



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

Father Shibu
0432 591 551

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 24th -2019 - The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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Words from Pope Francis: *Pray for those who want to destroy you. Pray for those who hurt you. Pray for your enemies and ask God to bless them. It is difficult to do so and perhaps even more difficult to understand, yet Christians are called to this "mystery" according to the glorious example of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis, homily 19 June 2018*

Looking at the Readings:

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation: In the beginning we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Welcoming Sunday:

Will be held Sunday **March 3rd** after the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses and is being hosted by **Our Sacramental Team**. 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. We will also **Celebrate the Welcoming Mass** for our **Sacramental Candidates** as they continue on their faith Journey.

Recent Deaths: Betty Sheppard



Anniversaries: Pat Larkin, Tom, Denis & Margaret Fanning, Cliff Robinson, Luisa Caraig, Jvan, Kate & Lojz Juric, Denis, Maureen & Bill Mahony

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

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

Thank You: Professor Allan C. Carlson thanks all people involved in his visit and Public Address on 5/2/19 at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga.

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.

Dear Parishioners

St. Vincent De Paul would like to extend a **"BIG Thank you"** for your generous support and donations at Christmas this year and throughout the year. Because of your generous support we are able to continue to reach out to those in need – in our parish and community. Thank you and very much appreciated.

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

Parish Talk Deadline:

Many thanks for the submissions received for the Christmas Edition of **Parish Talk**. The **deadline** for the **Easter Edition is THIS MONDAY 25th February**. We will accept photos with a brief description of the event. Please email articles or photos to wcptalk@gmail.com or contact the Parish Centre 60243-366

Lenten Program:

If any parishioner wishes to be part of a Lenten Group or if any existing group would like to use a program of reflection during Lent, please leave your name on the sheets provided as well as preferred day and time and we will organize material etc. *Fr Junjun*

Project Compassion: The launch of Project Compassion 2018 will be held at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd March. Assistance will be appreciated to set up the display. Please contact Marilyn 0447121955 or the Parish Centre or on 6024 3366.

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 Ph: 02) 6043 4550.

Grandparent Knowhow: Do you have skills to share with the younger generations that can also support your community? The center hosts the Catholic College students throughout the year who assist in programs and activities that support the center 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 3RD MARCH 2019

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Marg McEvoy, Brigita Hore

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dina & Bozidar Zmajla

MASS TIMES: 6.00 pm 8.30 am 10.30 am

ALTAR SERVERS Peter, Michael, David.

Lector 1: Geoff Walsh

Lector 2: David Gill

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

Lector 1: Kate Rotherham

Lector 2: Don Cameron

ALTAR SERVERS Honorina, Eliza

Lector 1: Kath Twycross

Lector 2: Damien Jones

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.00pm: Brian & Neta Lawson, Joy Packer, Pam Shirley, Liz MacPherson-Wood, Mavis Hyndman

8.30am: Pauline Acott, Nina de Kruiff, Michelle McCarty, Diana McKinley, Ros Revell, Cecilia McCormick

10.30am: Shelley Bowey, Gabrielle Radcliffe, Annette Mona, Peter Sartori

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am Mass: TBA

10.30 Mass: TBA

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 24TH FEBRUARY

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: 3RD MARCH

LECTOR: Raahel

Backup: Peter

COMMENTATOR: Gail

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Peter & Volunteer

Mowing: Peter

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 3RD MARCH

FIRST / SECOND READING: Alanna Kirley

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: McEvoy Family

POWERPOINT: Madison Coulston

OFFERTORY: Fischer

CLEANING ROSTER: Sharon McEvoy

GOSPEL: LUKE 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Readings this week

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

Readings next week:

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer!

March
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Wednesday-6th of March 2019

Parish Mass Times:

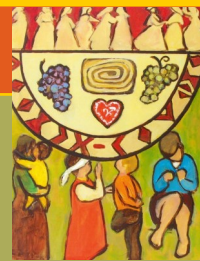
Sacred Heart Church — 9.15 am & 6.30 pm

Liturgies

St Francis of Assisi Primary School — 9.00 am

St Monica's Primary School — 12 Noon

St Augustine's Primary School — 12 Noon



World day of Prayer
2019

SLOVENIA

Come - Everything Is Ready

Friday March 1st

Please Join in the 2019

World Day of Prayer

an Ecumenical

Service at the

Baptist Church 154

Melrose drive

Wodonga

For further

information please

contact

Kath Twycross 0412712525



**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

DEDERANG

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Note:

*There will be
no Liturgy of
the word at
St Josephs
Dederang,
on March
31st .*