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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

WODONGA: SACRED HEART CHURCH

SATURDAY @ 5:00 PM.

SUNDAY @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WODONGA: ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

SATURDAY @ 9:15 AM

TANGAMBALANGA:

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM MASS

DERERANG: 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

WODONGA

SACRED HEART CHURCH

SYRO-MALABAR MASS 6:30 PM

2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS:

**WEEKDAY MASS:**

WODONGA

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

MONDAY @ 9:15 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY @ 9:15 AM

**RECONCILIATION:**

WODONGA

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH,

SATURDAY @ 8:45 AM TO 9:10 AM

COUNTRY CHURCHES

BEFORE MASSES



# Catholic Parishes Of Corryong-Tallangatta-Wodonga

SACRED HEART \* ST AUGUSTINE'S \* ST JOSEPH'S \* OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS \* ST MICHAEL'S \* CHRIST THE KING

WODONGA | TANGAMBALANGA | DEDERANG | MT BEAUTY | TALLANGATTA | CORRYONG | WALWA | SANDY CREEK | MITTA MITTA

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

27 July-2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Grandparents & the Elderly World Day



**World Day for  
Grandparents and the Elderly  
This Sunday 27 July, 2025.  
Pope Leo~**



**Hope is Source of Joy no matter our Age**

**In his Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly;  
celebrated each year on the Sunday nearest the feast of Jesus' grandparents,  
Sts Anne and Joachim—Pope Leo reflects on hope and old age.**

**Pope Leo writes that "hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age",  
adding, "when that hope has also been tempered  
by fire over the course of a long life, it proves a source of deep happiness."**

**In his Message for the Day, Pope Leo offers a scriptural meditation on old age,  
beginning with biblical figures such as Abraham and Sarah,  
Zechariah & Elizabeth, as well as Moses, all of whom were called  
in old age to be part of God's saving plan.**

***"The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a  
constant source of joy, whatever our age. When that hope has also been  
tempered by fire over the course of a long life,  
it proves a source of deep happiness."***

## Looking at the Readings

It is interesting how the Lectionary places the first reading with the Gospel for this week. In the former Abraham is bartering with God. It seems to be with some humour or even relish reminiscence of an oriental marketplace. In the Gospel the disciples ask Jesus how to pray. Does prayer imply a degree of bartering with God? Yet another aspect of prayer is evident in the first reading and the Gospel, that is persistence. Abraham persisted in seeking to spare destruction on the city. Abraham approached God boldly but he spoke as speaking to a friend. In the Gospel another friend persisted in knocking on the door and asking for bread. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus invites us to call God "Father". This familiar term is deeply embedded in the relationship between God and Jesus, and we can observe this relationship between God and Abraham.

The attributes of prayer that we glean from the readings are a sense of dialogue with God, confidence in questioning and bartering with God, a large degree of persistence, readiness to search, trustfulness and faithfulness. But with Christ, St Paul, St Therese and many others, they teach us that love is above all. Prayer both requires and generates a loving relationship with God and one another.



## Recent Deaths

Barbara Smith

## Anniversaries:

Ampy Clark, Audrey Noske, Peter Donkers, Julie Rigby, Sydney Plunkett, Klara Schametzki, Bridget Hannebery, Carlo Nero, Barry Goonan, Sharon Jacka, Jean Fauenfelder, Maria Starcic, Bert Cadman, Gary Cadman, Les Dunstan, Rosalina de la Cruz,

## Those Who are Unwell:

Ana Palhares, Janet Griffiths, Wil McInnes, Anne Magginito, Eloise Hill, John Hodson, Geoffrey Halford, Rosanna Jackson, Salome Ramirez, David Evans, Genevieve Govers, Kerstin Lancaster, Robert Anderson, 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](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.**



***Parish communities have traditionally played a significant role in nurturing and supporting families***

### **We invite you to an Information Session:**

Foster Care, Respite, Spreading the word.

Wodonga Catholic Parish is hosting a Foster Care information session on **Wednesday, August 20th @ 7pm in The Foyer of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wodonga.**

Our goal is to raise awareness and address any questions you may have. We encourage members of our Parish to consider how they might contribute, whether through fostering, respite care, or simply helping to spread the word. Join us and learn about what's happening in your community!

### **Facilitated by UMFC**

### **Hosted by Wodonga Catholic Parish**

There is an increasing need for foster carers in our area, as many children are being placed far from their homes, schools, and communities due to a lack of local carers. This separation can be profoundly distressing for children, particularly during such a vulnerable phase in their lives. Maintaining proximity to their familiar environments is crucial for their emotional and psychological well-being.

## Planned Giving Reports

Wodonga Parishioners Please Note: Planned giving reports and new sets of envelopes are now available in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

## Mass of Anointing, Wodonga



The Mass of Anointing will take place on **Thursday 14 August** at Sacred Heart Church Wodonga 1.30 pm Refreshments to follow. **All Welcome.**

For further information contact  
Des Lonergan Ph:0408575825.



## Welcome & Congratulations

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

### **Reminder to Lectors:**

There will be a short meeting after each Mass this weekend: Saturday 26th July and Sunday 27th July to discuss the Guidelines for the Ministry of Lector.

## Eucharistic Ministry Volunteers

Did you volunteer to become a Eucharistic Minister to the homebound? If so the training session for this Ministry will take place **Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of July @ 5pm in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.**

## Calendar Additions

In 2021 Pope Francis has added the memorial of Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus to the General Roman Calendar, giving the siblings the combined feast day of 29 July.

## Second Scam Seminar

The Wodonga Police are conducting a second seminar focused on scams. This event will be held in the Woodcrafter workshop at the Wodonga Racecourse on **Tuesday, August 12th, beginning at 7:00 PM.**



prior to the commencement of the presentation @ 6:30 PM, pizzas will be served for a minimal cost.



Please RSVP to John Coleman for catering purposes: Phone: 0401 555 160



## Wodonga 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> August

**Sacred Heart Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Sacred Heart Sacristy:** Volunteers

### Lectors/Altar Servers

**5:00pm**

**Altar Server:** Volunteer  
**Lector 1:** Abbie Sacco  
**Lector 2:** Christina Dinh

**8:30am**

**Altar Server:** Volunteer  
**Lector 1:** Des Lonergan  
**Lector 2:** Maureen Lonergan

**10:30am**

**Altar Server:** Volunteer  
**Lector 1:** Cristy Fraser  
**Lector 2:** Don Cameron

### Eucharistic Ministers

**5:00pm:** Michael, Helen & David

**8:30am:** Erris, John B & Mark

**10:30am:** Nina, Jenny & Jean

### Counters

**This Week: TEAM 3:** Mavis Hyndman, Gloria Humpage.  
**Next Week: TEAM 4:** Marg Whitehead & John Barrat

### Mt Beauty -3rd August

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

### Dederang - 3rd August

**First / Second Reading:** Sharon  
**Welcome/Psalm/PoF:** Alanna  
**PowerPoint:** Diane

## Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come;  
give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him, what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him

### Readings this week

Genesis 18:20-32  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

### Reading next week:

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23  
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11  
Luke 12:13-21

### Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



### Prayer for the Day:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. Psalm response

### The Lord's Prayer:

This prayer is truly the pre-eminent symbol of prayer. Many of the early church fathers preached and wrote commentaries on the Our Father. From the earliest centuries we have the practice of handing this prayer to the Catechumens. This practise continues today for the catechumens and for children preparing for the sacraments. The Our Father is included in the celebrations of the Mass, of the sacraments and the Liturgy of the Hours in morning and evening prayer. Devotionally we pray this pray in the rosary, classroom prayer-time, prayer at parish meetings and the like



## Wodonga Catholic Parish Parish Pastoral Council ☀️ Nominations Now Open ☀️

The Pastoral Council is made up of everyday parishioners. Together with our Priests, the council helps listen to the needs of the parish and offer thoughtful advice to help our community grow in faith, love and service.

### Your voice, your presence — they matter.

Let's continue building a parish where all are welcome and everyone belongs, with gratitude and hope.

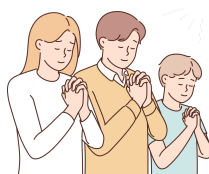
Do you know someone with a heart for service, a love for our faith community, and a vision for the future of our parish?

We invite YOU to nominate a fellow parishioner—or yourself—who: is willing to collaborate with clergy and parishioners.

This is a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact on our parish's growth and spiritual vitality.

📅 Nominations forms are now open 📍 E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au)  
click the link 2025 PPC NOMINATION FORM  
to download a nomination form.

By Friday 29/08/2025 Nomination forms are also available in the foyer of your church.



**Pray. Discern. Nominate. Lead**

TBA	WCP Parish EarthCare Team
3RD Sun	El-Shaddai Charismatic Mass
EACH FORT NIGHT	CCR Prayer Group Wednesday's
4TH FRI	WCP Finance Team
1ST TUE	WCP Baptism Preparation
1ST WED	TALLANGATTA Bolga Court Aged Care MASS
1ST WED	WCP Parish Pastoral Council
1ST WED	WCP Parish Safeguarding Team
1st WEEK END	WCP -SHC Welcoming Cuppa
1ST WEEK END	SHC St Vinnie's Collection
2ND & 4TH SAT	WCP - SHC Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
2ND SUN	WCP - SHC Vietnamese Community Mass ALL WELCOMED