



ST FRANCIS BETHANGA

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WEEKEND MASSES

WODONGA

Sacred Heart Church
 Saturday 6.00pm.
 Sunday 8.30am 10.30am

TANGAMBALANGA

Our Lady Help of Christians
 2nd, 4th Sunday 10.30am

BETHANGA

St Francis
 2nd Sunday 12 noon

DEDERANG

St Joseph's
 1st, 3rd Sunday 10.30am
 5th Sunday 10.30am
 Liturgy of The Word
 and Communion

MT BEAUTY

St Joseph's
 1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am
 5th Sunday 8.30am
 Liturgy of The Word
 and Communion

WEEKDAY MASS:

Sacred Heart Church
 9.15am
 Monday - Liturgy of the Word
 9.15am
 Mass — Tuesday to Friday

RECONCILIATION:

Sacred Heart Church
 Saturday 9.00 - 9.30 am
 Country Churches
 Before Masses

Wodonga Catholic Parish

Including Bethanga, Dederang, Mt Beauty and Tangambalanga Communities



December 3rd - 2017 - The First Sunday of Advent

Pope Francis on Advent

Advent encourages us to reflect on the contrast between our daily routine and the unexpected coming of the Lord. The Gospel is not trying to frighten us but to open our horizons to further dimensions, giving meaning even to everyday occurrences.

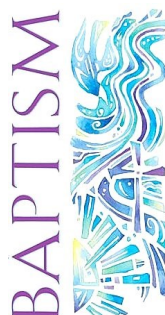
Looking at the Readings

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

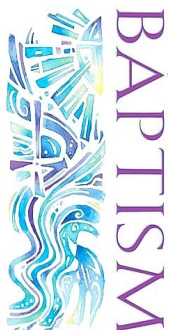
Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

Liturgical Jottings

The Advent Wreath, once an ancient tradition, has enjoyed a great come back in the last 30 years. It has become a common sight in parish churches, schools, religious houses and family homes in the living rooms or dining room tables. Since Advent wreaths are now commercially available, we hope that its symbolic and spiritual value is not lost. Symbols by their very nature acquire layers of meaning over many years and become powerful means of communication.



Welcome
 We welcome & congratulate
 Amiah Ivy Harrison & Family
 as they celebrate the Sacrament of
 Baptism this weekend.



Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Leon Van Buynder, Anna Tran Thi Sam, Rita Lenten,

Sick: Mary Shaddock, Peg Tye, Clive Randon, Rita McDonald, Nola Usher, Frank Usher, Ricky Ellul, Pat Tait, Jenny McAuliffe, Edna Duggan, Brian Harloff, L. O'Donoghue, Eileen Duggan, Maryanne Henst, parishioners who are ill, their families & carers.

What's Happening in Our Parish

Baptism Preparation Evening

Preparation evenings are held on the first Tuesday of every second month.

Our next Preparation evening is Tuesday 5th Dec, 7pm, Sacred Heart Church. Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents and other family members are also welcome. *For information or to register*
Contact: Sonni @ The Parish Centre:
Ph - 6024 3366 or E - wodcath@bigpond.net.au

Mass of Anointing

The Mass of Anointing will take place at 1:45 pm on December 6th at Sacred Heart Church Wodonga.

THE MASS of ANOINTING GROUP will meet beforehand at 11 am in the Church. **Contact Helen 6024-2024**

PC Closed Monday 11th December

Please Note:

Monday December 11th the Parish Centre will be closed.

To you shall come Emmanuel...

To celebrate the joyful season of Advent & Christmas in our parish community, there will be singing of carols in different languages at 10:30am Masses.

This will be during communion, at least 2 Christmas songs.

3 DEC: FILIPINO COMMUNITY led by
Couples for Christ Wodonga

10 DEC: VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

17 DEC: AFRICAN COMMUNITY

24 DEC 9pm Mass: VIETNAMESE



Welcoming Mass

Please join our host Catholic College, after the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses for a cuppa and a chat.

Creating a Child Safe Organisation

In April 2012 the Victorian Government initiated an enquiry into the handling of child abuse allegations within religious and other non government organisations. Over the past months our parish has been active in creating a child safe parish. With support from the Diocesan Child Safety Officer, Anne McIntosh - and our own child safety volunteer team we have produced up to date documents and offered recommendations as to how best we can protect our children and vulnerable adults. Our Parish has already been running "best practice" however, it is always good to review and be aware of anything we are able to change in order to stay a safe and happy place for all. In the new year we will be offering an opportunity for volunteers who work with children i.e. Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Program Teams to complete training via an online module. This module will be presented in the Parish Center over a cuppa, we will complete it as a group. Keep your eyes open for more info. If you have any questions please give me a call at the Parish Centre 60243366 - Sonni

Wodonga Catholic Parish Gift Shop

2018 Daily Mass Books, Columban and Josephite Calendars and Christmas Cards are now available in our Wodonga Catholic Parish Gift shop please feel free to have a browse in the Gift Shop after all weekend Masses.

Thank You

Long time parishioner and friend to many, Eileen Andrews, recently moved to live in Queensland to be close to family. Eileen regrets not having had an opportunity to farewell parishioners and friends as her move happened quickly. Eileen wishes to express gratitude to you all and say goodbye. We wish Eileen well and thank her for her wonderful contribution to our parish and the wider community. God's blessing Eileen.

WODONGA ROSTER 10TH DECEMBER 2017

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Frank Hanrahan, Rosanna Jackson
ST AUGUSTINE'S CLEANING: St Augustine's School

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dina Zmajla, Medi Fleiberk
ST AUGUSTINE'S ALTAR: Neta & Brian Lawson

MASS TIMES:		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am		
<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		Mikaela, Taylah, Lachlan, Tessa, Abby, Michael, Eve	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	Edward, Caitlin, Jessa, Abigael, Max, Henry, Jess, Maddi, Joel Oliver, Ruby	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	Emily, Honorina, Eliza, Aly, Amy, CJ,
Lector 1:		Marg Ware	Lector 1:	Barry Jackson	Lector 1:	Kath Twycross
Lector 2:		Rosanna Jackson	Lector 2:	Theresa Dorahy	Lector 2:	Judy D'Astoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.00pm: Meryl Brown, David & Helen Gill, Pam Shirley, Carmel Ardern, Joy Packer, Mavis Hyndman
8.30am: Mick Bone, Peter Cromptvoets, Jodi carne, Chris Venning, Isabelle Swanson, Dave Sully
10.30am: Jacinta Bartlett, Dianne King, Gabrielle Radcliffe, Yves or Edwidge

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am Mass: Mez & Jacob

10.30 Mass: Bern

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK— 3RD DECEMBER

THIS WEEK: TEAM 5: Pat Toole, Mark & Monica Wallace, Gerry & Marion Fitzpatrick, Margo Keat
NEXT WEEK: TEAM 6: Marg Whitehead, Irene & Geoff Agnew, Des Lonergan, John Barrat

Mt BEAUTY ROSTERS: 10TH DECEMBER

LECTOR: Bruce Addinsall
Backup: Gail Beaton
COMMENTATOR: Barb Talbot
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Bruce Addinsall & Volunteer
MOWING: Bruce

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 17TH DECEMBER

FIRST / SECOND READING: Harrison Fischer
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Maddison Coulston
POWERPOINT: Diane Goonan
OFFERTORY: Read
CLEANING ROSTER: Sharon McEvoy



GOSPEL MARK 13:33-37



Jesus said to his disciples:

Be on your guard, stay awake,

because you never know when the time will come.

It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.

So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming,

evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn;

if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.

And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!"

Readings this week

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:33-37

Readings next week:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
 2 Peter 3:8-14
 Mark 1:1-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

An Invitation

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)

On December 10th at 8:30 Mass we will welcome,
with much joy, Sheryl Phillips into our Catholic community.

Sheryl has asked to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at this Mass thus becoming a full member of our faith community.

To give you, our parish community, an opportunity to celebrate this wonderful occasion with her, we invite you to join us at this Mass and for morning tea after.

If you are able we would very much appreciate any help
with providing of food or serving tea, coffee etc.
Many thank RCIA team



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
Saturday December 23rd

9:45 -10:15 am
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

What's On

Welcoming Mass:

Sunday 3rd Dec, hosted by
Catholic College Wodonga

Bereavement Support Group:

Monday 4th Dec, 1.30 pm
Parish Centre meeting room.
Contact Marg 6024 4697

Knights of the Southern Cross

Tuesday 5th Dec, 7:30 pm
Parish Hall meeting room.
Contact Des 0408575825

Baptism Preparation Evening

Tuesday 5th Dec, 7:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church. Contact
Sonni 6024 3366

Mass of Anointing

Wednesday 6th Dec, 1:45 pm
Sacred Heart Church. Contact
Helen 60242024

Filipino Community Lunch

Sunday 10th Dec, 12 noon,
Sumsion Gardens.

St Vincent De Paul: Good Works

The Collection for our local branch
of St Vincent De Paul after all
Masses NEXT weekend.