



# WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH

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### 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 DENIB JOSETTE (DJ) SUGUITAN

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 & 10:30 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

#### 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

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

**13-APRIL-2025 - PALM SUNDAY-YR C**

## Looking at the Gospel for Blessing of Palms

The Sunday before Easter is most often titled Palm Sunday since on this day the palms are blessed and distributed to the assembled people. It is also titled Passion Sunday since the reform of the Lectionary in the 1960's. The Passion of the Lord is read or sung today, in full, in part or in dialogue with three voices and the congregation who take the part of the crowd. In cycle C of the Lectionary this year we read the Gospel according to Luke for the blessing of palms and the Passion Narrative.

The Gospel of Luke has particular emphases: the poor, like the shepherds at Jesus' birth, the forgiveness of sinners as in many parables especially the prodigal son and encounters with Levi and Zacchaeus, and sense of the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, from unbelief to faith.

Also significant is the emphasis on the Temple. The Gospel begins with Zechariah in the Temple (Luke 1:9) and ends with the disciples returning to the Temple (24:53) after the Ascension of the Lord. Therefore, it should be no surprise that Gospel today has Jesus approaching the Holy City (19:37) and while still outside the city he wept as he looked over it (v41-44), then he immediately entered the Temple (v 45). Yet as he approached the temple via the Mount of Olives (situated outside the city's walls), the people greeted him. Luke's Gospel is the only one of the four that does not mention palms or branches of greenery, only cloaks. They do not acclaim: "Hosanna!" but rather: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Very reminiscent of the angels' chorus at Jesus' birth (Luke 2:14).

What is our acclamation, imagine yourself in the crowd welcoming Jesus. Does Jesus' coming fill you with fear and trepidation or with joy and hope?

## Pope Francis on the passion for Evangelisation

The Church must be a Church that dialogically encounters the contemporary world, that weaves fraternal relationships, that generates spaces of encounter, implementing good practices of hospitality, of welcome, of recognition and integration of the other, and that cares for the common home that is creation. Without the Holy Spirit we can only publicise the Church, not evangelise. It is the Spirit in us that drives us towards evangelisation, and this is the true freedom of the children of God.

*Papal Audience, April 2023*

### INCORPORATING

SACRED HEART, Wodonga, ST. AUGUSTINE'S, Wodonga,  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Tangambalanga, ST. JOSEPH'S Dederang, ST. JOSEPH'S Mt. Beauty  
& The Parishes of ST MICHAEL'S Tallangatta & SACRED HEART Corryong.



## Recent Deaths

Frank Walsh

## Anniversaries:

Kit Ley, Yvette Bone (Black), Norm Campigli, Rita McDonald, William Hickey, Monica Jones, Helen Jalski, Bill Smith, Mary Jones, Antonia Amaya Cabalida, Muriel Ward, Anna Lobos Sr Marie Doolan rsm (Principal of St Augustines Primary School 1970's ),

## Those Who are Unwell:

Pope Francis, Anne Magginito, Colin La Motte, Michael Rooney, David Evans, Ricky Ellul, Barbara Smith, Karen Ward, Donald Ward, John Hodson, Eloise Hill, Geoffrey Halford, Rosanna Jackson, Genevieve Govers, Linda Hall, Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, Robert Anderson, John Artis, Mary Shaddock, parishioners who are ill, their families & carers.

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**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](mailto: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.**  
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## Baptisms of Older Children

Children aged 7+over who wish to be baptised and parents who wish these children to prepare for baptism are invited to enrol in a short preparation program offered by the Wodonga Catholic Parish.

The Rites of Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age (RCIC) involves a process of participation in the church liturgies and formation in the faith appropriate to their age.

Please contact the Parish Centre by phone: 60243366 or email: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au) or speak with one of the priests.

## Vietnamese Community Mass

Our Vietnamese Community gathers to celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Wodonga on the second Sunday of every month at 4 PM. Everyone is invited to join us for a lively and spiritually enriching experience that reflects the diverse cultural fabric of our parish. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, partake in communal worship, and immerse yourself in the unique traditions of the Vietnamese liturgy.

## Eucharist at Home

Would you or someone you know appreciate receiving the Eucharist at home? Perhaps a visit from one of our priests would be meaningful?

If so, please reach out to our staff at the Parish Centre. They would be more than happy to assist you in making arrangements. Contact us Ph: 0260243366 or E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au).

## Scripture Group Update:

On Tuesday, April 1, the scripture group began a new chapter in Mark's Gospel. Are you looking to deepen your love for Jesus or connect with Him more closely through Scripture? If you're interested in enhancing your relationship with Jesus through His Word, join us every other week at the Parish Centre from 5:45 PM to 7:15 PM. next meeting is scheduled for April 15. Contact Clive Hayward Ph: 0408 343 527.

## Sandhurst Youth Ministry

Use the QR Code to follow on insta or FB to follow Sandhurst Youth Ministry.



[sandhurstyouthministry@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:sandhurstyouthministry@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)



## Liturgical Jottings-Palm Sunday Prayers Prayer for Illumination:

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

## Prayer for Grace:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen ~© Diocese of Sandhurst 2025



## Wodonga 19th & 20th April

**Sacred Heart Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Sacred Heart Sacristy:** volunteers

### Lectors/Altar Servers

#### 5:00pm

Altar Server: Volunteer  
Lector 1: Volunteer  
Lector 2: Volunteer

#### 8:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer  
Lector 1: Volunteer  
Lector 2: Volunteer

#### 10:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer  
Lector 1: Volunteer  
Lector 2: Volunteer

### Eucharistic Ministers

**5:00pm:** Volunteer

**8:30am:** Volunteer

**10:30am:** Volunteer

### Counters

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

**Next Week: TEAM 9:** Gerard Peeters & Thomas Zerafa

### Mt Beauty - 20th April

**Lector:** Jenny  
**Back Up:** Peter  
**Commentator:** Gail  
**PowerPoint:** Eileen C

### Dederang - 20th April

**First / Second Reading:** Judy  
**Welcome/Psalm/PoF:** Alanna  
**PowerPoint:** Harrison

## Luke 22:14-23:56

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying,

'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it". So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them.

And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,

'Why are you untying the colt?'

And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'.

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it.

And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.

As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. He answered,

'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

### Readings this week

Luke 19:28-40  
(Entrance)  
Isaiah 50 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56

### Reading next week:

Acts 10:34,37-43  
Colossian 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

### Entrance Antiphon:

Hosanna to the Son of David; Blesses is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest

### Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



# WHAT'S NEXT?

WCP WELCOMING CUPPA  
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ST VINNIE'S COLLECTION  
1ST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH

BAPTISM PREPARATION  
1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

WCP PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

WCP PARISH SAFEGUARDING  
TEAM 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH  
MONTH

BOLGA COURT AGED CARE  
TALLANGATTA, MASS  
1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

ALL WELCOME!  
VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY MASS  
THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CCR PRAYER GROUP MEET  
WEDNESDAY'S - FORTNIGHTLY

SYRO-MALABAR RITE MASS  
2ND & 4TH SAT  
OF THE MONTH-7PM SHC WOD

THE EL-SHADDAI CHARISMATIC MASS  
THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

WCP PARISH FINANCE TEAM MEET  
4TH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM BEGINS  
1ST RECONCILIATION  
PARENTS FORMATION MAY 6/8  
RECEPTION OF SACRAMENT JUNE 17/19



## A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility

Our Parish Safety Officer is

Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366:

**Towards Healing helpline Ph: 1800 816 030** (free call)

**Lifeline** is a non-profit Organisation **FREE 24-hour Crisis Support**  
**Ph: 13 11 14**



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

**PROJECT**  
**COMPASSION**

**This Lent**, we shared the powerful stories of three remarkable individuals who have overcome immense challenges. Thanks to the kindness of supporters like you, their lives and the lives of those around them have been transformed.

**In Samoa, Toefuata'iga's life was changed** with access to clean water through Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Samoa. Her school now has a water tank, improving health and allowing the school to focus on education.

**Lam, from rural Vietnam**, overcame the challenges of living with a disability by joining the I-SHINE program. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business and inspires others to pursue their dreams.

**In the Democratic Republic of the Congo**, Irene, found hope through Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Kongolo. By learning sewing and farming skills, she now provides for her extended family and mentors other women in her community.

**Thanks to the support of your parish community**, your generosity will create waves of change around the world. But the work isn't done yet. There is still time to donate! Together, we can Unite Against Poverty and help transform lives this Lent.

**You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes Or by scanning the QR code for your parish below Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)**

**Or by calling: 1800 024 413**

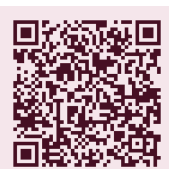
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**Corryong**



this Lent



**Tallangatta**



this Lent



**Wodonga**





# The Catholic Parishes of Wodonga, Tallangatta & Corryong

## Holy Week & Easter Mass Times 2025

### **Palm Sunday 13 April**

Blessings of the palms at all Masses this weekend

### **Chrism Mass 15 April**

11:00 am Tuesday: Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo

### **Reconciliation 16 April**

6:00 pm Wednesday: Sacred Heart Church. Wodonga

### **Holy Thursday 17 April**

6:30 pm until 7.00 pm	Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga
6:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper - Sacred Heart Church	Corryong
6:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper - St Michael's Church	Tallangatta
9:00 pm	<i>Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, will remain open until 9:00pm</i>	

### **Good Friday 18 April**

9:00 am	Stations of the Cross - St Francis of Assisi Primary School	Baranduda
12:00 pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross - Followed by Reconciliation	Dederang
3:00 pm	Liturgy - The Lord's Passion - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga
3:00 pm	Liturgy - The Lord's Passion - St Michael's Church	Tallangatta
3:00 pm	Liturgy - The Lord's Passion - Sacred Heart Church	Corryong
3:00 pm	Liturgy - the Lords Passion - St Joseph's Church	Mt Beauty
4.00 pm	Reconciliation - St Joseph's Church	Mt Beauty
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church	Corryong
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga

### **Holy Saturday Vigil 19 April**

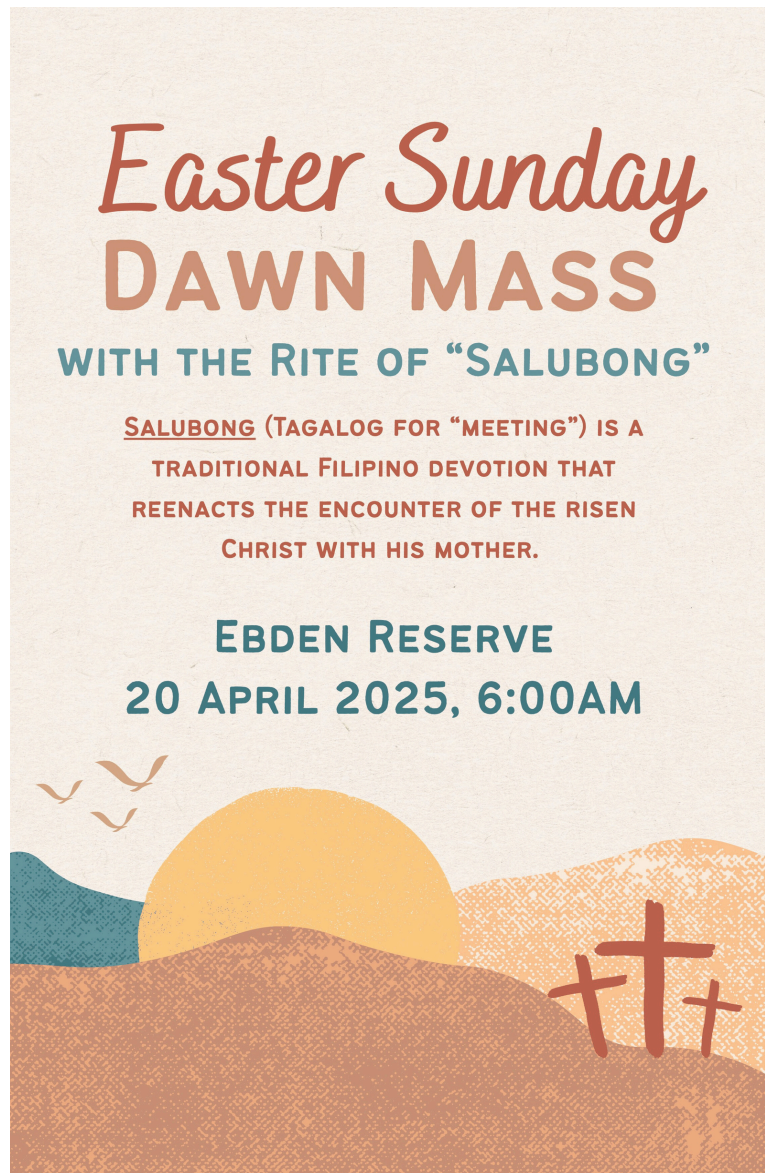
9:00 am until 10:00 am	Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga
6:00 pm	Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart Church	Corryong
6:00 pm	Easter Vigil - St Michael's Church	Tallangatta
7:00 pm	Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga

### **Easter Sunday 20 April**

6:00 am Sunrise Service	Easter Sunday Mass	Ebden Reserve
6:30 am Sunrise Service	Ecumenical Service	Tawonga Gap
8:30 am & 10.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Wodonga
8:30 am	St Joseph's Church	Mt Beauty
9:00 am	Christ the King Church	Walwa
9:00 am	St Joseph's Church	Mitta Mitta
9:00 am	St Michael's Church	Tallangatta
10:30 am	Our Lady Help of Christians	Tangambalanga
10:30 am	St Joseph's Church	Dederang
11:00 am	St Michael's Church	Sandy Creek







**Lenten Prayer Leaflets:**

Please find copies of the 2025 Lenten Prayer Leaflets in the foyer of your church Or you may access the Leaflet on our website just hit the link: <https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/6.-Week-Six-Lent-2025.pdf>



**ST. MARY'S SYRO-MALABAR MISSION-WODONGA**  
**EPARCHY OF MELBOURNE**



**13th April**-Palm Sunday Celebration; 7:30 am-**St Augustine's Church - Wodonga**

**16th April** - Wednesday: Holy Thursday Celebrations-4:30pm-**Sacred Heart Church - Wodonga**

**18th April**-Good Friday Celebrations-9:00am at **Marian Hills, Lot 8 Hume Hwy-Kyeamba-NSW 2650**

**20th April**- Easter Sunday Celebrations 5:30am - **Blessing of Candles and Water**

**NB: July 5th Mission Day & Sunday School Annual Day Celebration 4:30pm.**

**Main Celebrant: Bishop John Panamthottathil**



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SACRED HEART • ST AUGUSTINE • ST JOSEPH • OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS • ST MICHAEL • CHRIST THE KING

Mount Beauty | Dederang | Tangambalanga | Walwa | Sandy Creek | Mitta Mitta

# 2025



## Sacramental Program (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Preparation for children in Year 3 or older,  
who are of the Catholic faith, begins in May!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Parents' Formation

**6/8 May 2025**

Reception of Sacrament

**17/19 June 2025**

**ENROL NOW!**

Deadline: 22 April 2025



First Reconciliation



# Slavery Free Easter Chocolate

**"Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act." — Pope Francis**



Chocolate is a delicious treat and popular gift. Each year, Australians will spend millions of dollars buying hundreds of kilograms to enjoy over Easter season.

But as delicious and quintessential as it has become, much of it has been tainted with slavery.

Cocoa, a key ingredient of chocolate, is often harvested from the West African region and a lot of the harvesting is done by children who have been forced into labour.

*Chocolate can come at the cost  
of a child's health, education,  
and sometimes even their  
freedom*

*Children  
love Easter  
eggs.  
Except the ones  
who are forced  
to make  
them.*

EARTHCARE 2025

**How Sweet is Your Chocolate? Scan the QR Code to learn more or go to <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/chocolate/>**

