



# 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

**14- September-2025**

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross-Safeguarding Sunday

### Looking at the Readings

The first reading from the Book of Numbers reveals God's ready willingness to forgive and to heal the Israelites by transforming an image of the cause of their suffering and death into the source of healing for them. To look upon the bronze image of the serpent "lifted up" on a pole they were healed.

In today's gospel, In the Gospel of John, the term "lifted up" has a double meaning. First it refers to Jesus being "lifted up" on the cross, lifted up in the cruel and shameful death resulting from the sinful actions and ways of his people. But it also refers to Jesus being "lifted up" in the glory of his resurrection and ascension to God. That "lifting up," he promises Nicodemus and us, will be given to everyone who believes in him. The passage closes with a clear statement meant to relieve any fears or anxiety we might have because of our sins: God sent his Son into the world that through him the world might be saved."

In the passage from Paul's Letter to the Philippians Belief in Christ means embracing that life of self-emptying service for the forgiveness and healing of the sins of our time and our people.

The Gospel passage closes with a clear statement meant to relieve any fears or anxiety we might have because of our sins: "For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." ~ *From Peace with Creation by James E Hug SJ.*

### Pope Leo on Creation

With infinite love, God has created all things and given them life. That is why Saint Francis of Assisi could call every creature his brother, his sister and his mother. Only a contemplative gaze can change our relationship with creation and bring us out of the ecological crisis brought on by the breakdown of our relationship with God, with our neighbours and with the earth that is the effect of sin (cf. Laudato Si', 66). ~ *Homily Pope Leo XIV, on 9 July 2025*

### Prayer for the Day

Lord, holy Father, you placed the salvation of the human race on the wood of the Cross, so that, where death arose, life might again spring forth and the evil one, who conquered on a tree, might likewise on a tree be conquered, Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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SONIA LA MOTTE-SCHUBERT

OFFICE HOURS

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

PRIESTS:

FR ANDREW FEWINGS, MODERATOR

FR DENIB JOSETTE (DJ) SUGITAN

FR JOHN PAUL (JP) PASALA

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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: ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM MASS

MT BEAUTY: ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

1ST & 3RD SUNDAY @ 8:30 AM MASS

TALLANGATTA: ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

2ND & 4TH SUNDAY - @ 11:00 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

WODONGA

SACRED HEART CHURCH

SYRO-MALABAR MASS 6:30 PM

2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS: MASS

WEEKDAY MASS:

WODONGA

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

MONDAY @ 9:15 AM MASS

SACRED HEART CHURCH

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY @ 9:15 AM MASS

RECONCILIATION:

WODONGA

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH,

SATURDAY @ 8:45 AM TO 9:10 AM

COUNTRY CHURCHES

BEFORE MASSES

## Recent Deaths

Fr Alex Mendez Lim, Bernadette Blair (nee Kelly), Dan Watson.

## Anniversaries:

Patricia Kimmins, Keith Honey, Anne Iidica, Michael Thomas, Katie Ronan, Fr William Ronan, Jeanette Darmody, Vinko Banovic, Josip Pedisic, Elizabeth Holland, Julianne Anderson.

## Those Who are Unwell:

Gwyn McCall, Ana Palhares, Janet Griffiths, David Evans, Anne Magginito, 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](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.

## PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL for retired Priests of Sandhurst.

We have 12 retired Priests. Fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese.

A special collection will be taken on the weekend of 20th /21st of September  
is the major fundraiser of the year.

Your Donations (tax-deductible) are essential. This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication, and to pray for our priests, active and retired. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10 are to  
please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

## Enkindle: Mass by the Young for All

Saturday 20 September, 5.00pm.

Join our parish youth as they lead us in prayer, music, and service. All welcome. A relaxed hangout follows after Mass. Come for the liturgy, stay for community!

## Feast of St Lorenzo Ruiz

Saturday 27 September, 11.00am

All are warmly invited, especially our Filipino community  
to celebrate Mass in honour of St Lorenzo Ruiz @ St Augustine's Church, Wodonga.  
Fellowship will follow after Mass. Mabuhay! All welcome.



## Children's Mass Books

Dear parishioners you are invited to donate a Mass Book to be presented to our Confirmation and First Eucharist Candidates at the presentation of the Creed during Sunday Masses in a few weeks. Donations are \$5 per book (cash or card payments). Thank you for your support. *Fr Andrew Fewings*



## Welcome & Congratulations

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

## PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

PROJECT COMPASSION 2025 concluded at the end of the financial year. Nationally, Project Compassion 2025 raised over 10 million which is a 3.5% increase on last year. Sandhurst Diocese can again be very proud of its efforts which this year raised \$444,218 an increase of 5% on 2024. This shows extraordinary generosity across our parishes and schools at a time when 'cost of living pressures' remain a constant in our news. THANK YOU for your particular part in this. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## Bulletin/Parish News access

Do you receive our Bulletin via email? If you requested to receive the Bulletin via email and are having trouble receiving it, please check your filters on your email account. Our Bulletin is emailed in group emails. using the BCC feature, which enables our office to send to multiple recipients without revealing email addresses. Sometimes your setting may prevent you from receiving these emails.



## Wodonga 20 & 21 September

**Sacred Heart Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Sacred Heart Sacristy:** Dot Larkin & Carmel Gannon

### Lectors/Altar Servers

**5:00pm**

**Altar Server:** Volunteer  
**Lector 1:** Christine Dinh  
**Lector 2:** Diana McKinley

**8:30am**

**Altar Server:** Volunteer  
**Lector 1:** Michael Iverson  
**Lector 2:** Marg Pallot

**10:30am**

**Altar Server:** Volunteer  
**Lector 1:** Josh Jaculbia  
**Lector 2:** Christy Fraser

### Eucharistic Ministers

**5:00pm:** Meryl, Amilia & Juliana

**8:30am:** Anne T, Anne K & John B

**10:30am:** Helen, Diane & Jenny

### Counters

**This Week: TEAM 10:** John Dunstan, Mavis Hyndman, Gloria Humpage

**Next Week: TEAM 1:** Mick Bone, John Foley, Maureen & Greg Baker

### Mt Beauty -5th October

**Lector:** Roseanna

**Back Up:** Gail

**Commentator:** Bruce

**PowerPoint:** Stuart

### Dederang - 5th October

**First / Second Reading:** Alanna

**Welcome/Psalm/PoF:** Sharon

**PowerPoint:** Harrison

## John 3:13-17

No one has gone up to heaven  
except the one who came down from heaven,  
the Son of Man who is in heaven;  
and the Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

### Readings this week

Number 21:4-9

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

### Reading next week:

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

### Entrance Antiphon:

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

### Responsorial Psalm:

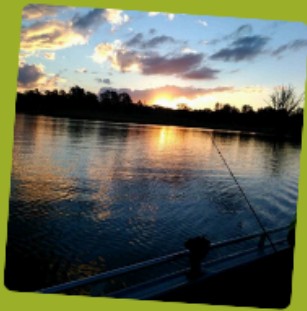
Do not forget the works of the Lord!

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



Parishes of Corryong ~ Tallangatta ~ Wodonga  
Celebrating the Season of Creation. Sep 1- Oct 4

### Season of Creation Prayer

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.



### Discover Palms Volunteering

Develop community self-reliance and  
create lasting change!

Discover Palms International Volunteering online in this  
special session where you'll chat with past Palms  
volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a  
lasting impact in communities. Explore our unique  
opportunities and match your life experience to the  
experience of a lifetime!

**Venue:** Online- Scan the QR or register at  
[palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Thursday 30 October 2025

**Time:** 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)



02 9560 5333  
[palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

### Liturgical Jottings Liturgy and Justice II

Liturgy and justice are inter-connected  
aspects of faith, with the former being  
the public worship of God and the latter  
being the pursuit of fairness and  
righteousness in human relationships.  
Many believe that a truly reverent  
liturgy should inspire and be informed  
by a commitment to social justice, while  
also recognizing that justice-oriented  
actions should be rooted in a deep  
understanding of God's call to love and  
mercy.

Since Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum  
Novarum* and Pope John XXIII's *Pacem  
in Terris* the Church has brought social  
justice and faith together. The liturgical  
movement at the same time has  
recognised that prayer and the liturgy  
are at the foundation of the Catholic  
social mission. The Word of God  
celebrated, reflected upon and prayed  
about inspire Catholics to walk in the  
footsteps of Jesus.

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



## The Australia Catholic Church marks Safeguarding Sunday at the end of Child Protection week on September 14<sup>th</sup>

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

You can access other information on the Church's response to child sexual abuse [on this page of the Bishops Conference website](#) . It includes information about reporting allegations, and the various national organisations with responsibility for safeguarding and child protection.

The NCSS [the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards](#) outline the policies and activities that will prevent, respond to, and support reporting of concerns regarding abuse.

The Standards work together to ensure that every entity, ministry and organisation across the Catholic Church places the safety of children and adults at risk at the core of how they plan, think and act.

The 10 National Catholic Safeguarding Standards incorporate recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and also the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, contextualising these requirements for the Catholic Church in Australia. These Standards have been adopted by the Catholic Church in Australia.

The first phase in developing the Standards focused on safeguarding practices to protect children. The second phase incorporates care and protection of adults, with a focus on adults at risk, in keeping with the recommendations of the Royal Commission

### The 10 National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

#### Standard One



Committed leadership,  
governance and culture

#### Standard Two



Children and adults are safe,  
informed and participate

#### Standard Three



Partnering with families,  
carers and communities

#### Standard Four



Equity is promoted and  
diversity is respected

#### Standard Five



Robust human resource  
management

#### Standard Six



Effective complaints  
management

#### Standard Seven



Ongoing education and  
training

#### Standard Eight



Safe physical and online  
environments

Physical and online

#### Standard Nine



Continuous improvement

#### Standard Ten



Policies and procedures  
support the safety of  
children and adults

## Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

You guard us, Lord God, beneath the shelter of your wings till the storms of destruction pass by  
~ (Psalm 57:1).

The storms of abuse have struck and have not yet passed by.

We see the damage done and we seek shelter in you.

Beneath your wings we gather the survivors and their loved ones, all the victims, living and dead.

We gather those who work to bring healing and to make the Church a safe place for all.

We gather all the faithful, the Body of Christ, bearing the wounds of the Cross.

May the Church grow more like you, wings spread wide to provide shelter  
for all, till the storms of destruction pass by and peace without end has come.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

## A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

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](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au).  
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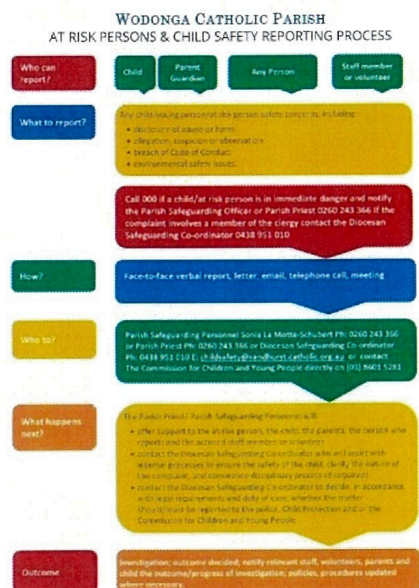
### IMPORTANT Attention Wodonga Parishioners:

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](mailto: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.*





# Office Space For Rent

## Looking to grow your business?

Are you in search of a professional environment to grow your business?

Wodonga Catholic Parish has an office space for rent; ideally located and equipped with various additional amenities including reverse cycle air conditioning, a shared restroom, kitchen and a stylish meeting room.

For further details about this space and its features please contact the Parish Centre PH: 02 6024 3366 OR E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au)

Shared  
Kitchen

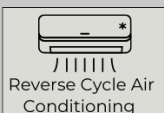
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Shared  
Restroom

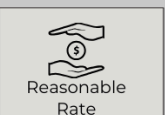
Stylish  
Meeting  
Room



Secure Premises



Reverse Cycle Air  
Conditioning



Reasonable  
Rate



Shared Meeting  
Room



Shared  
Restroom



Shared  
Kitchen

**Need to know More?  
Contact us.**

 **6024 3366**



**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**

**EACH FORT NIGHT** **CCR Prayer Group**  
**Wednesday's**

**4th FRI** **WCP**  
**Finance Team**

**TBA** **WCP**  
**Parish EarthCare Team**

**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**

**1st WED** **WCP**  
**Parish Safeguarding Team**



# FUTURE DATES



**FYI:**  
**Saturday 20 September, 5.00pm.**  
**Youth led Mass**  
**All welcome.**

## SEPTEMBER



Tuesday 16 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation  
 Thursday 18 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation  
 Saturday 20 - Youth Led Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga  
 Monday 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael~Feast

**FYI:**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the 111th**  
**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES**  
**with the theme: Migrants, missionaries of hope.**  
**Watch this space for Pope Leo's Message**



## OCTOBER



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  
 Sunday 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Solemnity  
 Sunday 30 - First Sunday of Advent : Year A begins.