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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: 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 IST SUNDAY @ 10.30 AM MASS

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

TALLANGATTA:STMICHAEL'SCHURCH

2ND & 4TH SUNDAY - @ 11:00 AM MASS CORRYONG: SACRED HEART CHURCH

2ND&4THSUNDAY@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

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

WODONGA

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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

WEEKDAY MASS:

WODONGA

STAUGUSTINE'S CHURCH MONDAY @ 9:15 AM MASS

SACRED HEART CHURCH

TUESDAYTO FRIDAY @ 9:15 AM MASS

RECONCILIATION:

WODONGA

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



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

19 -October-2025 Mission Sunday-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Yr C

Pope's World Mission Sunday Message 2025

In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope. Indeed, "The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts"

~ (Gaudium et Spes 1). Given by Pope Francis, 25 February 2025

Looking at the Readings

The painting Rephidim by John Dubrow depicts the scene in the first reading about Moses whose arms were supported by Aaron and Hur while he prayed to God for victory against Amalek. Dubrow notes: "The battle confronts us with difficult questions that defy easy answers." The Amalekites were cut down. Does God condone such hostility? What is the message of this reading? One noted writer, Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI, explained it this way: "When we read passages in the Old Testament of much slaughter, we need to read the fine print at the foot of the page: 'no person was harmed in the production of this story'." While often the stories are embellished, and numbers exaggerated to convey God's power and protection, we do wonder what really happened. This passage, like many others, have quite a different angle on the events – or rather about the relationship between God and the people. God is the protector of his people; he answers their pleas. While the people may forget his promises and fail to trust, God does not forget his people, his ways are not our ways. The responsorial psalm sums up this relationship well. Today's Gospel adds another light on the necessity for perseverance in prayer.

Prayer for World Mission Day

God of all people, fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit, that we will act justly in our relationships with each other and for our brothers and sisters all over the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Planned Giving:

Envelopes are available for collection in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga. Credit card, direct debit and Bank transfer statements have been sent via email. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Centre. Tel: 6024 3366.

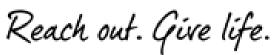
Wodonga Catholic Parish has a commitment to the protection of children and at risk adults and has a zero tolerance to abuse.

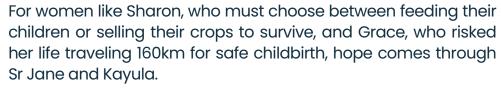
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As we prepare to celebrate World Mission Sunday this Sunday, 19 October, we're pleased to share something truly special. Pope Leo has released a short video message inviting the global Church to stand in solidarity with communities in need, especially women and children in rural Zambia - the focus of this year's appeal. View online: YouTube Together, let's echo the Holy Father's call and bring hope where it's needed most.



As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, we take a moment to reflect on the deep faith and quiet courage of mothers in Zambia who walk for days in labour to give birth in makeshift shelters, and children walking more than 10 kilometres simply to access the gift of education.







Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve. This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at **catholicmission.org.au/mission**, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



catholicmission.org.au/mission



Join Us for an Online Webinar this World Mission Month

To celebrate World Mission Month, you are warmly invited to join us online for a special webinar, World Mission Month in Focus: Our work in Zambia in action with special guest Bishop Edwin Mulandu, coming all the way from Zambia, on Friday 24 October at 11:30 am (Syd/Melb).

Together, we will hear Bishop Edwin share inspiring stories about the missionary church in the Diocese of Mpika in Zambia and discover how Catholic Mission supporters are making a real difference through projects. This 55-minute gathering will also feature reflections from Catholic Mission staff about our wider mission and programs.

Come and be part of this moment of connection and hope. Hit the link TO REGISTER Or go to catholicmission.org.au

Recent Deaths

Maxwell James John Walsh

Anniversaries:

Anton Juric, Bernadette Hodda, John Jones, Bernadette McLinden, Christine Shiel, Ana Boros, Dianne Bain, Geoff Agnew.

Those Who are Unwell: Gwyn McCall, Ana Palhares, Janet Griffiths, David Evans, Anne Magginity, John Hodson, Gwen Rowe, 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.



WCP Memorial Prayer Service Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month.

A special Ecumenical Prayer Service dedicated to pregnancy and infant loss will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

7:00pm, Tuesday October 28th

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND-OUR DOORS ARE OPEN



Youth Led Mass



Please Join us THIS Saturday October 18th @ Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga for our Youth Led Mass @ 5pm All Welcome



RED NOVEMBER-REMEMBER*PRAY*SUPPORT

Wodonga Catholic Parish will hold as special Prayer service in support of Red November-Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga Watch this space for more info



Religious freedom is disregarded as a basic human right, leading to persecution, suffering, displacement and poverty. Christians face arbitrary arrest, violence, a full range of human rights violations, and even murder.



Persecution is a result of various factors, including government oppression, authoritarian regimes, cultural hostility, or religiously-motivated extremist attacks. In places where a majority religion dominates, Christians may be seen as outsiders and targeted for abuse.

RCIA:

Rite of Christian Initiation

November 23rd **RCIA** candidates will celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. As a community, have we essential role in supporting both the candidates and the RCIA team through prayer. We warmly invite you to pray for our RCIA team and the six candidates.

Commemoration of all the Faithfully Departed

Sunday the November, Wodonga Catholic Parish will have a mass to commemorate the faithfully departed at **5pm** Wodonga Cemetery,

190 Sangsters Rd, Wodonga.

Please bring a chair for your comfort.

Watch this space for further information.

Vietnamese

Community Mass

Our Vietnamese Community celebrates Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga the second Sunday of every month at 5 PM. Everyone is invited to join us for a lively and spiritually enriching experience that reflects the diverse cultural of our parish. This is an opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and immerse yourself in the unique traditions of the Vietnamese liturgy.





Wodonga 25 - 26 October

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Volunteers Sacred Heart Sacristy: Volunteersl

Lectors/Altar Servers

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

Altar Server: Volunteer **Altar Server:** Volunteer Volunteer Altar Server:

Abbie Sacco **Lector 1:** Lector 1: Des Lonergan Lector 1: Estrella Wiltshsire

SMatt Ley Lector 2: Maureen Lonergan Lector 2: Lector 2: John Hase

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm: Michael, Joy & Pam 10:30am: Diane, Gerard & Jenny 8:30am: Nine, John B & Mark

Counters

This Week: TEAM 5: Margo Keat, Marion & Gerry Fitzpatrick

Next Week: TEAM 6: Marg Whitehead & John Barrat

Mt Beauty - 2nd November

Peter

<u>Dederang - 2nd November</u> First / Second Reading: Alanna Lector:

Back Up: Fran Alanna/Mia Welcome/Psalm/PoF:

Commentator: Peter PowerPoint: Diane PowerPoint: Gail

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.

'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying,

"I want justice from you against my enemy!"

For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself

"Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights,

or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said.

'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them?

I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily.

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Readings this week | Entrance Antiphon:

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your

ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of

your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Reading next week:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

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Liturgical Jottings Mass For Various Intentions

Last week we looked at Masses and prayers for various needs and occasions, section 2 for Civil or Public Needs in the Roman Missal "These provide Mass formularies that may be used in the various times of Christian life." GIRM 368. Section 3 is titled: "For Various Intentions or for personal needs. The Masses include intentions for: Forgiveness of Sins, Chastity, Charity, Relatives and Friends, Our Oppressors, Those Held in Captivity, Those in Prison, the Sick, the Dying, the Grace of a Happy Death, In Any Need, Giving Thanks to God, The Roman Missal in USA adds: Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. The Ambrosian Missal (in Italy) adds: for Concord and one for the Family. Since the missals had been printed new Masses and prayers have been approved: In Time of Pandemic (2021) and Mass of Care for Creation (2025).

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The Lighter Side

A carpenter, a gardener and an electrician argue whose trade is the oldest.



The carpenter says: //"when Noah built his ark before the flood, he made it out of wood, so carpentry is the oldest."

The gardener says: "well, when Adam and Eve were in the garden, someone had to plant the trees and flowers there, so gardening is the oldest."



Office Space for Rent:

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 Ph: 0260243366 or E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT





Need to know More? Contact us.



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Shared Kitchen

Secure Premises

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Shared Meeting

Reverse Cycle Air Con

The electrician smirks and says: "fellas, when God said 'let there be light,' we already had the cables laid down."



Safeguarding

A Shared Responsibility

Safeguarding in Our Parish

Do you have any questions or concerns about our safeguarding protocols and procedures within the Parish?

Did you know that you can reach out to our safeguarding personnel?
You can contact us via

email at <u>wcpsafeguarding@gmail.com</u> or by phone at 0260243366.



Towards Healing Towards Healing helpline Free Call Ph: 1800 816 030.

© Lifeli∩e Lifeline is non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour Crisis Support Ph: 13 11 14.

If you have any concerns, please phone 60243366 or E: **wcpsafeguarding@gmail.com**Or refer to the Reporting Process Poster displayed

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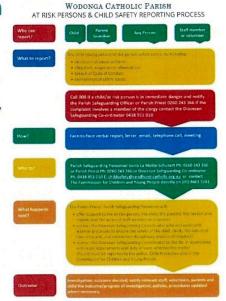
AFTER HOURS ACCESS TO THE WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE:

When Accessing the Parish
Centre 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.

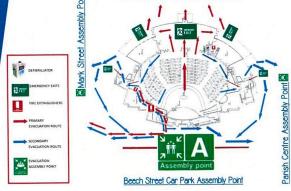
If you have any questions or concerns about safety within our Parish, feel free to speak with Sonni or refer to the Reporting Process Poster displayed in our Churches.



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.





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Did you know you can request our Bulletin via email?

You can also view the latest and previous Bulletins on FaceBook or our website. Please go to our FaceBook page WCP FB Page or our website. www.wodongacatholicparish.com.au



Sacred Heart Gift Shop Wodonga - What's New



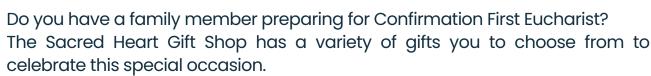
God's Word Daily Reflections 2026 Only \$15 Available Now.

An Australian Publication that is produced by the Pauline Priests with different meditations each month.

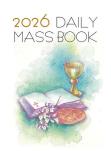
'With the Word of God in our hands and heart, we can find so much of what God has given us and continues to give. the more we ponder the Word, the more we discover how richly blessed we are'....

An extract from Bishop Ken Howells message in this beautifully presented publication.

Sacramental Gifts.







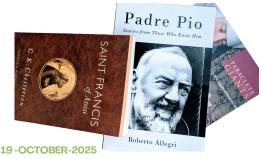
2026 Daily Mass Book

The 2026 Daily Mass books are now available in the Sacred Heart Gift Shop @ \$35.00 each.

Gifts for Many Occasions.

The Sacred Heart Gift Shop has a variety of gifts; including miraculous medals, Rosary Beads, Saints Cards, Books and much more!





The Gift Shop Hours

The Gift Shop is open after each weekend Mass or you may arrange a time to view the various products available with our friendly staff in the Parish Centre, by calling 0260243366



3rd Sat



2nd SUN WCP - SHC Vietnamese Community Mass ALL WELCOMED



WCP - SHC Syro-Malabar Rite Mass



CCR Prayer Group Wednesday's

4th FRI

WCP Finance Team



WCP Parish EarthCare Team

Ist WEEK END

WCP - SHC Welcoming Cuppa







WCP Baptism Preparation



TUE

TALLANGATTA
Bolga Court Aged Care
Anionting & Comunion



WCP Parish Pastoral Council



WCP Parish Safeguarding Team





OCTOBER 1

Tuesday 21 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Thursday 23 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Tuesday 28- Ecumenical Service: Pregnancy & Infant Loss

Tuesday 28 - Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles~Feast

Tuesday 28 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation

Thursday 30 - Confirmation/Eucharist Preparation



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

Tuesday 18th - RED NOVEMBER PRAYER SERVICE

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

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Sunday 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

Wednesday 03 - Saint Francis Xavier-Feast

Thursday 04 - Saint John Damascene

Saturday 06 - Saint Nicholas

Monday 08 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 09 - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Wednesday 10 - Our Lady of Loreto

Thursday 11 - Saint Damasus I

Friday 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday 13th - St Lucy-Feast

Sunday 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 23 - Saint John of Kanty - Commemoration

Thursday 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD-Holy Day

Friday 26 - Saint Stephen The first Martyr-Feast

Saturday 27 - Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist-Feast

Sunday 28 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH-Feast

Monday 29- Saint Thomas Becket - Commemoration

Wednesday 31 - Saint Sylvester 1, Pope