



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

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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

02-FEBRUARY-2025 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Looking at the Readings

The first reading, from the Prophet Malachi speaks of the purification of the Temple. It is an analogy, for it is the purification of the people that will be achieved with the Coming of the Lord.

The letter to the Hebrews, the second reading, also speaks of the cleansing of the hearts of the people by the one who came in flesh and blood, just like us, to do away with sin.

While this feast day looks back to Christmas it also looks forward to Easter. The feast celebrates the purification, the coming of Christ, and the true Light of the world.

The Blessing and Song of Simeon and the Praise and Words of Anna are the heart of today's Gospel.

Joseph and Mary went to the temple to do what the law required regarding purification and presentation.

They were greeted by Simeon and Anna.

Even as a small newly born these prophetic persons recognised in Jesus as the one who is to suffer and bring salvation and light to the nations.

As we begin the new year, we give praise to God for bringing Christ our light into our world. We celebrate it in Christmas and Epiphany, in today's feast and at Easter (20 April 2025).

Words of Pope Francis

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is also known as the Feast of the Encounter: Jesus goes to meet his people.

Thus, this is the encounter between Jesus and his people, represented by Simeon and Anna that took place in the Temple.

What does St Luke say of the elderly?

He wrote: Simeon was a righteous and devout man, Anna was a "prophetess" In short, these two elders are full of life!

They are full of life because they are enlivened by the Holy Spirit, obedient to his action, sensitive to his calls

Prayer of Blessing of Candles (2)

O God, true light, who create light eternal, spreading it far and wide, pour, we pray, into the hearts of the faithful

the brilliance of perpetual light,

so that all who are brightened in your holy temple

by the splendour of these candles

may happily reach the light of your glory.

Through Christ our Lord. **Response. Amen.**

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 & Parishes of ST MICHAEL'S Tallangatta, SACRED HEART Corryong.



Recent Deaths

Nellie Arundel, Fr John Ryan

Anniversaries:

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

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 of the Day:

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet.

Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved. ~ Helen Keller



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.

Baptism Preparation Evening

Our next preparation / information evening is THIS Tuesday Feb 4th at 6:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents and other family members are also welcome

For information or to register - Contact: Our friendly Parish Centre staff :

PH: 6024 3366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au.

Liturgical Jottings: Candlemas

Traditionally the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple is celebrated on the 40th day after Christmas, that is on 2 February.

This year, being a Sunday the feast displaces the 4th Sunday in Ordinary time.

Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, the Presentation brings us back to some vestiges of the Christmas themes of Light and the coming Christ in our midst and Christ for all nations. The feast also focuses onto the Temple in Jerusalem and on candles.

It is the day that candles for liturgy, prayer at home and in schools are blessed.

The feast arose in the fourth century and the blessing of candles on this day in the 11th century, so called Candlemas. The last time the feast occurred on a Sunday was in 2020, the next will be in 2031.

Scripture Group Meetings

Do you wish to know more about Jesus, or maybe get closer to Him through Scripture?

If You answered YES?

Then, maybe the Parish Mark's Gospel Scripture Group, is for YOU!

We meet each fortnight, in Parish Centre, @ 5.45pm, until 7.15pm.

Our first meeting for 2025 is Tuesday 4 February 2025, then 18 Feb, 5 March & 19 Mar, and so on?

I am a current member of group, & I have been a member of group for 2 Yrs?

If you would like to know more then please contact: *Clive Hayward 0408 343 527*



Wodonga 8th & 9th February

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Sacred Heart Sacristy: Dot Larkin & Carmel Gannon

Lectors/Altar Servers

5:00pm

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Stephen McKinley
Lector 2: Caherine Ho

8:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Kate Rotherham
Lector 2: Luci Saric

10:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector 1: Estrella Wiltshire:
Lector 2: Christian Bashimbe

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm: Ioni, David & Helen

8:30am: Nina, Michael & Marg H **10:30am:** Jacinta, Diane & Jenny

Counters

This Week: TEAM 8: Ross Black, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

Next Week: TEAM 9: Gerard Peeters & Thomas Zerafa

Mt Beauty -16th February

Lector: Bruce

Back Up: Deb

Commentator: Peter

PowerPoint: Gail

Dederang - 2nd March

First / Second Reading: T B A

Welcome/Psalm/PoF: T B A

PowerPoint: T B A

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord.

Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple:

and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said :

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

Readings this week:

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm:

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Reading next week:

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel . Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

 **WCP Welcoming Cuppa** 

Please stay for a cuppa and chat after ALL Masses this weekend.

Plates of food and assistance to serve cuppas and pack up afterwards will be gratefully accepted.

SANDPIPER

A special Jubilee Year 2025 edition of Sandpiper e-News is available at:

<https://mailchi.mp/sandhurst.catholic.org.au/sandpiper-89-13dec2024-13869765>

There are five Pilgrimage sites in the Diocese Sandhurst nominated by Bishop Shane for the Jubilee. You'll have to click on the link above to see where they are 😊. I hope you are able to find the time to prepare and journey to all of these sites this year.

~ Katrina Strong



REMEMBER

WCP WELCOMING CUPPA
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ST VINNIE'S COLLECTION
1ST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH

BAPTISM PREPARATION
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

SAFER INTERNET DAY IS COMING!
11 FEBRUARY 2025

12 FEBRUARY - CCH WELCOMING MASS
& PIZZA EVENING - ALL INVITED

DEVELOPMENT OF OUR WCP GIFT SHOP
VOLUNTEER
ROSTER, POLICY, PROCEDURE .

**Wodonga Parishioners
Tap Donation Point**

After a few hiccups, we now have the tap donation equipment operational.

please see the instructions on how to use this new device.




Your donation to our parish is greatly appreciated



On the Screen you will see Pre-selected amount of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50.

Select the amount you wish to donate.



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2025 Enrolments are Open

Study scripture, theology, pastoral ministry and spirituality

- Introductory or further studies available
- Face-to-face or online modes available
- Audit, undergraduate or postgraduate level

For more information: view our 2025 Prospectus ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/

A SINGLE CANDLE

All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.
~ St Francis of Assisi

Just as one candle lights another and can light thousands of other candles, so one heart illuminates another heart and can illuminate thousands of other hearts.

~ Leo Tolstoy