

WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE: 283 BEECHWORTH ROAD WODONGA VIC 3690: PHONE: 0260243366 E:wodcath@bigpond.net.au OFFICE MANAGER: **SONIALA MOTTE-SCHUBERT OFFICE HOURS**

PRIESTS:

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

FR ANDREW FEWINGS, MODERATOR FR DENIB JOSETTE (DJ) SUGUITAN FRJOHNPAUL(JP) PASALA **PASTORALLEADER OF TALLANGATTA & CORRYONG** PH: 60243366

MERCY PRESENCE SISTER EILEEN REARDON PH: 0458327554 MTBEAUTY

WEEKEND MASSES:

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

WODONGA: ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH SATURDAY@9:15 AM MASS

TANGAMBALANGA:

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

DEDERANG: STJOSEPH'S CHURCH IST SUNDAY @ 10.30 AM MASS

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

TALLANGATTA: STMICHAEL'S CHURCH 2ND&4THSUNDAY-@11:00 AM MASS

CORRYONG: SACRED HEART CHURCH

2ND & 4TH SUNDAY @ 8:30 AM MASS

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

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

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

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

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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

31-August-2025 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Season of Creation Monday Sep 01 - Saturday Oct 04



As the Church prepares to mark the Tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September 2025, Pope Leo XIV's message for the occasion urges Christians and all people of goodwill to recognize the urgent need for environmental and social justice in a world increasingly scarred by climate change, conflict, and inequality.

Entitled Seeds of Peace and Hope and released on July 2, the Pope's message resonates with the spirit of the ongoing Jubilee Year, calling the faithful to embrace their role as "pilgrims of hope" and stewards of God's creation.

Looking at the Reading:

In my youth I remember the song "Oh Lord it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way." by Mac Davis. It has a catchy tune and amusing paradox. Yet in Christ Jesus we see both a humble person and the Son of God, the sinless, perfect human.

The Book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) offers wisdom and instruction on life. Gentleness in a person is more valued than a lavish giver. Greatness should display humility. These "maxims" gathered by the author to guide others are echoed in Christ's teaching, the Beatitudes and in several parables and many examples of service.

In today's Gospel, Christ offers wisdom and instruction to his listeners while seated around the meal table. Avoid embarrassment, act humbly, show courtesy. Again, we see a paradox. The Humble are exalted, the Proud are humbled. This message is often repeated, even more so around the table at the Last Supper, Jesus said to the Apostles: "Kings who lord it over people, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. This must not happen with you. No; the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest, the leader as if he were the one who serves." (Luke 22:25-27) God gives us his grace and strength so that we may follow that example of Christ who serves.

Prayer for the Day:

God and judge of all, you show us that the way to your kingdom is through humility and service. Keep us true to the path of justice and give us the reward promised to those who make a place for the rejected and the poor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Recent Deaths

Frances Hynes, Les Evans (Fr Andrew's Cousin).

Anniversaries:

Monica Loney, Guiseppi (Arti) Ortiis, Peter O'Neill, Ivan Babic, Ivan Zagrovic, Beryl Ward, Rev Fr Paul Purcell, George McKinley, Bessie Jensen, Marianne Murray, Fr John Naughton, Dina & Frank Cepile

Those Who are Unwell: 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.

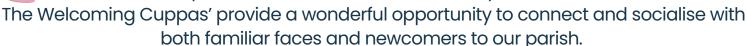
Would you like your loved ones recent death, anniversary or ill health acknowledged in this bulletin for prayers to be offered? Please pass the information on to the Priest or email Sonni E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au. OR Ph: 0260243366. Due to privacy laws we are unable to place names in the bulletin unless requested by a relative.



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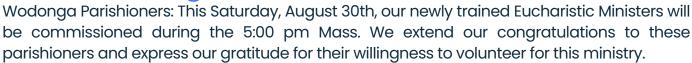


We invite you to join us next weekend after all Masses for a cup of tea or coffee and some friendly conversation.



It is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know our Priests while enjoying a light snack. A plate to share would be appreciated.

Commissioning:







Welcome & Congratulations

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

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.

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 E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au.

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.

Confirmation/First Eucharist:

Commitment Masses this weekend.

As candidates and their families prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist please keep them in your prayers.

31-08-2025 - YR C - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ROSTERS

Wodonga 6th & 7th September

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Volunteers Sacred Heart Sacristy: Mary Harkness & Jennifer Flower

Lectors/Altar Servers

5:00pm 8:30am

Altar Server: Volunteer Volunteer

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Lector 1: Stephen McKinley Lector 1: Kate Rotherham Lector 1: Christian Bashimbe

Lector 2: Abbie Sacco Lector 2: John Barrat Lector 2: Zeph Uy

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm: Ioni, Helen & David 8:30am: Marg B, Erris & Michael 10:30am: Diane, Gerard & Jenny

Counters

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

Next Week: TEAM 9: Gerard Peeters & Thomas Zerafa

Mt Beauty -7th September

Lector: Deb

Back Up: Mary-Anne

Commentator: Peter

PowerPoint: Eileen C

Dederang - 7th September

First / Second Reading: Alanna

10:30am

Welcome/Psalm/PoF: Sharon

PowerPoint: Harrison

Luke 4:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour.

He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say,

"Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Readings this week

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Wisdom 9:13-18

Luke 14:25-33

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day

long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: Goo

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the

poor.

Reading next week: Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me,

for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.



PEACE WIT







WCP Parish EarthCare Team

This year's Season of Creation commemorates the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato si: On Care for Our Common Home." In honor of Pope Francis, we are sharing a beautiful nature photograph submitted by parishioners to the parish office. These images will be featured in the PowerPoint presentation for our weekend Masses during the Season of Creation, which runs from **September 1 to October 4**.

Next week's photo showcases a stunning butterfly as it rests on a native plant in the garden.

Season Of Creation 2025 Prayer

Peace with Creation

Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.

We confess how estranged we have become from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth. Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate. oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

Spring Ember Day / Season of Creation

Monday 1 September is the beginning of Spring and the start of the Season of Creation. The First Friday of Spring (5 Sept) is called an Ember Day. On ember days we offer prayers to God for the productivity of the earth, for human labour,

for people in need and to give praise and thanks for creation.

YOU'RE INVITED to

Sandhurst Celebration of Season Of Creation on Friday 5th September



Garden of Peace Isaiah 32:14-18



Venue: **Huntly Streamside Reserve**

(At Huntly, turn west into Leans Rd then right at sign into Streamside Reserve)

Time: Mass celebrated by Fr Joe Taylor VG at 11am

Picnic Lunch - Sausage sizzle provided

BYO lunch if preferred BYO water bottles

Blessing & Distribution of native plants to schools & parishes of Sandhurst diocese



EVERYONE is invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate in this beautiful bush setting.









NATIONAL POLICE REMEBRANCE DAY

Murray River Police District

Monday 29 September 2025 at 10.00am

A commemoration of National Police Remembrance Day will be held on the

29th September to provide an opportunity to reflect on the bravery,

selflessness and tragedy of police officers who have lost their lives whilst on duty.

Acting Superintendent Owen Hill and staff of the Murray River Police District extend an invitation to attend Albury Police Station Church, Olive Street,

Albury for a commemorative service commencing at 10.00am.

A light luncheon / refreshments will be served following the ceremony at the

Albury Police Station Church.

RSVP: 15 September 2025
To: Madelein Jennings
Ph:)02) 60239207 or e/n 83207
E-mail: <u>mrpdexo@police.nsw.gov.au</u>



Prevent Family Violence

Food and transportation will be provided.

Below are the dates of the upcoming Men's workshop Sessions.

Wednesdays

10th Sep

17th Sep

24th Sep

O1st Oct

08th Oct

15th Oct

22nd Oct

29th Oct

O5th Nov

12th Nov





MEN'S WORKSHOP TO PREVENT FAMILY VIOLENCE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Cost: Free Location: Gateway Health, 155 High

Street, Wodonga VIC 3690
Time: 6 pm – 8 pm

Need transport or have a question?
Contact Chris on **0456 498 675** or scan
the OR code to send us an email.

WHO IS THE WORKSHOP FOR?

These free sessions provide a respectful and culturally safe space for men in the Albury/ Wodonga region from multicultural and faith communities (including African, Filipino, Bhutanese, Indian and Vietnamese).

WHAT TO EXPECT

Co-designed with the Multicultural and Faith Communities Advisory Panel, as part of Gateway Health's Family Violence Prevention work, the 10 workshops build awareness of gender-based violence and support men to strengthen emotional regulation, resolve conflict in healthy ways and foster positive masculinity.

Multicultural meals will be shared at each session.

INCREASE YOUR

EMOTIONAL REGULATION HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Use the QR CODE more information



Pledge for Life-Saving Aid to Gaza:

Caritas Australia is calling on supporters to sign this urgent pledge, which will be delivered to the Australian Foreign Minister's office on Monday the 1st of September.

We do so in anticipation of new restrictive conditions for international NGOs that require them to breach the safety and security of their staff or face deregistration which will prevent them from providing critical, life-saving humanitarian assistance to Palestinians

These come into force on September 9th, and will likely see aid volumes fall below a level that is already claiming innocent lives. While Caritas partners are likely unaffected, it is clear there is simply no room for overall aid levels to drop. The people of Gaza cannot eat less than they already are.

We are aiming to gather as many signatures as possible in the coming weeks to demonstrate strong public support for increased humanitarian aid access to Gaza.

Every signature helps amplify the call to protect innocent lives and ensure vital aid reaches those who need it most.

The pledge closes on Sunday 31 of August

Your pledges will need to reach Caritas Australia by the 31 of August for you to be included in the list of signatories delivered to the Ministers Office.

Sign our pledge online and access further resource

More than 2 million people are trapped in Gaza, facing hunger, and displacement. Over 60,000 lives have been lost - including over 18,000 children - and the entire population is in urgent need of humanitarian aid.

This is not just a crisis, it is a test of our shared humanity.

At Caritas, we believe in the dignity of every person. In the face of suffering, we are called to act with compassion, courage, and hope.



To join us, sign our pledge online and access further resources. OR a hard copy is in the Foyer of your church.

www.caritas.org.au/a ct/gaza

Liturgical Jottings-Liturgy and Charity III

In the course of the Liturgical year there are days we may focus the liturgy on Charity.

At Holy Thursday Mass service and charity are symbolised by the washing of the feet and the collection of Project Compassion boxes. The Hymn "Where there is Charity and Love is often sung.

The Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus is also the Mass for the Poor where people, especially children bring food and

The Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus is also the Mass for the Poor where people, especially children bring food on winter woollies for Vinnies to distribute to the needy. Advent is a time to bring gifts and food for the Giving Tree or Christmas hampers for those in need.

Within the Missal for Masses for various occasions there is a specific Mass for Charity (40) with scripture readings in the Lectionary.

Its Communion Antiphon is "So faith, hope and charity remain, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

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1st WEEK END WCP SHC
Welcoming Cuppa

1st WEEK END



WCP - SHC St Vinnie's Collection

1st TUE



WCP Baptism Preparation

1st WED

TALLANGATTA
Bolga Court Aged Care
Anionting & Comunion

1st WED WCP Parish Pastoral Council



WCP Parish Safeguarding Team

EACH FORT NIGHT



4th FRI

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





SEPTEMBER 2

Monday 01 - SEASON of CREATION Day of Prayer

Friday 05 - Ember Day

Saturday - 06 C&E Commitment Mass

Saturday - 06 Catholic Charismatic Renewal Day Sandhurst

Sunday 07 - Father's Day & C&E Commitment Mass

Monday 08 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary~Feast

Tuesday 09 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Thursday 11 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Tuesday 16 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Thursday 18 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Monday 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael~Feast



Sunday 05 - Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am

Sunday 05 - World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday 05 - Jubilee of Migrants

Tuesday 07 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Thursday 09 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Friday 10 - Frayne College/St Francis PS, 20 year Celebration

Saturday 18 - Saint Luke~Feast

Tuesday 21 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Thursday 23 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Tuesday 28 - Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles~Feast

Tuesday 28 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Thursday 30 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

NOVEMBER ?

Saturday 01 - All Saints Solemnity

Sunday 02 - Commemoration of all the Faithfully Departed

Sunday 09 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast

Saturday 08 - Confirmation/Eucharist Celebration

Sunday 09 - Confirmation/Eucharist Celebration Saturday 15 - Confirmation/Eucharist Celebration

Sunday 16 - Confirmation/Eucharist Celebration

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Sunday 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Solemnity

Sunday 30 - First Sunday of Advent: Year A begins.

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

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility

We are committed to the NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS 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.

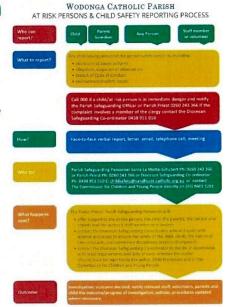
IMPORTANT Attention Wodonga Parishioners:

When accessing the Parish Centre Office after hours, please fill out the sign-in booklet located on the table in the entrance hall. Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteering in Our Parish

Do you know your responsibilities as a volunteer in our Parish? If not, please reach out to Sonni, our Parish Safeguarding representative, for any information you may need: Phone: 060243366 or Email: wodcath@bigpond.net.au.

If you have any questions or concerns about safety within our Parish, feel free to speak with Sonni or refer to the Reporting Process Poster displayed in our Churches.



Safety Exit Procedures of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga Are you aware of our safety exit plans?

Please take a moment to check the notice boards in our church.....

where you will find a map outlining the safety exit procedures and other important safeguarding information.

