



Sacred Heart Church
Wodonga

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Monday to Friday

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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

Wodonga Catholic Parish

Including Bethanga, Dederang, Mt Beauty and Tangambalanga Communities



December 16th -2018 - The 3rd 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: We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philippians announces that the Lord is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birth pangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet. © Dianne Bergant CSS

The Third Candle: The rose coloured candle - 'Gaudete' **Rejoice**, the beginning of the third week in Advent, reminds us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

Liturgical Jottings-Four Christmas Masses

The Roman Missal and Lectionary have four Masses for Christmas with different readings and prayer texts. They emerge from different traditions and practices over the centuries:

The Vigil Mass is a bridge between Advent & Christmas. The gospel is also read on December 17. This Mass is rarely celebrated (Days of the Lord Vol 1 p 192) and for pastoral reasons the vigil texts need not to be used [for evening Masses], the texts for the night Mass may be used (Australian Ordo 2018 p 129).

The Mass at Night, formerly called Midnight Mass comes from the Bethlehem tradition of a Mass at the grotto. The Gospel recalls the angel's message to the shepherds to go to Bethlehem.

Mass at Dawn, a Roman tradition, continues Luke's account of the shepherds adoring the infant Jesus.

Mass during the Day reflects on the incarnation of Christ as God and Man with the proclamation of the prologue of John's Gospel

Recent Deaths: Peter Bartlett, Mavis Rogac, Patrick Tait.



Anniversaries: Neil Brown, Don & Connie Tremethick, Helen Hassell, John March, Joan Henderson, Bonifario Caraig

Sick: Zak Oliver, 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

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**.

Stationary for 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 stationery 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.

Advent 2018 Prayer Leaflets:

Week three of 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>

Pilgrimage to Rome.

Fr Michael Goonan, who grew up in Wodonga, will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome. **24th to 31st of October 2019**- 7 nights' accommodation at Domus Australia, visiting the Christian religious sites and ruins of ancient Rome.

Any inquires to E: sspsyd@stpauls.com.au

Please Note:

Bible Study with Fr Junjun Continuing in 2019.

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.

Parish Talk OUT NOW!

Please be aware the Christmas Edition of Parish Talk is now available for collection in the foyer of the church.

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>

Caritas Australia Global Gifts

Purchase online at www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts or phone 1800 024 413

Baptism Preparation:

Please Note:

*The next baptism preparation evening which is a pre-requisite in our parish will be held in the Parish Centre @ 7:00 pm on **WEDNESDAY 2nd of January**. Contact the Parish Centre for more information. 60243366.*

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.

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WODONGA ROSTERS 23RD DECEMBER 2018

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Frank Hanrahan. Roseanna Jackson

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Margo Dare, Jennifer Flower

MASS TIMES: 6.00 pm 8.30 am 10.30 am

<p>ALTAR SERVERS Peter, Michael, David.</p> <p>Lector 1: David Gill</p> <p>Lector 2: Marg Ware</p>	<p>ALTAR SERVERS Edward, Henry, Jess, Mac, Oliver, Billy, Tommy</p> <p>Lector 1: Lochlan Moffat</p> <p>Lector 2: Jacob Moffat</p>	<p>ALTAR SERVERS Honorina, Eliza</p> <p>Lector 1: Janet Miller</p> <p>Lector 2: Damien Jones</p>
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.00pm:	Meryl Brown, David & Helen Gill, Pam Shirley, Carmel Ardern, Joy Packer, Geoff Walsh
8.30am:	Pauline Acott, Nina de Kruiff, Michelle McCarty, Diana McKinley, Ros Revell, Cecilia McCormick
10.30am:	Jean Tabra, Judy D'Astoli, Ampy Clark, Marg Hannebery, Maree Kelly

Children's Liturgy: 8.30 am Mass: NEEDING HELP! 10.30 Mass: NEEDING HELP!

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 16TH DECEMBER

THIS WEEK: TEAM 9:	Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown
NEXT WEEK: TEAM 10	John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 23RD DECEMBER	
LECTOR:	Mary-Anne
Backup:	Rachel
COMMENTATOR:	Barb
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Roseanna & Volunteer
Mowing:	Bruce

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 30TH DECEMBER	
FIRST / SECOND READING:	Sharon Coulston
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:	McEvoy Family
POWERPOINT:	Madison Coulston
OFFERTORY:	Read
CLEANING ROSTER:	Diane Goonan

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18

When all the people asked John.

'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.'

There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.'

Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Readings this week
Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18
Readings next week:
Micah 5:1-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-44

Responsorial Psalm:	Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!
Prayer of the Faithful:	Loving God, hear our prayer!

Wodonga Catholic Parish

Christmas Mass Times- 2018

Filipino Christmas Novena Mass (Simbang Gabi)

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

To view our Child Safe Policy
visit our website @ wodongacatholicparish.com.au

Or
contact Sonni @ the Parish Centre Ph: 6024-3366

OR E:
wodcath@bigpond.net.au

Our Child Safety Officers are Jacinta Bartlett - 0418470532 and Sonia La Motte-Schubert - 0434179411