10.00 m to Middy.

Epiphany Blessing

May God, who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light,
pour out in kindness his blessing upon you and make your hearts firm in faith, hope and charity. Amen.
And since in all confidence you follow Christ, who today appeared in the world as a light shining in darkness,
may God make you, too, a light for your brothers and sisters. Amen.
And so when your pilgrimage is ended,
may you come to him whom the Magi sought as they followed the star
and whom they found with great joy,
the Light from Light,
who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

Sandhurst Appointments for 2025

Bishop Shane Mackinlay has appointed Mr Geoff Gowdie to the position of Assistant Director, Mission and Pastoral Life and Mrs Claire Spinelli to the position of Youth Ministry Team Leader.

Geoff and Claire will join the Office of Mission and Pastoral Life at the Chancery in Bendigo in a full-time capacity, commencing on Monday 20 January 2025.

Readings this week:

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

Reading next week

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Entrance Antiphon:

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia,

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rosters:- Wodonga 11th & 12th January

Sacred Heart Cleaning:	Volunteers
Sacred Heart Altar :	Volunteers
Lector 1	Lector 2
5.00 pm Dave Seiter	Marilynn Seiter
8.30 am Ross Black	Marg Ware
10.30am Don Cameron	Lara Jaculbia

Eucharistic Ministers

5.00 pm: Ioni, David, Helen
8.30 am: Nina, John B & Marg H
10.30 am: Gerard, Diane & Jenny

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 4

Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kath Didier

NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 5: Margo & Marion

Rosters:- Mt Beauty 19th January

Lector: Mary-Anne

Back up: Jenny

Commentator: Bruce

PowerPoint: Stuart

Rosters:- Dederang 5th February

First Reading/Second Reading: Alanna

Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful: Sharon

PowerPoint: Harrison

Quotable Quote

"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, humanity in God, God in humanity, one whom the whole universe cannot contain, now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question."

St Peter Chrysologus (c 400-450)