ST AUGUSTINE'S' WODONGA

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WEEKEND MASSES

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

TANGAMBALANGA
Our Lady Help of Christians
2nd, 4th Sunday 10.30am

BETHANGA
St Francis
2nd Sunday 12 noon

DEDERANG
St Joseph's
1st, 3rd Sunday 10.30am
5th 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
Tuesday to Friday: Mass —
Saturday
9.30 St Augustine's

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

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January 27th - 2019 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Francis

Prayer that purifies, strengthens and illuminates our path is like fuel for our journey towards full Christian unity.

Looking at the Readings

"The words of the Lord are Spirit and Life, the law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul it gladdens the heart" These words from the Responsorial Psalm, today, follow up from the First Reading. The Israelite people were once in captivity in Babylon, away from their homeland, their temple destroyed. Then in 538BC Cyrus restored them back to their land. They had to rebuild their homes, their religious practices, their temple, in fact their whole lives. Ezra, who studied the scriptures extensively while in exile, was able to read to them. We hear about the gathering of the people as they started to reconnect to their faith heritage through the reading of the Books of the Law. They were eager, attentive and shed tears of joy and gave acclamations of praise to God. The Law of the Lord re-established their relationship to God. Hearing the Law of the Lord sets them free from the past, their sins, their bondage.

Jesus, beginning his public ministry at Nazareth, reads from the Prophet Isaiah Like Ezra he is re-connecting the people to God by recalling the proclamation of the Year of Favour in which the people are set free from economic and physical restraints. The Law of the Lord sets them free.

We, Australians, find the concept of law setting us free difficult. Having just celebrated the anniversary of the first fleet's arrival. The convicts and the traditional occupiers of the land did suffer under the laws of the day. We are described by oversees nations as too egalitarian and laissez-faire attitude to law and when we visit them we are often regarded as friendly larrikins. We must not let 200+ years of attitude "*agin the government*" colour our relationships with God's law that is written in our hearts, revives our spirits and sets us free!

Liturgical Jottings: The Second Reading

Liturgy of the Word on Sundays and Solemnities has three readings from sacred scripture. The second reading, from the New Testament, is short, and semi-continuous from one Sunday to the next. In the seasons of Easter, Advent and Lent and feast days they refer to the season or Feast. During ordinary time they have no intentional connection to the other readings, and perhaps therefore not often quoted in the homily of the day.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Ivy Rooney, Vince Tobin

Sick: Zak Oliver, John Gill, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, Pat Gibson, John Radcliffe, Hayden Sampson, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers

What's Happening in Our Parish

Baptism Preparation Evening:

Preparation evenings are held on the first Tuesday of every second month. **Our next Preparation evening is Tuesday February 5th, at 7pm, in Sacred Heart Church.** Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents and other family members are also welcome.

For information or to register

Contact: Sonni @ The Parish Centre:

Ph - 6024 3366 or E - wodcath@bigpond.net.au

Welcoming Sunday:

Will be held Sunday **February 3rd** after the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses and is being hosted by **RCIA Team, Wells Scripture Group & Micah Prayer group.** This is a good opportunity for you to find out more about our hosts for this month. Please join in welcoming new parishioners to our Parish Family or seek out an unknown parishioner.

Bereavement Support Group:

Meeting Monday February 4th 1.30 pm, in the Parish Centre.

Contact Marg Whitehead 6024 3366

CWL: Catholic Women's League:

We meet again in the Parish Centre on Wednesday **February 6th after 9:15 am Mass** . Past, present and future members all welcome. *Contact Beth 0415 940 998*

Catholic Education Opening Mass

CEW Opening Mass at Sacred Heart Church on **Tuesday 29th January at 8:30am.** All CEW staff and parishioners are invited to attend . We will welcome the new school year and introduce our new CEW staff. Everyone is welcome to join us for morning tea after the Mass. **No Mass at 9.15am**

Public Address

Noted American Professor & Author, Allan C Carlson will speak **at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 5th February at 7.30pm.**

Subject: The end of liberalism, building family centred legal, economic and political societies. Sponsored by the KSC & Australian Family Association. For further information contact: Michael McCormick 0429998 595 or Des Lonergan on 0408 575 825

Monday 28th January

is the designated holiday for Australia Day. The Parish Centre will be closed and there will not be Mass or a Liturgy of the Word.

Reconciliation on Saturdays

PLEASE NOTE: As from Saturday **19th January** until Saturday **9th February,** inclusive, Reconciliation on Saturdays will take place at St Augustine's Church at 9.00am followed by Mass as usual at 9.30am. Fr Junjun is on leave.

Mothers Prayers Group are holding an information session on **Wednesday 30th** January in the Piety Stall at Sacred Heart Church at 10.0am. We hope of attracting new members. All welcome to attend. For further information contact the Parish Centre on 6024 3366

ALPHA for Adults - an Invitation

This year our parish is running an Alpha program commencing on March 14th.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions that explores our relationship with Christ.

Who is it for?

Alpha is for anyone who wants to deepen this relationship and is curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning.

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 it might be of value to you, your loved ones or friends contact Marg on 0458 031 903 or Gerri on 0438 206 082.

Sacred Concert

featuring Irish Singer David Parkes from Dublin and John 'Percy' Canavan's personal and humorous witness on how Divine Mercy touched his heart.

Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Thurgoona

Date: Thursday 21st February

Time: 7.00pm Holy Mass, 7.30 Sacred Concert

Wodonga Rosters 3rd February 2019

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Ros Revell, Helga Lachs

Sacred Heart Altar: Dina & Bozidan Zmajla

MASS TIMES:	6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Altar Servers	Peter, Michael, David	Edward, Henry, Jess, Mac, Oliver, Billy, Tommy	Honorina, Eliza,
Lector 1:	Marg Ware	Theresa Dorahy	Jean Tabra
Lector 2:	David Gill	Juliana Vaughan	Judy D'Astoli

Eucharistic Ministers

6.00pm: Brian & Neta Lawson, Joy Packer, Pam Shirley, Liz MacPherson-Wood, Mavis Hyndman
8.30am: Mick Bone, Peter Crompvoets, Diana McKinley, Chris Venning, Isabelle Swanson, Dave Sully
10.30am: Ken Fuchsen, Gerard Moore, Maree Kelly, Ampy Clark, Jean Tabra

Children's Liturgy: 8.30 am Mass: TBA 10.30 Mass: TBA

Counters: This Week– 27th January

This Week: TEAM 5: Pat Toole, Margo Keat, Mark & Monica Wallace, Gerry & Marion Fitzpatrick
Next Week: TEAM 6: Marg Whitehead, John Barrat, Irene & Geoff Agnew, Des Lonergan

Mt Beauty Rosters: 3rd February

Lector:	Rachel
Backup:	Peter
Commentator:	Peter
Eucharistic Ministers:	Peter Panozzo & Volunteer
Mowing:	Steve

Dederang Rosters: 3rd February

First / Second Reading:	Allana Kirley
Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful:	McEvoy Family
PowerPoint:	Harrison Fischer
Offertory:	Coulston
Cleaning Roster:	Kerry Kirley

Gospel Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

Readings this week

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Readings next week:

Jeremiah 1:4-4, 17-191
Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30

Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our payer.

Australia Day

Australia Day Prayer

Lord we thank you for the diversity of this land and its people; for its contrasts of landscape and climate,
for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.
Our history, with all its struggle in adversity, its courage and hope.
For the first Australians, who knew and loved this continent with an intimate, sensitivity;
for the courage and sacrifice of the early settlers
and the many peoples who now call Australia home.
Lord, in our diversity give us respect and tolerance for one another
and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Amen.

By Bruce Prewer from his book, 'Australian Prayers'

The Aussie Flag:

The Australian flag uses three prominent symbols: **The Union Flag:**
The combined crosses of St George, St Andrew and St Patrick. The union of crosses being the Union Jack. The Union Jack symbolises Australia's early settlers also our history as six British colonies and the principles upon which the Australian Federation is based.
The Commonwealth Star: *(also the Federation Star):* The Commonwealth Star with its seven points represents the unity of the six Australian states and the seventh point stands for all Australian Territories. *Note: the 7th point was not added until 1908.*
***The* Southern Cross:** (or *Crux*). This is one of the most distinctive constellations visible in the Southern Hemisphere, and has been used to represent Australia since the early days of British settlement. Ivor Evans, one of the flag's designers, a 14 yr old schoolboy from Melbourne, intended the Southern Cross to represent the four moral virtues as portrayed by *Dante: justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude. (four main stars)*

What is Australia Day:

On January 26, 1788, the First Fleet of 11 ships from Great Britain arrived at Port Jackson, which now forms Sydney Harbour.
The First Fleet was led by Captain Arthur Philip. He established the Colony of New South Wales, the first penal colony in Australia.
By 1808, January 26 was being celebrated as "First Landing Day" or "Foundation Day" with drinking and merriment.

Thirty years after the arrival of the First Fleet, in 1818, the Governor of Australia ordered a 30-gun salute, hosted a dinner ball at Government House and gave government employees a holiday. In the following years, employees of banks and other organizations were also given holidays.
In the following decades, horse racing and regattas were popular activities on January 26.

In 1838, Foundation Day was Australia's first public holiday. It was also the occasion of the first public celebrations of the founding of Australia.
The shores of Sydney Harbour were crowded and there was a firework display.
By 1888, January 26 had become known as 'Anniversary Day' was celebrated in all colonies except Adelaide.
In 1888, the centenary of the arrival of the First Fleet was celebrated with ceremonies, exhibitions, banquets, regattas, fireworks and the unveiling of a statue of Queen Victoria.

By 1935, January 26 was known as Australia Day in all states except New South Wales, where it was still called Anniversary Day.
In 1938, large scale celebrations were held. These included a re-enactment of the landing of the First Fleet, which did not mention the convict status of many of the passengers on these ships. From 1946, January 26 was known as Australia Day in all states. However, the public holiday was moved to the Monday nearest to January 26 to create a long weekend. Since 1994, the Australia Day public holiday has been on January 26 in all states and territories.