

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

Including Bethanga, Dederang, Mt Beauty and Tangambalanga Communities



## December 23rd -2018 - The 4th Sunday of Advent

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St Francis Church  
Bethanga

### 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

Fr Shibu Pezhumthottathil

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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



## Pope Francis Christmas Message

*Like the Virgin Mary, St Joseph, and the shepherds may we welcome in the Baby Jesus the love of God made man for us. And may we commit ourselves, with the help of his grace, to making our world more human and more worthy for the children of today and of the future. May the birth of Christ the Saviour renew hearts, awaken the desire to build a future of greater fraternity and solidarity, and bring joy and hope to everyone. Happy Christmas! From Pope Francis' Christmas Urbi et Orbi Message 2017*

## Looking At the Readings:

There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animositities are set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it.

The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God.

We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually re-enact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished. © Dianne Bergant CSS

## The Fourth Candle:

Violet is a liturgical colour that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. Advent, is the season where we spiritually wait in our "darkness"

*The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward All."*



**Recent Deaths:** Paul Glass, Emil Auda,



**Anniversaries:** Anne Willcox, Lina O'Donahue, Esther Gullifer,

**Sick:** Zak Oliver, 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

### Please Note:

**Mass will take place on December 26th at 9:15am**

### Stationery 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 four 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 Oct 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](mailto:sspsyd@stpauls.com.au)

Knights of the Southern Cross January Knights of the Southern Cross Wodonga Branch meeting will take place in Rutherglen (District Meeting) on 10/01/2019. All members welcome. Contact Michael 0429009595 or Des 0408575825

### 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.

### 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>

### Baptism Preparation Please Note:

The next baptism preparation evening which is a pre-requisite in our parish will be held on

**WEDNESDAY 2nd** of January contact the Parish

Centre for more information. 60243366.

### Christmas Luncheon:

Preparations for our Christmas Luncheon are under way. If you are spending Christmas Day on your own and wish to share a meal with Frs. Junjun, Junray, and Shibu along with other parishioners please book in for catering purposes now. Call Gerri 0438206082



### Baptism Welcome

We welcome and congratulate

Anna Johnson Billy Svarc and families as

they Celebrate the Sacrament of

Baptism this weekend.

## Wodonga and Surrounding Communities: Farewell Fr Junray

To farewell and thank Fr Junray, the Parish will be having morning tea on January 6th after 10.30 Mass. BYO a plate to share, coffee and cordial will be provided.

All Hands On Deck.

The second collection on the weekend of 5th/6th January will be gifted to Fr Junray. 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 Junray.

# WODONGA ROSTERS 30TH DECEMBER 2018

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Frances & Bernie Evans

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Volunteers

**MASS TIMES:**

6.00 pm

8.30 am

10.30 am

**ALTAR SERVERS** Peter, Michael, David.

**Lector 1:** Rosanna Jackson

**Lector 2:** Geoff Walsh

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

**Lector 1:** Maureen Lonergan

**Lector 2:** Des Lonergan

**ALTAR SERVERS** Honorina, Eliza

**Lector 1:** Ampy Clark

**Lector 2:** Jean Tabra

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**6.00pm:** Michael McLinden, Cath Sterk, Clive Hayward, Louise Caitlyn & Mikeala Ward

**8.30am:** Mick Bone, Diana McKinley, Peter Crompvoets, Chris Venning, Isabelle Swanson, Dave Sully

**10.30am:** Shelley Bowey, Nina de Kruiff, Gabrielle Radcliffe, Annette Mona, Peter Sartori

**Children's Liturgy:**

**8.30 am Mass:** School Holidays

**10.30 Mass:** School Holidays

## COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 16TH DECEMBER

**THIS WEEK: TEAM 10:** John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman

**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 1:** John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Gerry & Maureen Baker, John Foley

### MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 30TH DECEMBER

**LECTOR:** Bruce

**Backup:** Fran

**COMMENTATOR:** Peter

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Mary-Anne & 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 1:39-44

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah.

She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.

Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

She gave a loud cry and said,

'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

### Readings this week

1 Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44

### Readings next week:

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

### Responsorial Psalm:

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

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer!

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

## Christmas Mass Times- 2018

### Filipino Christmas Novena Mass

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](http://wodongacatholicparish.com.au)

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

OR E:  
[wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au)

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