

PARISH TALK

Christmas
2017

Georgie Dickens
Year 4

Our Parish Vision Statement



We are a diverse and talented community drawing inspiration from the Jesus found in the Scripture and in the living tradition of his people, the Church.

In valuing, celebrating and promoting life, we support each other as we joyfully proclaim 'Jesus to the World'.

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2nd, 4th Sunday	10.30am
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ST FRANCIS' BETHANGA

2nd Sunday	12.00 noon
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ST JOSEPH'S DEDERANG

1st, 3rd Sunday	10.30am
5th Sunday	10.30am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion	

ST JOSEPH'S MT BEAUTY

1st to 4th Sunday	8.30am
5th Sunday	8.30am
Liturgy of the Word and Communion	

RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart Wodonga	
Saturday	9.00am - 9.30am
Country Churches	before Masses

FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone,

As the incoming editor of Parish Talk, I have big shoes to fill. Sam Ebert has filled this role admirably for the past five years, leaving a colourful layout that is pleasing to the eye and informative. His efforts are very much appreciated.

This Christmas edition has a good mix of regular contributions from our schools along with some interesting profiles of parishioners, including one who has a knack for cooking the books!. The impending departure of Father Dennis is obviously a big change for our parish, but one we should embrace. A friend of mine once remarked to me that the past is history, the future is a mystery, and now is a gift. That's why we call it 'present'. We can control the here and now more than the future.

As mentioned in the Spring edition of Parish Talk, the GodStart program would appreciate additional help. Contact the Parish Centre if you are interested.

Take care and have a safe and festive Christmas.

Greg Walsh

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From the Pastor's desk

Dear Parishioners



This will be my last contribution to our Parish Talk as Parish Priest and so it is fitting that I begin by expressing gratitude to the many people who, over the years, have contributed to Parish Talk and made it such an important contribution to parish life. Whilst I am looking forward to next year, when I will spend my time living quietly at Mitta, I do feel sadness at saying goodbye to you all and in leaving such a vibrant and happy parish. My time here has been a blessing for me. I have made many new friends and been re-acquainted with old ones. Whilst there is always the regret of not having visited all our families, the reality is that this is not possible. I trust, however, that I have been a positive influence on the parish and that my priestly ministry has supported you all, especially in times of difficulty. If I have offended or hurt anyone, it was certainly not intentional and I am sorry if this has happened.

It is especially pleasing to see Catholic Education Wodonga in such a positive and strong position. We have wonderful principals and leadership teams in all of our schools and with the support of CEW Council I have no doubt our schools will continue to provide quality education to our young and the employment of very good teachers. We have acquired excellent land for future development in whatever way this unfolds in the future. I take this opportunity to publicly thank our Principals and CEW Board members for their support and friendship.

I have worked with some wonderful and dedicated priests here and I thank each of them for their support and friendship. The office staff and all who frequent the Parish Centre have provided a wonderful place of hospitality, friendship and laughter. I am indebted to them all, to our finance team, to Sister Eileen for her ministry in the Kiewa Valley and to all who help with gardening, maintenance and ensure that our parish is a happy and active one. I will certainly miss all the activity and fun associated with good people serving the parish community.

I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to take time out of active ministry and to pursue my dream of living quietly surrounded by the beauty of God's creation on the Mitta Mitta river. Recently, a friend introduced me to a poem "Flow on Sweet Mitta" by Mrs D Prendergast. I share it with you as it captures so much of the beauty and peacefulness of where I shall live.

*Flow on sweet Mitta so close to my door,
Caressing the willows that grow by your shore.
Reflecting the shadows and dancing with rain,
Those golden leaves passing will ne'er pass again.*

*You come from the mountains of ice, wind and snow,
And cascade down the valleys, to green fields below.
It's there that you linger, it's there that you stay.
Sporting with fishes, by night and by day.*

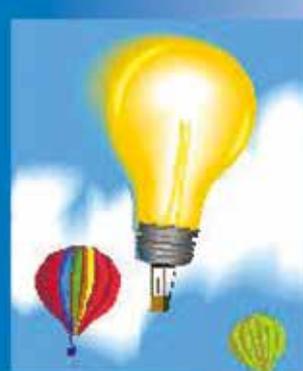
*Oft when I'm weary, as evening draws nigh,
I sit by my window to watch you flow by.
You haunt and you charm me like the sweet scented air,
That drifts o'er the mountains, and dwells with me there.*

*You're a soul searching river, so deep and so calm,
When storm waters gather, you do me no harm.
Do you flow on forever, or like man must die,
When my soul is resting, I know you'll pass by.*

I extend God's Blessing to you all and assure you of my prayers. The Catholic Parish of Wodonga and the outlying communities will always hold a special place in my heart. It has been my privilege to serve as Parish Priest in this lovely North East parish. If you visit the Mitta Valley you are most welcome to drop in for a cuppa. With love and gratitude,

Father Dennis Cramer, P.P

GodStart is a good start



GodStart Team: Dianne Gibbs-Jones

Hello Everyone.

With spring in full swing, the season of renewal is upon us. The GodStart program is currently undergoing its own renewal, with the method of reaching out to the newly baptised children of our Parish needing to change. As reported in the previous edition of Parish Talk, the GodStart team was struggling to continue delivering birthday and activity cards due to our numbers decreasing and no replacements being found. We have decided to replace visiting the children in their homes with mailing the cards. This will continue for a trial period, until the end of next year, so that accurate costs can be gauged. Hopefully this model of delivery can be sustainable, rather than ceasing this highly valuable program.

The GodStart team will still co-host a Welcoming Sunday morning tea with the Children's Liturgy team next year. We will

consider the viability of hosting a GodStart Mass after cancelling the event this year. We will keep actively looking for new team members and will resume personal deliveries if enough assistance can be found. If you are interested in joining us, please contact us via the Parish Centre at any time.

Thank you to all of our GodStart team for their continuing contributions to this wonderful ministry, especially those involved in the preparation and mailing of the cards.

Until next time,
GodStart is a good start.

Dianne Gibbs-Jones

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Between 9:30am - 10:30am or 3:00 – 4:00pm Sunday 4th March 2018

or

Monday 5th March 2018 between 4:00pm - 6:00pm
and Thursday 8th March 2018 between 5:00pm - 6:00pm

PROGRAM LAUNCH

For Parents/Guardians
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Saturday 17th March 2018 or Saturday 24th March 2018 – to be confirmed
commencing at 2:30pm

WELCOME MASS

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga - Weekend Masses
6:00pm Mass - Saturday 21st April 2018 or
either 8:30am or 10:30am Mass - Sunday 22nd April 2017

CONTINUING YOUR FAITH JOURNEY - CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST INFORMATION SESSION

Candidates and Parents - Guest Speaker: Chris Cotter
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Tuesday 17th April 2017 or Tuesday 24th April 2017 - to be confirmed
Commencing at 7:00pm

WEEKLY GROUP MEETINGS

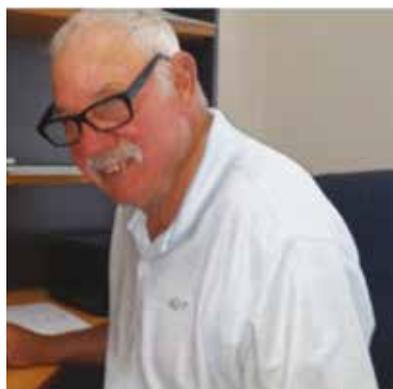
Commencing from week starting
Monday 30th April 2018
This consists of 6 x weekly meetings with time & venue
to be set by individual group leaders.

People in our Parish



Men at Work

Our parish financial men, Terry Smith and John Walpole are found at the Parish Centre several days of almost every week in the year. Thanks to Fr Dennis and the work of John Schubert they now have a functional office in which to manage our parish finances.



John spent fifty years in the army, seven of which were honorary service. Originally from South Australia, he began his army life as a chef. He retired as the Colonel Commandant of the Australian Army Catering Corps. He is married to

Elizabeth. They have one daughter Rebecca and a precious granddaughter Stephanie. John is a Director of the SS& A Club. He was awarded his OAM for meritorious service, technical mastery and innovation to the Australian Army in the field of Catering.

Sometime during his illustrious army career he graduated from Charles Sturt University with a Bachelor of Business (Accounting). This combination with his chef training qualified him to cook the books!! After army, life John found his need to be busy was fulfilled by assisting in running the financials of the parish. When not in the Parish Office or home with his lovely wife, he may be found on the golf course where his handicap wavers between 23 and 30.



Terry Smith is another amazing Parishioner. He was born in Deniliquin where he began his education at the local Catholic school. After many moves to various places around NSW, he completed his secondary education at St Stanislaus Bathurst. Joan and Terry met and married in June. They have four children, Anthony, Catherine, Natasha and Joanne; and nine grandchildren, Benjamin, Alexandra, Olivia, Sophie, Joseph, Aaron, Daniel, Julia and Gabriel.

Terry has had a chequered career which has been dogged with pressures. He began his working career as an apprentice motor mechanic, but once the children arrived they required a higher income than the lousy pay afforded to motor mechanics. Terry found work in the office of a new Ford dealership in Wangaratta. To improve his income he began a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) at RivCol (now CSU). A move to Administration with Wangaratta City Council temporarily interrupted his study while he undertook the Municipal Clerk's certificate by correspondence. Once completed he was promoted to Assistant Town Clerk at Wang.

A further promotion to Chiltern as Shire Secretary was welcomed. However, Jeff Kennett's scheme to amalgamate councils caused Terry to lose his job. Terry and his family moved to Wodonga and quickly became entrenched in Sacred Heart Parish. In his usual selfless manner, he offered his services to the parish and this offer was gratefully accepted.

Diana McKinley



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Meals on Wheels 2017

Over the last few years I have been extremely fortunate to accompany students from both St Francis of Assisi Primary School and St Monica's Primary School as they participate as volunteers for the community based **Meals on Wheels Program**, delivering meals to clients around Wodonga who are unable to shop for or prepare food for themselves and in great need of this service.

The Program is organised through Westmont Community Care with all meals prepared in the kitchen at the Wodonga Regional Health Service.

We visit between 8 and 13 clients on each run with the students delivering and setting the meal for the client and enjoying some conversation with each too.

At times the students are asked to open a container of soup or sweet, bring in the mail, pop a watered pot plant outside, help with getting a washing machine started or even find a pair of



stray reading glasses lost under a bed.

This year we have had the great pleasure of delivering a meal to Ingrid, great-grandmother of Chloe and Gemma at St Francis of Assisi and Murray, great-grandfather of Isla at St Monica's.

I am always so proud of the way the students interact so cheerfully with each client and willingly

deliver meals even in pouring rain or the heat of the day knowing that they can make such a difference with just a kind word or a smile. They are wonderful ambassadors for their schools.

It is lovely to receive such positive feedback from the students after they have been out volunteering and here are some of their thoughts about the **Meals on Wheels Program**:

Meals on Wheels is so much fun because you get to meet other people" - Eloise

"Experience was great, it was really fun. Say yes, you should do it. It is nice to help other people less fortunate. It's not too late to help other people"- Mia

"We went to a lot of houses, we had a lot of cold meals and hot meals" Archita



"We saw two dogs" (pets of clients) - Michael

"It was nice helping people!"

"We gave food to people who are sick or disabled" - Archita

"It was fun-I love seeing my Pa and helping him with his food" - Isla

Anne Tremethick - School Chaplain

St Francis of Assisi Primary School & St Monica's Primary School

People in our Parish



Kit (Catherine) Ley nee Kelly 100 Years of High Achievement

When relating a recent gospel (Matt 25: 14-30) about talents, it is readily acknowledged that Kit has added at least five talents to the five she was given at birth. At the Brigidine Primary School in Malvern she won a scholarship to Kildara, Malvern. In her final year at Kildara she was both School Captain and Sports Captain. Through her brother she met her future husband Dan Ley who boarded at the neighbouring De La Salle College. They married in 1942 and moved to Kiewa where Dan was a dairy farmer. Together they had four children Catherine, Bernadette (dec.), Damien and Matthew, who later gave them eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Kit held membership of the Country Women's Association for 68 years, which must be a record. Kit was a foundational member and the backbone of the Tangambalanga Catholic Women's League. Somewhere along the line she was an active member of the Red Cross.

Another talent Kit developed was her facility for languages. She learnt French at school, but had a great desire to learn German. She became so proficient that she was an interpreter. She followed up her love of languages by learning Japanese, Italian and Spanish. Only a shortage of time prevented her from learning Indonesian. She loved all types of crafts, in particular hand weaving and

spinning and art. She undertook numerous other art and craft courses which were offered locally.

Kit Ley was born in Ballarat in November, 1917 and baptised Catherine two days after her birth. She was one of six children. After leaving school she first worked in the Public Works Department then moved across to the Premier's Department to work for the Deputy Leader of the ALP when disastrous bushfires hit Victoria in 1939.



In 1973 it was possible for the first time to obtain an abortion at a public hospital. At this time Kit was invited by Fr Burtonclay, to attend a meeting at the Wodonga Bowling Club; this was to be the beginning of the Right to Life movement in Albury/Wodonga area. It became a large active group with over 200 members. The chairman was Rex Chamberlain; Kit was Secretary for 34 years.

Kit Ley is an inspirational lady from whom we could all learn how to use our God given talents to make the very best of ourselves, our church and community. Kit is courteous and interested in almost everything. She credits her longevity as a gift from the Lord but has no idea why her eyesight has been taken from her. Her high intelligence and ability to recall in great detail incidents from her life is quite incredible. I could have listened to her for many more hours.

Diana McKinley



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People in our Parish



Sunday Brunch

For over 12 years now, families with school age children in the parish have been meeting together once per month for a Sunday Brunch after 8.30 am Mass.

Moving around different homes, everyone contributes to the meal – Pancakes for the kids, followed by sausages, eggs, bruschetta, bacon.....



(yum), followed by birthday cake for all those who have celebrated their birthdays in the month previous to the brunch.



Beginning with a short prayer, and praying for anyone in need, along with the beautiful meal, the brunch provides a wonderful sense of community and support for families as they seek to raise their children within the Church and our Parish. There are up to 20 different families who attend at different times.



You are most welcome to attend any time. Please contact Tracy Horner on 0409134282 or tracyhorner1@bigpond.com for further details.

Tracey Horner



St Augustine's



St Monica's



St Francis



Catholic College Wodonga

YEAR 12 FINAL DAY



Our Year 12 cohort completed their final day in true Catholic College fashion. Wednesday 25 October was a wonderful celebration in the finest sense of the word with community cakes, long goodbyes and a performance highlighting their dance skills!

Students celebrated respectfully, passionately and thankfully, with less toilet paper, silly string and horns than previous years. I personally would like to thank them for the respect they showed throughout the day, and the modelling they displayed to all our students.

We wish the Year 12 students of 2017 the best of luck in whatever direction they take in life and know that the skills and knowledge that they have gained over their years with Catholic College will assist them in achieving all their goals and dreams well into the future. It has been an absolute pleasure having you as a part of our community.

Good luck!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2018

As we farewell our current Year 12 students, we also welcome and congratulate the students selected to lead us into 2018.

It is with great pleasure that I inform the parish community of our new student leaders for 2018. Congratulations Pippa Salmon and Mason Wise who will be our School Captains next school year.

Joining them are our community leaders (left to right):

- Da Vinci:** Rory Quinn
- Gandhi:** Zoe McLeish
- Chisholm:** Jay Tabra
- Malone:** Natalie Barnes
- Hollows:** Lily Allan
- MacKillop:** Emily Twycross

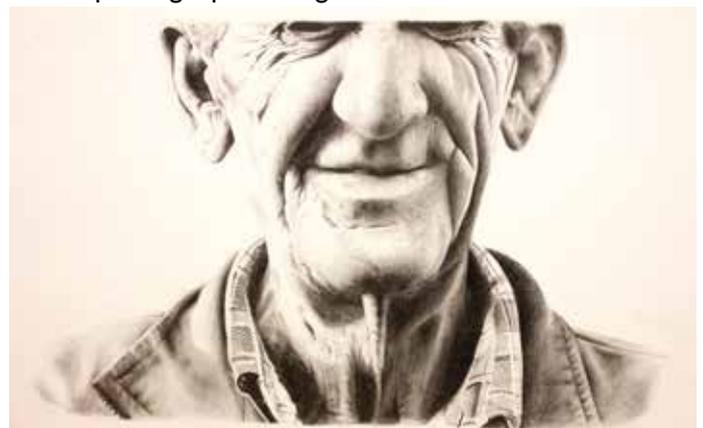


ART 7TEEN

In Week 2 we celebrated with the students the annual CCW Arts exhibition, ART 7teen. The Arts Centre was transformed into a high-quality exhibition space, showcasing the artworks of Year 7-12 students from throughout the year. We opened the ART 7teen Exhibition to the public on Tuesday 17 October and it was very well attended; it was fantastic to see many families and Wodonga community members there to view the artworks and be present for award nominations and prizes.



This year's Catholic College Community Acquisition award was won by Year 12 Studio Arts student Eden Young. Eden created an amazing graphite lead pencil portrait, where the tonal range and precision of the drawing led many viewers to assume the drawing was a photograph. Congratulations Eden.





Catholic College



St Francis



St Augustine's



St Monica's

St Monica's Middle Learning Centre has been busier than ever producing a variety of artworks this term. The children have loved challenging themselves to learn about different methods that artists use to produce their work. We have had some fantastic debates in class about what art actually is. The students have posed such questions as...

- * Is it art because the person that made it calls themselves an artist?
- * Is it art if I don't think it is art but other people do?
- * Is it art if it is in a gallery?
- * Does art need to be colourful?
- * Does art need to have a draft or a plan?
- * Does art need someone to like it?
- * Is it art if one person thinks it is art?



As you can see there has been a lot of deep thinking going on and some questions that even the greatest minds would find it difficult to answer. The great thing is that every time there is an answer to one of the question it just raises a number of new questions.



Students have been challenged this term to have a go at different art styles. Most kids by this age have had a go at drawing a comic but we have learned different ways to draw them and to plan the expression on their faces and other features.

We have also been able to combine it with some writing in literacy to draw caricatures of each other, an example of which can be seen in the photos. The students loved to turn themselves into Picasso artworks and had to go through a drafting process before deciding on their finished piece.



We have also looked at the art of Invader, a street artist who works with tiles. The kids enjoyed going retro to produce some '8-bit' displays that resemble more of a pixelated photo than something you might find in a gallery.



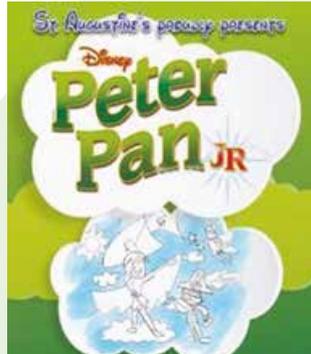
Finally, we are building up to the end of the term and our Middle Area Art Show. We will be inviting parents, friends and relatives to the school to see our beautiful works of art and having our own version of the Archibald Prize.

Compiled by Kane Mayhew

St Augustine's

St Augustine's students delivered an outstanding performance of Disney 'Peter Pan Jr' at the Albury entertainment centre. It was such a polished professional performance presented with such energy and enthusiasm.

Mrs Tracey Whitehead has worked so hard with the planning and coordinating this production and she was very well supported by a committed team of school staff, parent helpers who brought their special gifts and a dedicated lead cast.



At the time of writing this a team of volunteers are busy preparing for its Spring Fair. We have been lucky to have some amazing sponsors support this wonderful community event with the aim of making it a fun social family night out.

We couldn't have asked for better weather for another successful Men In School Camp where 50 dads and kids enjoyed a weekend at Lake Sambel Caravan Park Beechworth.

The kids enjoyed playing in the creek, cricket, bike rides and a fantastic water slide (made by some very clever dads)..

Joe Quinn
Principal

Renee Carkeek
Community Coordinator



STUDENT UNIFORM SHOP

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St Francis of Assisi

Walk to School Month

St Francis of Assisi Primary school has been actively involved in the October Walk to School month. Promotion of the event on our Facebook page and in the school newsletter has seen a great increase in the numbers of students walking and riding their bikes to school each day. Students have also been taking advantage of the school's Nature Trail, walking the 1.2km track each lunchtime.



Thanks to a generous grant from Wodonga Council, St Francis hosted a healthy breakfast on Wednesday 25th October. Teachers and support staff met students at the local Baranduda store to walk to school before joining together in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Cafe for a healthy breakfast of fruit and homemade muffins.

Miss Michelle Unsworth
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General News



National Evangelisation Team (NET)

Hi everyone! Question. Have you ever wondered what it's like to arrive in a strange town on an icy, rainy day... to be welcomed by strangers who receive you like family? This was my recent experience arriving in Albury!

My name's Lydia Hyland and I'm part of the National Evangelisation Teams Australia (NET for short). I'm one of nine young Catholics, all from different parts of Australia and the world, serving on the National team. (Although there are 7 teams, ours is the only travelling one.) Our mission is encouraging young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church. Each of us has experienced and continues to experience the love and power of Jesus in our lives, and want to share this with as many youth as we can!

We do this primarily by running retreats for schools from years 6 to 12, building relationships and engaging with students by sharing our personal stories and the message of Jesus in a variety of ways.

In mid-October, we were privileged to come to Albury/Wodonga. We were hosted in homes in Wodonga while spending time at Xavier Catholic College in Albury leading retreats ('Encounter Days') for the Year 9 and 10 students. (Thanks to

the generous staff of the college who made us feel so loved and at home during our brief stay!) For the Year 10's the theme was Leadership, and the following day with Year 9 was about Self Image. We discussed and shared with the students how Jesus' message relates to these topics, through hands on activities, dramas, talks and personal testimonies, plus lots of fun (and I'll admit rather crazy) games and skits mixed throughout. We also loved getting to know the students throughout these days, especially at lunch and recess times.

In one activity with year 9, the students sat in smaller groups and put together ideas, before several stood up to share their wisdom with the entire grade. Shortly after, one team member, Darcy, shared how self-image and the question of 'Who am I?' has impacted him, and challenged the students to be their true self, how God created them to be.

The previous day, another team member Maddy spoke passionately to the grade 10's about her personal experience of leadership and 'stepping out of the boat' to follow Christ, as well as exploring what real servant-hearted leadership looks like, using the example of St Peter.

On both days, there was a time of reflection (with the option for prayer) in the afternoon session, which



General News



National Evangelisation Team (NET)

found the whole room filled with a real peace and stillness, something the students said they rarely have the opportunity to experience, yet enjoyed. They gave great feedback at the end of the day, saying that as well as fun, they got heaps out of the day, which was interesting and very eye-opening. The openness they received us with left us inspired and simply amazed. From our perspective, it's incredible to see how Jesus is powerfully at work in the lives of young people in your community.

This whole year has honestly been an adventure of a lifetime. Since March, we've travelled over 40,000 km, through 6 of the states/territories, reaching over 5,000 youth. Each one of us can say that our lives have been truly transformed by our year of mission with NET, having found Christ call us out of our comfort zones, beyond anything we could possibly have imagined. When I think of how Jesus

calls each one of us, I'm reminded of the words Pope Benedict XVI once said to a gathering of youth: 'The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for GREATNESS.' So be courageous! Wherever you are in life, trust Jesus will guide you. And remember; God doesn't call the equipped, but he equips the called.

Every year NET trains around 40 volunteers to spend 10 months reaching out to young people in parishes, schools or universities across Australia. If you are interested in a year of mission with NET, or have any questions, feel free to contact our recruiting officer Emma Fradd on 0431179016 or visit our website www.netministries.com.au to express interest.

God bless. You're in our prayers.

National NET team

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Louie Dicker
Evie Elkington
Sienna Kelly
Eva Shiel
Lennon Williams
Milla Campbell
Indi Campbell
Brielle Gatmin
Neve Hodgkin
Morgana Farrar
Savannah Butterworth

Arlo West
Mason Iaria
Jacob Wright
Logan Kelly
Patrick Shiel
Leala Campbell
Laine Campbell
Charlotte Milton
Alice Robertson
Georgia Strauss
Ariah Phillips
Lucas Pope

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Bridegroom

Steven Oates
Luke McCormack
Christopher Ludlow
Kyle Lieschke

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General News



The Piety Shop

The original Sacred Heart Gift Shop was developed and managed expertly by Theresia Daniels. This specifically designated room to the right of the church foyer, was always abundant with a large range of beautiful piety. Not only open for business after the weekend masses but every other day as well. The shop was closed when Theresia became very unwell and the room was converted to a prayer and meeting room. A small amount of piety was available but sales were very ad hoc

The new piety sales arrangement was established in November 2016 with a restock of the simple necessities and requested items which most people look for in a Church Piety Stall. Medals, Cards, Rosaries, Prayer books and small Bibles are now available, with a limited range of other affordable resources. We also order in and stock the Columban and Josephite Calendars and

St Vincent de Paul and Magellan Christmas Cards
The weekday prayer books and Missals and Break Open the Word publications will be available soon

Run by a small band of volunteers, we try to be available after each weekend Mass but new recruits would be most welcome. Every effort is made to acquire piety that we do not stock (within reason) remembering that there is really no other outlet in the North East providing this valuable service.

My appreciative thanks to our current band of volunteers and thank you to the parishioners and visitors who continue to visit and support us. Cecilia McCormick.

Cecilia McCormick





Wodonga Catholic Parish

Something to ponder

A light unto my path

Suppose you received an engraved invitation to a formal dinner at the White House, and suppose further that the invitation was hand-delivered to you by an assistant to the president. What is the likelihood that you would turn it down? What are the chances that you would have something better to do? Wouldn't it be laughable were you to say to the White House emissary, "Well, I very appreciate the president's kindness, but we have a block party in our neighbourhood that night," or "Well, I'd love to come, but we're taking inventory at the shop that weekend"? And wouldn't you be considered criminally insane if you were physically to assault the innocent man who was personally bearing this extraordinary summons?

This is an apt comparison to the scenario that Jesus lays out in his parable of the king and his banquet. The exaggerated reaction of the sovereign—he destroyed those murderers and burned their city—is meant to highlight the sheer absurdity of the invitees' non-response. Yet, Jesus is implying, we have received, through the Scriptures, the prophets, the teaching of the Church, an invitation far greater than any that a president could offer. We have been invited to share in the banquet of eternal life, to participate in the joy of the angels and the saints. And what is our typical reaction? Bland indifference, a bored non-response, and, at the limit, outright hostility. We have all received a summons from the King of heaven and the vast majority of us, it seems, have something better to do. How strange and how sad.



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Contributors are able to nominate which school they would like their donation to be applied to. In the absence of an election, the funds will remain in a general pool available to be distributed to any of the CEW schools.

Contribution requests can only be received on the official form available from cew@cewvic.edu.au

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- St Francis of Assisi Primary School
- St Monica's Primary School

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CLERGY:

Parish Priest	Fr. Dennis Crameri	6024 3366
Assistant Priest	Fr. Fr Junray Rayna	6024 3366
Hospital Chaplain	Parish Centre	6024 3366

PASTORAL STAFF:

Office Manager	Sonia La Motte-Schubert	6024 3366
Parish Associate (Mt. Beauty)	Sr. Eileen Reardon	0458 327 554

LITURGY:

Liturgy Group	Parish Centre	6024 3366
Eucharistic Ministry	Parish Centre	6024 3366
Eucharistic Ministry to Sick	Parish Centre	6024 3366
Eucharistic Ministers Rosters	Parish Centre	6024 7772
Lectors / Commentators Rosters	Parish Centre	6024 7772
Children's Liturgy	Mez Moffatt	0478 154 252
Altar Servers	Michael McLinden	6059 2924

CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS:

Altar Group – Sacred Heart	Marg Whitehead	6024 4697
Altar Group – St Augustine's	Neta Lawson	6056 2737
Church Cleaning – Sacred Heart	Marg Whitehead	6024 4697
Vestments Group	Juliana Vaughan	6059 6670
Sacred Heart Gift Shop	Parish Centre	6024 3366

FINANCE:

Planned Giving Co-ordinator		6024 3366
Planned Giving Recorder	Marg Whitehead	6024 3366
Parish Finance Committe	Terry Smith - Secretary	6059 6106

SCHOOLS:

C.E.W.C Executive Officer	Vanessa Williamson	0428 380 879
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St Francis Principal	Jennyne Wilkinson	6020 9100
St Augustine's Principal	Joe Quinn	6024 2711
St. Monica's Principal	Jacqui Partington	6024 3151

MT. BEAUTY:

Pastoral Assistant	Sr Eileen Reardon	0458 327 554
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Pastoral Council Chair	Jenny Svarc	03 5754 4929

BETHANGA:

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DEDERANG:

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Baptism Preparation	Sonia La Motte-Schubert	6024 3366
Bereavement Group	Marg Whitehead	6024 4697
Catholics Returning Home	Gerri Boldrini	6056 2442
C.C.R. Micah Prayer Group	Melinda Clifford	6054 3366
Evangelisation	Gerri Boldrini	6056 2442
Godstart	Parish Centre	6024 3366
Mass of Anointing Group	Helen Hanrahan	6024 2024
MenAlive Team	Rob Horner	0429 917 766
Men's Ministry Team	Marty Clifford	0437 454 211
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Parish Bulletin	Sonni La Motte-Schubert	6024 3366
Parish Talk - Editor	Greg Walsh	0422 673 946
Advertising	Kevin Tracy	6059 1854
Pastoral Council Chair	Jacinta Bartlett	6059 8685
Rite of Christian Initiation Adults	Marg Hannebery	6059 4669
Sacramental Program	Parish Centre	6024 3366
Sandpiper Diocesan Magazine	Parish Centre	6024 3366
Social Justice Diocesan Representative		6024 3366
Youth Ministry	Fr Junray	6024 3366
Child Safety Officers	Jacinta Bartlett	0418 470 532
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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

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Country Victorian Family Groups	Neil & Bryony Bright	6020 8451
Knights of the Southern Cross	Des Lonergan	0408 575 825
Marriage Education Program	Parish Centre	6024 3366
Pastoral Care for the Separated and Divorced	Michael & Pauline	6024 3366
St Vincent Centre	Second Hand Goods	6056 5174
St Vincent De Paul	Welfare	6024 3493
Teams	Michael & Heather McNamara	0457 114 095

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Wodonga Catholic Parish

Christmas Mass Times- 2017

Community Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

Thursday December 14th

7:30 pm

Individual Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

Friday December 22nd

9:45 -10:15 am

Saturday December 23rd

9:00 -10:00 am

Christmas Eve Mass Times

Family Christmas Eve Mass:

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

December 24th

6:00 pm *Children's Mass & Nativity Celebration*

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

December 24th

9:00 pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Tangambalanga

December 24th

7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

8:30 & 10:30 am

St Joseph's Church, Mt Beauty

8:30 am

St Joseph's Church, Dederang

10:30 am

