

WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE: 283 BEECHWORTHROAD

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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: 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 IST SUNDAY @ 10.30 AM MASS

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

TALLANGATTA:STMICHAEL'SCHURCH

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

WODONGA

SACRED HEART CHURCH

SYRO-MALABAR MASS 6:30PM

2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS: MASS

WEEKDAY MASS:

WODONGA

ST AUGUSTINE'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; elders past and present whose spirits dwell in this land.

May the spirit of this ancient land be always with us

16 November-2025 The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Yr C

Looking at the Readings

Today we read from the Book of Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament and for the second time this year, the other being the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Sunday 2 February. These two days are the only times the book is read on Sundays. The Prophet Malachi is also the last prophet before John the Baptist of the New Testament. Malachi bridges the two Testaments and predicts the return of the prophet Elijah to announce the coming of the Lord (3:23-24, first reading 23 December). The reading is timely and somewhat ambiguous. The Prophets of old saw the coming of God as both a day of wrath, of judgment and of darkness, but also a day of peace, light and completion. Rather than a warning the prophet Malachi's words serve as encouragement and healing. Similarly in the apocalyptic passage in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus speaks of the coming of God in mystery and with dangers and betrayals but also of opportunity, wisdom and endurance that he gives to his followers together with the reward of everlasting life. We seem to be in the mix, whether in confusion or enlightenment because of the circumstances of the world in which we live and the events and relationships that shape our personal lives. The final words of the responsory psalm bring us comfort and hope: "For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness." Ps 97:9

Prayer for the Week

Lord God, as Christ assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope. Amen. (Advent Preface 1)

Quote from Dilexi Te of Pope Leo XIV

By its very nature, Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles and knows no limits. It makes what was apparently impossible happen. Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today. (4 Oct 2025, n.120).

Our Parish is dedicated to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, maintaining a strict zero-tolerance policy towards abuse.

Recent Deaths:

John Mahony

Anniversaries:

Jennifer McDermott, Wendy Dance, Mick Credlin, Michael Emmett, Beth Crothers, Gerard Schlitz.

Those Who are Unwell:

Gerri Boldrini, 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.



Mt Beauty-St Joseph's

This Sunday we welcome seven young individuals who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation & First Eucharist at a Special Mass on Sunday November 30th @8:30am.

Our young people are

Kobi Iaria, Evie Elkington, Jake Elkington, Brooklyn Iaria, Mason Iaria, Stella Stephani & Rosie Stephani.

Today let us support and pray for each of them and their families.





Sacramental Celebrations

Following six weeks of preparation and presenting at Parish Masses our School Aged Sacramental Candidates are now ready to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist over the next few weekends in our Parishes.

What an exciting time for them in their ongoing faith journey.

Our congratulations to them all

We thank you all for your continued prayerful support of these children, their families and sponsors.



Mass of Anointing

The Mass of Anointing sponsored by Knights of the Southern Cross, will take place on **Thursday 4 Dec** @ 1.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga. Afternoon Tea to follow. All welcome.

For further information Contact:

Des Lonergan 0408 575 825

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. Ph: 6024 3366.

Sacramental Gifts.

Do you have a family member preparing for Confirmation & First Eucharist? The Sacred Heart Gift Shop has a variety of gifts you to choose from to celebrate this special occasion.

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.

Alanna/Dillon



Wodonga 22nd & 23rd November

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: Volunteers Sacred Heart Sacristy: Volunteers

Lectors/Altar Servers

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

Altar Server: **Altar Server:** Volunteer **Altar Server:** Volunteer Volunteer Lector 1: Lector 1: Joe Maccioni **David Gill** Lector 1: Luci Saric Lector 2: Lector 2: Joe Jaculbia Michael McLinden Lector 2: Barry Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers

8:30am: Nina, Dave & Pat 5:00pm: Meryl, Amilia & Juliana 10:30am: Jacinta, Bronwyn & Helen

Counters

This Week: TEAM 9: Gerard Peeters & Thomas Zerafa

Next Week: TEAM 10: John Dunstan, Mavis Hyndman, Gloria Humpage

Mt Beauty -30th November <u>Dederang - 7th December</u>

First / Second Reading: Judy Lector: **Bruce**

Back Up: Tyla

Commentator: Peter

Diane **PowerPoint:** Gail PowerPoint:

LUKE 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now; the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.'

And they put to him this question:

'Master,' they said 'when will this happen then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand."

Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind:

you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death.

You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Readings this week Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you,

Welcome/Psalm/PoF:

and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Reading next week: Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your 2 Samuel 5:1-3

redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

Malachi 3:19-20

Luke 21:5-19

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

RED NOVEMBER * REMEMBER * PRAY * SUPPORT *

This month, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is inviting all Catholics in Australia to take part in Red November, a global movement to remember, pray for, and support persecuted Christians.

You are warmly invited to join Fr. Andrew and fellow parishioners for a special prayer service in support of Red November.

Location: Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Date: Tuesday, November 18th

Time: 8:00 PM



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.

Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now.

Liturgical Jottings - Liturgy and Imagination II

Such Liturgical Imagination requires all human resources, its faculties, its whole history, its whole life and heritage. All of these are brought to bear upon the concrete world inside and outside of oneself. It forms images of the world, and so find it, cope with it, shape it, even make it. Within the liturgical act imagination becomes a power of the human mind and spirit to reconstruct reality: to liberate from bondage, to transform one's image of oneself, and to reshape the way the world sees itself. Within the liturgical act imagination brings new life to the human spirit, and in so doing, can change persons, relationships, and indeed the course of human history itself. Fink, Peter, the New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship, The Liturgical Press 2000

Imaginative creativity is never an end in itself, but at the service of a higher reality. Pope Francis 19/6/22.

Parish News & Beyond.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) More than 6000 people from across Australia will attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne later this month, and 100 of them will be from Sandhurst

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival s a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago.

Run over three days, the Festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from **30 November – 2 December** 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne

International Day of People with Disability

The International Day of People with Disability will be celebrated on December 3, 2025.

United Nations Official Theme for 2025:

The United Nations Official Theme has been announced for 2025: "Fostering disability-inclusive societies for advancing social progress". The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity, rights and wellbeing of persons with disabilities. It also emphasises the need for inclusive practices in all aspects of life.

Sandpiper:

Please hit the link to view what is happening in our Diocese

https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/news-aevents3/sandpiper-e-news

Do you have local news or an event you'd like featured in the diocesan newspaper?
Reach out to the Sandpiper editor, Katrina,
Phone: 0419 015 696 or contact her via email Katrina.strong@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

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.





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 wcpsafeguarding@gmail.com or by phone at 0260243366.

Our Parish is dedicated to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, maintaining a strict zero-tolerance policy towards abuse.



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



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

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

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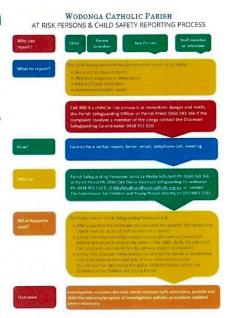
AFTER HOURS ACCESS TO THE WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE:

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.



Beechworth Rd Assembly Point



Catholic Parishes Wodonga* Tallangatta* Corryong Christmas Mass Times

Community Celebration of Reconciliation

WODONGA: SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH - THURSDAY DEC 11TH - 7:00PM

Reconciliation

WODONGA: SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH - SATURDAY DEC 20TH - 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS Eve Mass Times

WODONGA: SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH -6:00 PM - FAMILY NATIVITY

WODONGA: SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH -8:30 PM

TANGAMBALANGA: OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH - 6:00 PM

WODONGA: SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH -5:00 PM SYRO MALABAR COMMUNITY

TALLANGATTA: ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH -6:00 PM

CORRYONG: SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH -6:00 PM

WODONGA: SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH MIDNIGHT MASS - 12:00 AM

CHristmas Day Mass Times

WODONGA: SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH - 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

MT BEAUTY: SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - 8:30 AM

MITTA MITTA: SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH -8:30 AM

WALWA: CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH - 9:00 AM

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SANDY CREEK: SAINT MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH -11:00 AM

16 November-2025 The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Yr C









WCP - SHC Vietnamese Community Mass ALL WELCOMED



WCP - SHC Syro-Malabar Rite Mass



CCR Prayer Group Wednesday's



WCP Finance Team



WCP Parish EarthCare Team



WCP - SHC Welcoming Cuppa





WCP - SHC St Vinnie's Collection



1st TUE

WCP Baptism Preparation



TALLANGATTA
Bolga Court Aged Care
Anionting & Comunion



WCP Parish Pastoral Council



WCP
Parish Safeguarding
Team





NOVEMBER ***

Saturday 15 - Confirmation/Eucharist Celebration

Sunday 16 - Confirmation/Eucharist Celebration

Tuesday 18th - RED NOVEMBER PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday 22nd BBQ after Youth Mass for Sacramental Families Sunday 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Solemnity- RCIA Present Candidates

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



SACRAMENTAL CANDIDATES & FAMILIES JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE.

outh Led Mass@5pn November 22nd Celebrating our Sacramental Candidates &

DECEMBER

Wednesday 03 - Saint Francis Xavier-Feast

Wednesday 03 - The International Day of People with Disability

Thursday 04 - Saint John Damascene

Saturday 06 - Saint Nicholas

Sunday 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

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 I, Pope