



St Francis Church  
Bethanga

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Monday to Friday

**PRESBYTERY**  
55 High Street Wodonga Vic  
**PARISH PRIEST**  
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0459-356-917

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Sister Eileen Reardon  
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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



## February 10th -2019 - The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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### A Message from Fr Dennis

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the beautiful Mitta Mitta. I recently received a letter from Bishop Tomlinson informing me that my request for extended leave has been granted. This means that I am free to spend at least another year up here. This decision would need to be reviewed in the event that a new bishop is appointed to Sandhurst when the retirement of Bishop Les is accepted and a new Bishop is appointed.

The past year has really flown by even when so many days are lived quietly. The time has enabled me to spend more time in contemplation, reading and attending to the necessary chores associated with this place. I never realised how much time is taken up with laundry, house cleaning, preparing and cooking meals and general house duties. Hats off to you dedicated mums and dads who attend to these things as well as caring for children and working!

A usual day for me begins pre-dawn for the Prayer of the Church (The Office), some spiritual reading, reflection and attending the vegie garden. I have breakfast around 8.30am and then have quiet time till about 11.00am. Coffee, outdoor chores, sometimes a siesta around 2.30pm. Often I don't have lunch or, if I do, something very light. In the afternoon I do other jobs around the place and wind down for evening prayer and quiet time prior to evening meal around 6.30pm. Usually I cook a main meal at this time. I don't watch alot of T.V. but do enjoy major sporting events and footy. I usually retire to my hermitage around 8.00pm and try to get to bed at sundown. Living by the Sun is something I have always wanted to do and I find it gives balance to my day and saves worrying about clocks!!

I feel very blessed to have this place and the opportunity to spend time here. I do not take any of it for granted and not a day passes when I don't give thanks to God for my life here. The bishop's letter reminds me that I am not retired (I never considered this as retirement) and that retirement doesn't come about until a priest is 75 or due to ill health. My position is a little different. I remain a priest of Sandhurst but am not involved in active parish ministry. Over the years we have had priests who have taken on various ministries apart from parish activity. Currently our good friend Jake is on the staff at the seminary, teaching and supporting young men on their journey to priesthood. In the past our priests have served in the armed forces as chaplains (Fr Chris Reay), and some have worked overseas as missionaries (Frs Rom Hayes and Joe Taylor). So, whilst my life style is a little out of the ordinary and is not for everyone, it is something I feel very much called to, sort of "a call within a call, if you like. It is something I have wanted to undertake for many years and the experiences of my Pilgrimages have confirmed this. I note that in my daily journals whilst walking, I often reflect on this life style and the possibility of it in the future.

My reason for writing this is to firstly inform you all of what this year brings for me and also to assure you of my prayers for you all. A few people have asked me about this year so I thought this note will help clarify that. I write this with gratitude for the wonderful years I spent in Wodonga and for the many friends I have made. Please remember an occasional prayer for me as I live by the river and contemplate the gracious love of God. With my best wishes and blessings, *Fr Dennis*

**Recent Deaths:** Patricia McFarland, Maree Rafferty (Sonni's Cousin)



**Anniversaries:** Bernadette Ford, Mary Patterson, Bob Jensen, Mary Kalc

**Sick:** Jean-Charles Msula-Munga, Zak Oliver, 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

### Tuesday 12th February

**Please note:** Mass on **Tuesday 12th February** will be at **10.00 am** as we welcome St Augustine's school community for their Opening School Mass. There will not be Mass or a Liturgy at 9.15 am on this day.

### Baptism Preparation Evening

Preparation evenings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. **Our next Preparation evening is on Tuesday March 5th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Centre.** Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents are also welcome. *For information or to register Contact: Sonni at The Parish Centre: 6024 3366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au.*

### Rosters for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

New Rosters will be prepared shortly for the period April to August. If you are not available during this period of time, please contact the Parish Centre. These rosters will not include the Dates of 20th and 21st April which are Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

### Wodonga Catholic Parish Brunch

This is held four times a year and is a great place for families, with children, within the parish to catch up informally. New families most welcome. It is held after the 8.30 am Mass at a parishioner's home. If you would like to join the brunch email list please contact Karina [chavesteele@me.com](mailto:chavesteele@me.com). **Next brunch is Sunday February 24th.**

### St Vincent de Paul local branch

The Collection for our local branch of St Vincent De Paul will be taken up after all Masses **THIS** weekend.

### Parish Talk

Many thanks for the submissions received for the Christmas Edition of **Parish Talk**. The **deadline** for the **Easter 2019 edition is MONDAY 25th February 2019**. We will accept photos with a brief description of the event. Please email articles or photos to [wcptalk@gmail.com](mailto:wcptalk@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Centre.

### Ladies' Reflection Day:

**Facilitated by Sister Eileen Reardon**

**Theme: Water the source of life**

**Wednesday 27th February** 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Please bring a plate to share.

**Venue:** Di Goonan's home 4533 Kiewa Valley Hwy. Phone 0418 114 751

### Healing & Growing in the Love of God - Seminar

**Facilitator: Valerie Murphy: International Ministry Faith, Hope, Love, Healing & Intercessory Prayer**

**Venue:** Slattery House St Patrick's Church Albury

**Dates:** Friday 22nd February to Sunday 24th

**Commences** Friday 22nd with Mass at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Church, Albury

**Concludes** Sunday 4.00pm.

For further information see flyers in the foyer in Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

Enquiries St Patrick's Church 02 6041 2588 or CONTACT Maree 0467 805 100

### Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy team need assistance, If you are able to help to: pray for the children and leaders, clean the rooms, sort resources, provide us new large pillows, or any cushions, please speak to any of the Team or call the Parish Centre 60243366 or Mez on 0478 154 252 . Any suggestions, questions, prayer points are appreciated. The Team is always grateful for any help.



# WODONGA ROSTERS 17TH FEBRUARY 2019

**SACRED HEART CLEANING:** Frank Hanrahan, Rosanna Jackson

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Mary Harkness, Jennifer Flower

## MASS TIMES: 6.00 pm 8.30 am 10.30 am

<p><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Peter, Michael, David.</p> <p><b>Lector 1:</b> Geoff Walsh</p> <p><b>Lector 2:</b> Terry Smith</p>	<p><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Edward, Henry, Jess, Mac, Oliver, Billy, Tommy</p> <p><b>Lector 1:</b> Chris Venning</p> <p><b>Lector 2:</b> Isabelle Swanson</p>	<p><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Honorina, Eliza</p> <p><b>Lector 1:</b> Ampy Clark</p> <p><b>Lector 2:</b> Adam Koster</p>
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## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**6.00pm:** Meryl Brown, David & Helen Gill, Pam Shirley, Carmel Ardern, Joy Packer, Geoff Walsh  
**8.30am:** John Barrat, Lucette Brown, Michael Iverson, Bronwyn Wighton, Sharon Bone, Theresa Dorahy  
**10.30am:** Jean Tabra, Judy D' Astoli, Ampy Clark, Marg Hannebery, Maree Kelly

## Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am Mass: TBA      10.30 Mass: TBA

## COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 10TH FEBRUARY

**THIS WEEK: TEAM 7:** Don Cameron, Damien Hunt, Peter Murray, Adam Koster, Michael McCormick  
**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 8:** Ross Black, Lorraine Gill, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 17TH FEBRUARY	
<b>LECTOR:</b>	Jenny
<b>Backup:</b>	Roseanna
<b>COMMENTATOR:</b>	Bruce
<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	Roseanna & Volunteer
<b>Mowing:</b>	Steve

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 17TH FEBRUARY	
<b>FIRST / SECOND READING:</b>	Harrison Fischer
<b>WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:</b>	McEvoy Family
<b>POWERPOINT:</b>	Madison Coulston
<b>OFFERTORY:</b>	Coulston
<b>CLEANING ROSTER:</b>	Kerry Kirley

## GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

<p><a href="#">Readings this week</a></p> <p>Isaiah 6:1-8          1 Corinthians 15:1-11          Luke 5:1-11</p> <p><a href="#">Readings next week:</a></p> <p>Isaiah 6:1-8          1 Corinthians 15:1-11          Luke 5:1-11</p>
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<p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b> Lord, hear our prayer!</p>
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### 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 H on 0458 031 903 or Gerri on 0438 206 082



Plenary Council 2020  
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' 2017

# WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS**

Everyone's experience of faith and the Church is unique and it is important that the Plenary Council hear responses from as many people as possible. Invite your friends and family to have a conversation about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Ask everyone – “What do you think God is asking of us at this time?”

#### **How?**

**PRAY & Take one** of these options:

#### **IN OUR PARISH:**

Fill out the Plenary Council Card and put it in the box provided at the back of the Church

**ONLINE:** Visit: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

Also see: [Plenary Council Facebook Page](#) & [Plenary Council Twitter Account](#)

**BY POST:** For questions, ideas or suggestions for the Plenary Council Facilitation Team, please send a message to: PO Box 747, North Sydney, NSW 2059

#### **To view our Child Safe Policy**

visit our website @ [wodongacatholicparish.com.au](http://wodongacatholicparish.com.au) Go information - Go WCP CHILD SAFE POLICY.

Or contact Sonni @ the Parish Centre Ph: 6024-3366 OR E: [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au)