



ST AUGUSTINE'S' WODONGA

Wodonga Catholic Parish

Including Bethanga, Dederang, Mt Beauty and Tangambalanga Communities



~YEAR B~

January 7th - 2018 The Epiphany of The Lord

Looking At The Readings

The account of the visit of the wise men from the east is recorded only in Matthew's Gospel (2:1-12), which is read each year on the feast of the Epiphany. We tend to make many unfounded assumptions about this visit - over the centuries we add certain details that three kings arrive on camels to the stable. Number, names, royalty, mode of transport and stable are not mentioned in Matthew's text. The star, the journey and the three gifts are recorded and add to the mystery and the drama of the event,

The Hebrew scriptures also illumine the mystery we celebrate: Camels and dromedaries will come (Isaiah 60:6), kings from Tarshish, Seba and Sheba shall bring gifts to him (Ps71 [72]:10) to Bethlehem (Micah 5:1).

Stars, since Abraham and the prophecy of Isaiah have symbolised the people of God and the birth of Christ. Stars provide identity, sense of personal quest and destiny. Over fifty nations have some sort of stars on their flags to identify various meanings. Stars make us look up and wonder. As the wise personages from the East followed the rising star, the Church continues the mission to proclaim the message of Christ, knowing that for everyone, today as yesterday, God raises up a star: Jesus Christ, all Christians, you and me!

Quotable Quote: The full meaning of the Old Testament is discovered in the light of the New Testament. Moreover, because God is the principal author, the inspiration for all the sacred writers - Scripture explains Scripture. *Days of the Lord (The Liturgical Press vol 1 page 258)*

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Monday 8 January continues the Feast of the Epiphany, which reveals Christ to the world, a mystery to celebrate not just an event to remember. We hear: "You are my Son, the beloved, my favour rests on you."

Mysteries of Epiphany: The liturgy not only celebrates the mystery of the Epiphany: it is the mystery of the Epiphany in action. This is also true for all sacraments, collectively and individually. Christ is present there and recognised in faith as the Lord of glory. Elevated to the presence of the Father he acts for the sanctification of all, the Church and the world by his humanity and by the Spirit he sends. We do not bring gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh, but our personhood and our hearts. In each celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments— all the way from baptism, i.e., "illumination," to the last anointing... we proceed toward a clearer vision of the splendour of God.

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WEEKEND MASSES

WODONGA

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

TANGAMBALANGA

Our Lady Help of Christians
1st, 4th Sunday 10.30am

BETHANGA

St Francis
2nd Sunday 12 noon

DEDERANG

St Joseph's
1st, 3rd Sunday 10.30am
4th 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

~Parish News ~

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Ivan, Maria & Marko Zagrovic,
Milin & Maria Bicanic

Sick:

Mary Shaddock, Michaela Wilson, Peg Tye,
Clive Randon, Nola Usher, Frank Usher, Ricky Ellul,
Pat Tait, Edna Duggan, Eileen Duggan,
Maryanne Henst, parishioners who are ill, their families
& carers.

St Joseph's Mt Beauty Parish Dinner

On Saturday 13th January, our community will host a farewell dinner in honour of Fr Dennis, so we can say farewell and happy monastic, hermit time. It will be held in the church grounds at St Joseph's Church. Nibbles and drinks at 6.30pm with dinner at 7.00pm. Please bring a plate. Our fellow parishioners at Dederang are invited to join with us.

Wodonga and Surrounding Communities

To farewell and thank Fr Dennis, the Parish will hold a sausage sizzle on Sunday 28th January after 10.30 Mass. BYO salads, deserts and drinks. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided. Extra shade will be provided with marquees on the lawns. The second collection on the weekend of 27th/28th January will be gifted to Fr Dennis. For anyone wishing to contribute online, the Parish Bank Account details are: Wodonga Catholic Parish BSB 083 971 A/c number 51611 9811 Reference your name and Fr D

Readings this week:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Reading next week

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

John 1:35-42

ROSTERS: 14th January 2018

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Peter & Trish Kellow
St Augustine's Altar : Neta & Brian Lawson
Sacred Heart Altar : Volunteers
St Augustine's Church: St Augustine's School

Lector 1

6.00pm Rosanna

8.30am Don Cameron

10.30am Judy D' Astoli

Lector 2

Helen Collins

Chris Venning

Kath Sartori

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 10:

John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage,
Mavis Hyndman

NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 1:

John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Gerry Teefey, John Foley

Mt Beauty - 14th January - 8.30am

Lector: Volunteer
Back up: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

January Mowing Roster: John

DEDERANG 21st- January - 10.30am

First Reading/Second Reading: Diane Goonan
Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful: McEvoy Family
PowerPoint: Madison Coulston
Offertory: Kirley
Cleaning: Mary Read

Responsorial Psalm: Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, help us to follow you faithfully.