



Wodonga Catholic Parish

INCORPORATING

SACRED HEART CHURCH, Beechworth Rd Wodonga, ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, High St Wodonga,
ST FRANCIS, Bethanga, OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Tangambalanga, ST. JOSEPH'S Dederang, ST. JOSEPH'S Mt. Beauty
& Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong.

June 29th - Saints Peter & Paul

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. May the spirit of this ancient land be always with us.



From Our Pope:

9 May 2025 — "God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! "We are disciples of Christ.. "We must seek together how to be a missionary Church".

Looking at the Readings

The earlier chapters of Acts of the Apostles show St Peter leading the infant Church in Jerusalem, the later chapters recount the mission of Paul to the gentiles. Both Apostles were imprisoned for preaching the Risen Christ, both had miraculous escapes: Peter had a dreamlike walk through the guards, Paul's cell was opened by an earthquake. Even their prisons became pulpits, other prisoners and the gaolers listened to their words, witnessed their faith and sought baptism.

The Second Reading testifies Paul's faith at the close of his life and mission. The Gospel passage reveals the faith and the commission of Peter at the beginning of his ministry. Each text shows that faith is a gift of God and faith demands action.

St Peter's exclamation: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" Jesus seems in admiration, if not actual surprise at this remarkable profession of faith. Several times Jesus is in praise and in thanksgiving of people's responses to his questions, demands and simply his words. May we find various ways to express our faith and "hear" God's praise and thanksgiving.

Prayer for the Day

Peter denied you, Lord Jesus, but your love drew him back to you: whatever we have done in the past, keep us close to your merciful love.

From Morning Prayer of the Church

Quotes from the Saints

There is one day for the passion of two apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching. *St Augustine (354 - 430)*

God has set Peter and Paul like twin lights of eyes in that Body whose head is Christ." *St Pope Leo I (400-461)*

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Office Hours

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Monday to Friday

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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

3rd Sunday @ 10.30 am Mass

Dederang

St Joseph's

1st Sunday @ 10.30 am Mass

Mt Beauty

St Joseph's

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

2nd & 4th Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sandy Creek St Michaels

5th Sunday @ 8:30 am

Mitta St Joseph's Church

5th Sunday @ 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Tuesday to Friday @ 9:15 am

Saturday

St Augustine's Church

Saturday 9.30 am

Reconciliation:

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Saturday 9:00 am :

Country Churches:

Before Mass.

WODONGA ROSTERS 5TH & 6TH JULY

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Volunteers

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

MASS TIMES:	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
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Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Catherine Ho Lector 2: Matt Ley	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Ross Black Lector 2: Tekautia	Altar Servers: Volunteer Lector 1: Nina Uy Lector 2: Joe Maccioni
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Mick, David & Helen	8:30 am John A, John B & Marg B	10:30 am Bronwyn, Nina & Helen
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Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am & 10.30 am

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 6TH JULY

<u>THIS WEEK: TEAM 10:</u>	John Dunstan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman
<u>NEXT WEEK: TEAM 1:</u>	Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker, John Foley

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 6TH JULY

LECTOR:	Fran
BACK UP	Roseanna
COMMENTATOR:	Gail
POWERPOINT	Stewart

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 6TH JULY

FIRST / SECOND READING:	Judy Brewer
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:	Diane Goonan
POWERPOINT:	Harrison Fischer

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples,
 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'
 And they said,
 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'
 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?'
 Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.'
 Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man!
 Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.
 So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
 And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.
 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven:
 whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
 whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Readings this week:

Acts 12:1-11
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
 Matthew 16:13-19

Readings next week:

Isaiah 66:10-14
 Galatians 6:14-18
 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

.....Parish News.....

Recent Deaths:

Anthony Okechukwu Akpa, Leslie (Les) Rooney

Anniversaries:

Ada McInerney, Sr Rosalie Roe, Ken Young, Maureen Wortmann, Sam Setaro, James (Jim) Walsh, Stanislav Kalc, Neridah Mildren, Brian Sully, Caroline Burney Jack & Neta Hanlon.

Sick:

Ana Palhares, Janet Griffiths, Wil McInnes, Anne Magginito, David Evans, Barbara Smith, John Hodson, Eloise Hill, Geoffrey Halford, Rosanna Jackson, Salome Ramirez, Linda Halll, Genevieve Govers, Kerstin Lancaster, Robert Anderson, parishioners who are ill, their families & carers.

Liturgical Jottings: **Feast of Ss Peter & Paul**

The oldest liturgical calendar that has come down to us goes back to 354 AD in Rome. A Chronographer mentioned the celebration of Peter "in the catacombs" and Paul "on the Ostian Way" on June 29. It links the celebration of this feast to the consulate of Tuscus and Sassus, at Rome in 258. Several sermons of Augustine (354-430) attested that this feast rapidly spread throughout the West beginning in Africa.

Peter and Paul are the two pillars of the Church, one the shepherd of Christ's flock governing from his "chair" at Rome, the other the missionary, "Apostle of the Nations" founding and strengthening ecclesial communities all over the world emphasizing the diversity and unity of the Church.

Baptism Preparation:

Our next Baptism Preparation Session will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 1st July at 7.00 pm. 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



A collection for the Local branch of St Vincent de Paul, will be taken up at all Masses in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga **next weekend**. Thank you for your generosity.

Peter's Pence Collection

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Ss Peter and Paul (29 June), which is the customary date for a collection in support of the Holy Father (also known as Peter's Pence), taking place at that weekend's Masses. **However the collection will be taken up in our parishes on the weekend of 12th and 13th July.** This is one of the appeals that are listed as an annual collection on the Diocesan Fundraising Policy and should therefore be conducted in each parish of the diocese around this time. It is an opportunity for us to show in a very practical way our support and appreciation for the Pope's ministry in the Church and for his powerful witness in the world.

This collection is used for two primary purposes: to support the Pope's service of the universal Church, carried out by the Dicasteries that assist him in evangelization, the promotion of integral human development, education, communication, etc.; to contribute to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need (people and families in distress, populations hit by natural disasters or war, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or development support).

Further information and promotional material is available on the Peter's Pence website:

<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome and congratulate candidates and families as they celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

WELCOMING CUPPA Next Weekend

We invite you to join us next weekend after all Masses for a cup of tea or coffee and some friendly conversation. The Welcoming Cuppas provide a wonderful opportunity to connect and socialise with both familiar faces and newcomers to our parish. It is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know our Priests while enjoying a light snack. A plate to share would be appreciated.

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

June 29th Saints Peter & Paul

Pope Leo XIV said recently, that

"people all over the world were praying and crying for peace. There is no far away conflict when human dignity is at stake."

"War does not solve problems, but rather it amplifies them and produces deep wounds in the history of people that take generations to heal. No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers, the fear of children, the stolen future".

"Let all diplomacy silence the weapons. Let nations chart their future with works of peace, not with violence and bloody conflicts!"

During this time of great turmoil, all are invited to be part of a novena for peace.

Each day during the next nine days, you are invited to light a candle and pray that the God of Mercy works through us and all people of goodwill to be instruments of peace so that we can be sowers of love in a troubled world.

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 or speak with one of the priests.

Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay, currently the eighth Bishop of Sandhurst, as the new Archbishop of Brisbane. Bishop Mackinlay will replace Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who is retiring after 13 years as the Archbishop of Brisbane and 51 years as a priest.

A Statement from Bishop Shane Mackinlay

I am deeply honoured by Pope Leo's decision to appoint me as Archbishop of Brisbane – a diocese that has such a strong tradition of fostering the liturgical, spiritual, evangelising and educational endeavours of the Catholic community, both within the Archdiocese and more broadly.

I am particularly pleased that I will be following Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who has been a friend and mentor to me for many years. In his thirteen years as Archbishop of Brisbane, he has led the Archdiocese with great conviction and generosity, as well as making a very significant contribution to the Church beyond the Archdiocese. In particular, I see the Action Plans that he promulgated after last year's Archdiocesan Synod as providing a clear direction for the Church in Brisbane, as we seek to develop a more synodal Church that effectively proclaims Jesus' good news in our contemporary world. I look forward to working to implement those plans, in collaboration with all who contributed to the process of developing them.

Since I became the Bishop of Sandhurst nearly six years ago, I have been greatly encouraged and inspired by the lively faith and commitment of the people, priests and communities of the Diocese, and by the generous friendship and welcome they have offered to me personally. I am grateful to have shared in the pilgrim journey of the People of God here, where we have together begun new initiatives in living out our mission as Jesus' disciples. While I will be sad to move on from the Sandhurst Diocese, I am excited by this opportunity to serve the broader Church in a new way.

I ask for your prayerful support for me, for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, and for the Diocese of Sandhurst, as I prepare to take up this ministry.