



St Augustine's Church
Wodonga

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Monday to Friday

PRESBYTERY

55 High Street Wodonga Vic

PARISH PRIEST

Father Junjun Amaya

0459-356-917

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Father Junray Rayna

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PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon

0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)

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

Wodonga Catholic Parish

Including Bethanga, Dederang, Mt Beauty and Tangambalanga Communities



December 9th -2018 - The 2nd Sunday of Advent

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Words of Pope Francis:

"In Advent we rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey across the paths of time." Pope Francis

Looking At the Readings;

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

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The Second Candle: The second candle on the Advent wreath is called the Bethlehem Candle. Jesus was born in an ordinary little town, in a stable full of animals. He comes to us also in ordinary places, among ordinary people. And just as God set His star above Bethlehem that night, He also fills our seemingly ordinary lives with His light.

Recent Deaths: Kathleen Donnelly.



Anniversaries: Dan Ley.

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

What's Happening in Our Parish

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

This Sunday, we will be having the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal collection. The Collection will take place after Masses and the money raised will aid our local Conference in its outreach efforts to the needy. Thank you for your contributions.

Schools in Cebu:

Fr Junjun & Michael McLinden are collecting starter stationery kits for primary school children in Cebu. We are seeking donations. These could be as simple as a pack of highlighters or a pencil case with pencils - rulers etc. If you would prefer to make a cash donation of \$10 or less it would be greatly appreciated. \$10 will buy a complete stationary kit. There is a large box in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church for your stationary donations. Cash may be left at the Parish Centre with Sonni or Marg. The collection will run until Christmas and be sent in the New Year.

Alpha For Adults An Invitation :

Next year our parish is planning to run an Alpha program and we would really value your support.

What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith for people in all walks of life.

Why Alpha? We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. This program is heavily supported by our Pope, Archbishop Coleridge as well as many other Priests and Bishops. For more information on the program and how you might support it come, see and hear.

Where: Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

When : December 6th at 6:30 Refreshments provided.

Ph: 60243366. More info at <https://australia.alpha.org>

Bible Study with Fr Junjun

What: Luke 1: 39-44

Where: The Parish Centre Meeting Room

When: Tuesday 18th of Dec - @ 4:30-5pm start

Who: Fr Junjun

All welcome. Please bring your Bible

Journey of Christ to the Holy Land

18th of September 2019 - 2nd & 4th of October 2019

Escorted by **Fr Novelito Lim** Parish Priest, Kerang.

Pilgrimage Chaplain **Ms Kerrie Hill** Religious Education Leader. More info at

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1536-sandhurst-diocese-pilgrimage-2019-to-the-holy-land>

Christmas Luncheon

save the date Christmas Luncheon for those in our Parish who would like to share a Christmas meal with others. This year we are inviting adults only to attend.

Book Now: If you would you like to attend book now

Ph: 6024 3366

Volunteers: We need volunteers for the day, Contact the Parish Centre to register your voluntary service:

VENUE: The Parish Hall **TIME** 12 noon

DATE: December 25th **Menu:** Cold meats, variety of salads and other condiments. **Donations:** We invite parishioners to assist, if able, by donating meat (i.e.

ham, turkey - Salads - soft drinks, nuts and chips. Please contact the Parish Centre to register your donation. Ph: 6024 3366.

Christmas Masses: Sign up sheets

Many people are needed to fulfil the various ministries for Christmas Masses. Please register your availability by placing your name on the forms in the church foyer before **Monday 17th December.**

Nativity Celebration Christmas Eve Family Mass

The Children's Liturgy team has started preparation for this year's Christmas Eve Mass.

If you, your child or grandchild would like to be involved, please add your name to our sign up sheet at the back of the church or speak to a member of the Team.

Please Note - Costumes for the nativity are provided.

Timele Stewart - 0420 976 550

WODONGA ROSTERS 16TH DECEMBER 2018

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Teefey Family & Amilia Dealtry

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dot Larkin, Carmel Gannon

MASS TIMES:

6.00 pm

8.30 am

10.30 am

ALTAR SERVERS Peter, Michael, David.

Lector 1: Ross Black

Lector 2: Carmel Ardern

ALTAR SERVERS Edward, Henry, Jess, Mac, Oliver, Billy, Tommy

Lector 1: Isabelle Swanson

Lector 2: Kate Rotherham

ALTAR SERVERS Honorina, Eliza

Lector 1: Kath Sartori

Lector 2: Gerard Moore

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.00pm: Cathy Campbell, Erris Black, Amilia Dealtry, Syd Taylor, Denise Piergrosse, Michael McLinden

8.30am: Sandy Kaitler, Maureen Maw, Pat Toole, Anne & Edward Tremethick, Dave Seiter

10.30am: Jacinta Bartlett, Dianne King, Ken Fuchsen, Gabrielle Radcliffe, Yves or Edwidge

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am Mass: **NEEDING HELP!**

10.30 Mass: **NEEDING HELP!**

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 2ND DECEMBER

THIS WEEK: TEAM 8: Ross Black, John & Lorraine Gill, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 9 Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 16TH DECEMBER

LECTOR: Jenny

Backup: Roseanna

COMMENTATOR: Mary-Anne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Bruce & Volunteer

Mowing: Bruce

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 16TH DECEMBER

FIRST / SECOND READING: Harrison Fischer

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Sharon Coulston

POWERPOINT: Diane Goonan

OFFERTORY: Read

CLEANING ROSTER: Diane Goonan

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.

He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Readings this week

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

Readings next week:

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful:

Loving God, hear our prayer!

Advent 2018 Prayer Leaflets

Week two Advent Prayer leaflets are available in the foyer of the church for individual and small group reflection and prayer. They are also available from the Sandhurst Diocese website: go to <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1540-advent-resources-for-2018-news> and follow the links .

Christmas Tree of Remembrance



Parishioners are invited to remember deceased family members and friends, by writing a message on the cards provided and hanging them on the Christmas tree in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church.

To view our Child Safe Policy

visit our website @

wodongacatholicparish.com.au

Or

contact Sonni @ the Parish Centre Ph: 6024-3366

ORE:

wodcath@bigpond.net.au

Our Child Safety Officers are

Jacinta Bartlett - 0418470532 and

Sonia La Motte-Schubert - 0434179411

Wodonga Catholic Parish

Christmas Mass Times- 2018

Community Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

Thursday December **13th**

7:00 pm

Filipino Christmas Novena Mass

December **15th** - Sacred Heart Church

6:00 pm

December **16th to 21st** - St Augustine's Church

7:00 pm

December **22nd** - Sacred Heart Church

6:00 pm

December **23rd** - St Augustine's Church

7:00 pm

Individual Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

Friday December **21st**

9:45 -10:15 am

Saturday December **22nd**

9:00 -10:00 am

Christmas Eve Mass Times

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

Family Christmas Eve Mass:

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

Caritas Australia Global Gifts

This Christmas you can protect the miracle of motherhood by giving a Caritas Global Gift.

For friends and family, who like you, know they don't need more 'things', your gift can help provide clean water, food or sustainable livelihoods - things we so often take for granted here in Australia.

In return for your donation toward your chosen gift, you receive a beautiful card to give to your loved one showing you have made a contribution on their behalf.

Purchase online at

[www.caritas.org.au/](http://www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts)

[globalgifts](http://www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts)

or phone 1800 024 413

Parish Talk OUT NOW!



Please be aware the Christmas Edition of Parish Talk

is now available for collection in the foyer of the church.