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

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#### **WEEKEND MASSES:**

WODONGA: SACRED HEART CHURCH SATURDAY @ 5:00 PM. MASS SUNDAY @ 8:30 AM & 10.30 AM MASS

WODONGA: STAUGUSTINE'S CHURCH SATURDAY @ 9:15 AM MASS

TANGAMBALANGA:

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH 3RD SUNDAY @ 10.30 AM MASS

DEDERANG: STJOSEPH'S CHURCH 1ST SUNDAY @ 10.30 AM MASS

MTBEAUTY: STJOSEPH'S CHURCH IST&3RD SUNDAY @ 8.30 AM MASS

TALLANGATTA: ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY - @ TI:00 AM MASS

CORRYONG: SACRED HEART CHURCH 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY @ 8:30 AM MASS

WALWA: CHRIST THE KING CHURCH 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY @ 4:00 PM MASS

SANDY CREEK: ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH 5TH SUNDAY @ 8:30 AM MASS

MITTA MITTA: ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 5TH SUNDAY @ 11:00 AM MASS

WODONG

SACRED HEART CHURCH SYRO-MALABAR MASS 6:30PM 2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS: MASS

WEEKDAY MASS:

STAUGUSTINE'S CHURCH
MONDAY @ 9:15 AM MASS
SACRED HEART CHURCH
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY @ 9:15 AM MASS

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

WODONGA

**BEFORE MASSES** 

STAUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, SATURDAY @ 8:45 AM TO 9:10 AM COUNTRY CHURCHES



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

24-August-2025 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Words of Pope Leo



St Peter is called to serve the faith of his brothers and sisters, and to walk alongside them, for all of us are "living stones" (1 Pet 2:5), called through our baptism to build God's house in fraternal communion, in the harmony of the Spirit, in the coexistence of diversity.

In the words of St Augustine: "The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbour" (Serm. 359,9). Homily Pope Leo XIV, 18 May 2025

## Looking at the Reading:

The response for the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116): "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News" is sourced not from the psalm itself but from Mark 16:15. This response very concisely sums up the readings for today. I remember this line written in the visitors' book at the mission house at Kanabea, Gulf Province PNG. It was written by Cardinal James Knox then Archbishop of Melbourne over fifty years ago. I added my simple entry just below. But the words still ring loud and true. Isaiah prophesised that God's word would be carried by emissaries to far off lands so that peoples may give glory to God.

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem continues in the Gospel today. The journey started in Luke 9:51 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time). Jesus went through towns and villages teaching. Along the way he is meeting people who asks questions. His replies are challenging, inviting people to discipleship which entails some hard decisions to follow the narrow path, to knock at the right door, to enter the banquet hall. While the message goes out to the whole world, some choose to accept, some choose to reject.

One pertinent question asked by a traveller: "Will only a few be saved?" is relevant today as it was then. We need to take to heart the real invitation to take up the cross, to follow Jesus along his path. Thirst for power, wealth and position has become obstacles on the path; yet the heavenly banquet has expandable space, there are many rooms in the Father's house.

## Prayer for the Day:

God of goodness and kindness, you invite all peoples to the banquet and offer them a feast beyond compare. Give us your saving grace to keep unstained the robe of our baptism until that day when you welcome us to heaven's joyful table. Amen.

#### Recent Deaths

Ruth Kearney, Paula Ceglar, Sr Cecelia O'Shea SJS.

#### **Anniversaries:**

Elizabeth Herczeg, Margaret Ruhl, Peter Klauss, Alexander Harrison, George McKinley, Perce & Beryl Ward, Fr Stephen Bohan, Mick McKenzie, Patrick Goonan, Albert Kiraly, Anne Brody, Patrick McComisky, Marie Harangozo, Phillip Porta, Ivan Babic.

#### Those Who are Unwell:

Peter Murray, Gwyn McCall, Ana Palhares, Janet Griffiths, David Evans, Anne Magginity, John Hodson, Geoffrey Halford, Wil McInnes, Mary Flannagan (Sr Eileen's Sister) Eloise Hill, Salome Ramirez, Genevieve Govers, Kerstin Lancaster, Robert Anderson, Rosanna Jackson, 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.

## Commissioning:

Wodonga Parishioners: On Saturday, August 30th, our newly trained Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned during the 5:00 pm Mass. We extend our congratulations to these parishioners and express our gratitude for their willingness to volunteer for this ministry.





# Season of Creation



**Our Parish Earthcare team** is seeking your support to praise creation during this year's Season of Creation. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the release of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato si: On Care for our Common Home". In memory of Pope Francis we are asking that you share a photo of nature that inspires you.

The photo could be from your garden, your neighbourhood or somewhere in our beautiful North East region. These photos will be incorporated into the PowerPoint for our weekend Masses. *Please email your photos to wodcath@bigpond.net.au* or drop them into the Parish Centre during office hours no later that this Thursday 28 August

## **Baptism Preparation Evening:**

Our next preparation / information evening is Tuesday September 2nd at 7:00 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.

## A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Our parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all persons, including children, young people and adults at risk, we have a zero tolerance of abuse.

Towards Healing helpline Free Call Ph: 1800 816 030.

Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour
Crisis Support Ph: 13 11 14. If you have any concerns,
please phone 60243366 or
E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au. Or refer to or Reporting
Process Poster displayed

## **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.

### **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.

24-08-2025 - YR C - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ROSTERS

#### Wodonga 30th & 31st August

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Volunteers Sacred Heart Sacristy: Volunteers

**Lectors/Altar Servers** 

5:00pm 8:30am 10:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer **Altar Server:** Volunteer **Altar Server:** Volunteer Lector 1: Matt Ley **Lector 1:** Luci Saric **Gerard Moore Lector 1:** Lector 2: Kerrie Kerr Lector 2: Barry Jackson Jean Tabra Lector 2:

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

5:00pm: Michael, Sandy & Mick 8:30am: Anne T, Anne K & John B

**Counters** 

**This Week: TEAM 7:** Matthew & Sally Ley

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

Mt Beauty -7th September

**Lector:** Deb

Back Up: Mary-Anne

**Commentator:** Peter

PowerPoint: Eileen C

<u>Dederang - 7th September</u>

First / Second Reading: Alanna

Welcome/Psalm/PoF: Sharon

**PowerPoint:** Harrison

Luke 13:22 - 30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him,

'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them,

Try your best to enter by the narrow door,

because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer,

"I do not know where you come from."

Then you will find yourself saying,

"We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from.

Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside.

And men from the east and west, from north and south,

will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Readings this week

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant

who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for

I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Reading next week:

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer





CCR Prayer Group Wednesday's



WCP Finance Team



WCP
Parish EarthCare
Team

2nd & 4th SAT

WCP - SHC Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

2nd SUN WCP - SHC Vietnamese Community Mass ALL WELCOMED

3rd Sat WCP -SHC Youth Led Mass All Welcome

1st WEEK END WCP - SHC
Welcoming Cuppa

1st WEEK END



1st TUE WCP Baptism Preparation

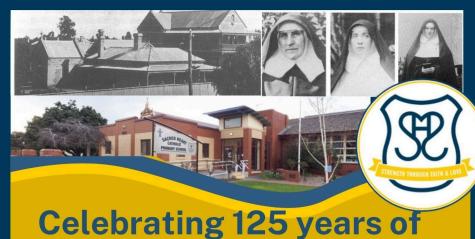
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TALLANGATTA Bolga Court Aged Care MASS

1st WED WCP Parish Pastoral Council



WCP
Parish Safeguarding
Team



## Celebrating 125 years of Catholic Education

#### Invitation

Please join us for a ceremony to commemorate 125 years of Catholic Education in Tatura and the opening of our time capsule.

A Celebratory morning tea with memorabilia will follow.



FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 2025

10.30 AM - 11.30 AM



Front Garden Sacred Heart School 75 Hogan St, Tatura



**More Information** 



(03) 5824 1841



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**RSVP HERE** 

## **CCR Pilgrims of Hope Renewal Day**

#### Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst Pilgrims of Hope Renewal Day

(Jeremiah 29:11-14). Come along for a time of praise and worship, fellowship, faith formation, understanding gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The day includes celebration of Charismatic Mass with

Fr Arun Korlakanti, the Spiritual Chaplain for CCR. Saturday 6th September 2025 from 9.30am to 3.00pm

St Brendan's Knight St. Shepparton at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share All are welcome!

Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196,

Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282, Denise Illot: 0407 506 813