



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**  
Father Junjun Amaya  
0459-356-917  
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Father Shibu  
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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



## February 17th -2019 - The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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*Stewardship - "Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."*

### Looking at the Readings

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

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### The Beatitudes

The Gospel of Matthew contains the more familiar version of the Beatitude. Luke's account is briefer and includes both "Blessing and Woes". Pope Francis offered a new version for modern Christians:

- Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.
- Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.
- Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.
- Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.
- Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
- Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

*Pope Francis Malmo stadium. Sweden, All Saints 1 Nov 2016*

**Recent Deaths:** Alice Horwood.



**Anniversaries:** Beryl Speers, Marcelina & Andre Afonso,

**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

### Happy 90th Birthday Alice



Alice Svarc celebrated her 90th birthday this week. Our parish community wish Alice the happiest of birthdays! 90 years loved!

### Welcome back Fr Junjun

This week we welcome back Fr Junjun as he returns from his annual leave.

### Sr Eileen Reardon Spiritual Renewal

We wish Sister Eileen Reardon well as she takes time from February 28th until April 14th for spiritual renewal.

### 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. *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.**

### 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

### Closing the Gap

Are you someone who struggles to understand new technology? Bring along your laptop, mobile phone or smart device and learn some tips from students of Catholic College Wodonga. Receive one-on-one tutoring and learn at your own pace.

**Sessions commence at Felltimber Community**

**Centre:** Monday, February 25th - 2:15pm to 3:00pm and then the following Monday - 12:15pm to 1:00pm alternating weekly.

**Bookings required on 02) 6043 4550.**

### Grandparent Knowhow:

Do you have skills to share with the younger generations that can also support your community? The centre hosts the Catholic College students throughout the year who assist in programs and activities that support the centre such as knitting squares to create beautiful blankets to donate to those in need, tending to our herb garden, sewing, cooking and more. If you feel you could assist in teaching these skills, or have other skills to offer please contact Felltimber Community Centre for more information.

# WODONGA ROSTERS 24TH FEBRUARY 2019

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

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Volunteers

## 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> Fiona Barret</p> <p><b>Lector 2:</b> Ross Black</p>	<p><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Edward, Henry, Jess, Mac, Oliver, Billy, Tommy</p> <p><b>Lector 1:</b> Jim Costelloe</p> <p><b>Lector 2:</b> Diana McKinley</p>	<p><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Honorina, Eliza</p> <p><b>Lector 1:</b> Michael Iverson</p> <p><b>Lector 2:</b> Pat Oliver</p>
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## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**6.00pm:** Michael McLinden, Cath Sterk, Clive Hayward, Louise, Mikeala & Caitlyn Ward  
**8.30am:** Sandy Kaitler, Maureen Maw, Pat Toole, Anne & Edward Tremethick, Megan Teefey, Dave Seiter  
**10.30am:** Shelley Bowey, Nina de Kruiff, Gabrielle Radcliffe, Annette Mons, Peter Sartori

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

## COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 17TH FEBRUARY

**THIS WEEK: TEAM 8:** Ross Black, Lorraine Gill, David & Helen Gill, Frank Watson  
**NEXT WEEK: TEAM 9:** Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown

Mt Beauty Rosters: 24th February	
<b>LECTOR:</b>	Mary-Anne
<b>Backup:</b>	Rachel
<b>COMMENTATOR:</b>	Barb
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	Mary-Anne & Volunteer
<b>Mowing:</b>	Steve

Dederang Rosters: 3rd March	
<b>FIRST / SECOND READING:</b>	Alanna Kirley
<b>WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:</b>	McEvoy Family
<b>POWERPOINT:</b>	Madison Coulston
<b>OFFERTORY:</b>	Fischer
<b>CLEANING ROSTER:</b>	Sharon McEvoy

## GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.

<p><b>Readings this week</b>                  Jeremiah 17:5-8                  1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20                  Luke 6:17,20-26</p>	<p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Happy are they who hope in the Lord.</p>
<p><b>Readings next week:</b>                  1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23                  1 Corinthians 15:45-49                  Luke 6:27-38</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!</p>
	<p><b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b> Lord, hear our prayer!</p>



### 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)