



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 12th - 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord-Year C

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OFFICE HOURS
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH
PRIESTS:
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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:



"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Looking At The Readings

Surprisingly the place, time and agent of Jesus' Baptism are not mentioned in Luke's account of the Baptism we read today. Those details we have received from the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and John. Luke takes us directly to the significance of the mystery-event.

First mentioned part was that Jesus was at prayer (3:21) indicating the importance of the event. For Jesus was at prayer before other important events: before he chose the twelve Apostles (5:16); before Peter's profession of faith (6:12); before the transfiguration (9:18); and before his own passion (22:41). Luke records another significant moment in Acts when the Apostles, Mary and other disciples were at prayer on the days leading up to Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon them (Acts 1:14; 2:1). The descent of the Holy Spirit, in response to prayer, becomes the significance of the Baptism of the Lord.

Secondly mentioned in Luke are the words of the voice from heaven: "You are my Son, the Beloved, in you I am well pleased." The event becomes a second Epiphany - the manifestation of God. The word epiphany, from the Greek meaning "to show to" another word associated with it is "theophany": to show, to manifest, God to the world. Various Eastern Rite Churches unite the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the Miracle at the wedding feast of Cana into one celebration of the Theophany of Jesus. By coming into the world, Jesus has shown the kindness and love of God.

Prayer Of The Day

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit descends upon the waters in the form of a dove.

Today the waters of the Jordan are changed into a remedy by the presence of the Lord.

Today the sins of men are wiped away in the waters of the Jordan.

Today paradise is opened to mankind, and the Sun of Justice shines upon us.

Today the kingdom of heaven has become ours. *(St Sophronitus)*

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Veronica Thompson, Mary Casey, Dot Dunstan, Mary Murray, Julia Ronan, Patrick Sinnott.

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: The River Jordan

The River Jordan is mentioned twice in the Sunday Liturgy: in the Collect and in the Preface as the place of Jesus' Baptism. The waters of Jordan are a figure of a vehicle "that takes one to heaven." St. Gregory of Nazianzus uses the image: "Baptism is the destruction of sin, the vehicle to carry us to God."

"On this day the element of water is consecrated; The Jordan stops flowing and holds back its waters as it sees the Saviour purifying himself in them. O Christ, our King, as a man you went down into the river, hastening because of our sins to receive from the Precursor the baptism meant for slaves."

Hymn of St Sophronitus

This is the feast of the Lord that we see today in the Jordan; we see him casting into the Jordan the death due us for our disobedience, the stinging goad of error, and the chains that bound Adam; we see him giving to the world the baptism that saves.

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Quote of The Day

The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism.
St Ambrose of Milan (340? - 397)

Readings this week:

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

Reading next week

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord will bless his people with peace. Alleluia,

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rosters:- Wodonga 18th & 19th January

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Volunteers

Sacred Heart Altar : Volunteers

Lector 1

5.00 pm Christina Dinh
8.30 am Michael Iverson
10.30am Josh Jaculbia

Lector 2

David Gill
Tekauita
Jenny Sinnott

Eucharistic Ministers

5.00 pm: Meryl, Amilia & Juliana
8.30 am: Mark, Pat & Anne T
10.30 am: Jean, Bronwyn & Jacinta

COUNTERS:

THIS WEEK TEAM 5: Margo & Marion

NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 6: Marg W & John Barrat

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

Our Farewell to Fr Adi

Thank you all for your contributions to our morning cuppa for the celebration of Fr Adi's time with us.

Wodonga Parishioners PLEASE NOTE:

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