



Wodonga Catholic Parish

Including Bethanga, Dederang, Mt Beauty and Tangambalanga Communities



~YEAR C~ January 6th-2019 The Epiphany of The Lord.

Focus on the Feast

The two the infancy narratives we have from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke tell very different stories. Each have been written to place the rest of their respective gospels in a particular context. Unfortunately, the two stories have been melded together so much so that we now have one larger Christmas story that is an unfortunate amalgam of the two unique narratives.

In the gospel of Luke, Joseph and Mary are living in Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem and are forced to give birth out in a field because there is no room at the only inn in Bethlehem. The ones who bear witness to the birth in this account are shepherds – some of the lowest of the low – as the gospel of Luke identifies Jesus as having a preferential option for the lowly ones. In the gospel of Matthew, Joseph and Mary are living in Bethlehem and give birth in their own house. They later flee to Egypt and then settle in Nazareth. The two towns need to be included in both accounts because they are named in some of the ancient prophecies about the Messiah. In the gospel of Matthew, the witnesses to the birth are wise men, dignitaries from another land. The Matthew writer wants to emphasise the 'kingship' of Jesus and it is fitting that foreign dignitaries present gifts on the birth of a king.

The two stories deserve to be dealt with uniquely and should be unravelled from the muddled, entwined version that dominates our Christmas imagery.
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Epiphany Prayer

Behold, in the depths of the night, under our eyes a Star appears.
Someone leads us step by step toward the source of light.
Abraham the believer took this route before us;
joyous, we go toward the Child whose new Day we have seen.
The call from a distant rendezvous rings in our heart,
the Father will secretly, up till the end, lead us toward his Son.
Already the city of David appears before our eyes;
the quest in our hearts we follow in your light, Lamb of God.



Welcome & Congratulations

We welcome and congratulate Charlotte Jacobsen, Mason Taylor, Ivy Jamison and families as they celebrate the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



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WEEKEND MASSES
WODONGA
Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 6:00 pm.
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am
4th Sunday of each month
Youth Mass 5:00 pm
TANGAMBALANGA
Our Lady Help of Christians
2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am

BETHANGA
St Francis
2nd Sunday 12 noon

DEDERANG
St Joseph's
1st & 3rd Sunday 10:30 am
5th Sunday 10:30 am
Liturgy of The Word
and Communion

MT BEAUTY
St Joseph's
1st to 4th Sunday 8:30 am
5th Sunday 8:30 am
Liturgy of The Word
and Communion

WEEKDAY MASS:
Sacred Heart Church
Monday: Liturgy of the Word
9:15 am

Mass: Tuesday to Friday
9:15 am
St Augustine's Church
Saturday 9:30 am

RECONCILIATION:
Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 9:00 - 9:30 am
Country Churches
Before Masses

~Parish News~

Recent Deaths:

Brian Phillips, Manda Zugec, Desley Schaeffer

Anniversaries:

Vince Harangozo, William John Byrne, Ivan, Maria & Marko Zagrovic, Milin & Maria Bicanic

Sick:

Zak Oliver, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, Pat Gibson, John Radcliffe, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.

Farewell for Fr Junray:

The second collection at all Masses this weekend will be presented to Fr Junray in appreciation of his wonderful ministry during the past three years. He will be missed greatly. We wish him well in his new Parish at St Kilian's. Please join us in a farewell celebration for Fr Junray after 10.30 Mass today.

PLEASE NOTE:

Sunday 6th January

Mass at Dederang will be cancelled to give parishioners the opportunity to attend Mass in Wodonga as we farewell Fr Junray. *Di Goonan*

Thank You. Gerry & Maureen Clarke wish to express their appreciation of assistance given by parishioners to Gerry at 8.30 Mass last Sunday. He has recovered well. God bless you all.

Readings this week:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Reading next week

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

ROSTERS: 13th January 2019

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Natasha & Catherine

Sacred Heart Altar : Dot & Carmel

Lector 1

6.00pm Carmel Ardern

8.30am Kath Crothers

10.30am Gerard Moore

Lector 2

Fiona Barret

Chris Venning

Kath Sartori

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 2:

Val Mulqueeny, Zennon McCarty, Chris Venning, Rob Saric

NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 3:

Helen Collins, Bernie & Julie Jones, Gerard Peeters

Mt Beauty - 13th January - 8.30am

Lector:

Gail

Back up:

Bruce

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bruce & Volunteer

Commentator:

Barb

January Mowing Roster:

John

DEDERANG 20th- January - 10.30am

First Reading/Second Reading:

Sharon Coulston

Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful:

McEvoy Family

PowerPoint:

Diane Goonan

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, hear our prayer.