



St Augustine's Church
Wodonga

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

No Masses

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: Tuesdays 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

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September 29th - 2019 - The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Acknowledgement of Country:

We, Wodonga Catholic Parish, acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land where our churches, schools and buildings are located. We pay our respect to the Aboriginal people and Elders past and present whose spirits dwell in this land.
May the spirit of this ancient land be always with us.



Social Justice Sunday:

Making it Real!

Genuine Human Encounter In our Digital World

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognise the evil latent in a
communication that does not build communion.
Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds
of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practice listening;
where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen.

- A Prayer from Pope Francis, 2018

Message for the 52nd World Communications Day

Recent Deaths:

Denise Hooper (funeral Sacred Heart Wodonga, Monday 30 Sept, 1:00 pm)
Sr Canisius, Brigidine Order (Dorothy Larkin), Lachlan Horan

Anniversaries:

Francesco Carniel, Alpinolo Carniel. Kerry O'Mahony, Mary Osborne, Kevin Hynes,
Vera Gehrig, Des & Pat O'Meara

Sick:

Baz Williams, Jean-Charles Msula-Munga, Zak Oliver, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock,
Ricky Ellul, John Radcliffe, Robert Anderson, Baz Williams, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.

What's Happening in Our Parish

Bus to Bendigo FINAL NOTICE:

Please notify the Parish Centre if you wish to travel on the Bus to Bendigo for our new Bishop's Ordination by MONDAY 30th of SEPTEMBER.

Baptism Preparation Evening:

Preparation evenings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. **Our next Preparation evening is Tuesday October 1st at 7pm. In Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre, 283 Beechworth Rd**
Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish.

Godparents are also welcome. For information or to register **Contact:** Sonni @ the Parish Centre: 02 6024 3366 Or E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au

K S C Meeting: Tuesday 1st October at the Parish Centre for light refreshments at **12.30pm** followed by our **meeting at 1.00pm**. All members most welcome to attend. Contact: Michael McCormick (Secretary) 0429009595

Parish Pastoral Council: Meeting
Wednesday 2nd of October at 6:30 pm.

Welcoming Sunday October 6th

Will be held Sunday **October 6th** after the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses and is being hosted by **The Family 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

CWL: Catholic Women's League AGM

CWL will meet for the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday **October 9th at 9:45 am** in the Parish Centre. **Guest speaker: Fr Shibu** Past, present and future members all welcome.
Contact Beth 0415 940 988.

Bible Study with Fr Junjun : All Most Welcome:

When: Tuesday October 8th - 5:30pm.

Where: In the Parish Centre .

Topic: Luke 17: 11-19



Please Bring Your Bible.

Bereavement Support Group:

Meeting **Monday October 7th 1.30 pm**, in the Parish Centre. Contact Marg Whitehead 6024 4697

Filipino Mass & El Shaddai Gawain: The 3rd Saturday of each month @ 4 pm - St Augustine's Church

Vietnamese Mass: The 4th Saturday of each month @ 6pm - St Augustine's Church .

Indian Mass: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month @ 6 pm - St Augustine's Church

Reconciliation Sacramental Program

Enrol Now :

For children who have already received the Sacrament of Baptism

Enrolments close 30th September

First session for parents and children
Week commencing 7 October, 2019

Enquiries: wcpsacramental@gmail.com
Timele Stewart 0420 976 550

Sunday the 13th of October
we will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of
Catholic College Wodonga

The 10:30 am Mass @ Sacred Heart Church will be
Led by Students and Staff of Catholic College
Wodonga.

Past & present families are invited to join us.

After the Mass we will have morning tea and tours of
CCW will be run until 3:00 pm.

WODONGA ROSTERS: 6TH OCTOBER

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Peter & Trish Kellow

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

MASS TIMES: 6.00 pm 8.30 am 10.30 am

ALTAR SERVERS Peter, Michael, David.

Lector 1: David Gill

Lector 2: Rosanna Jackson

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

Lector 1: Lochlan Moffat

Lector 2: Jacob Moffat

ALTAR SERVERS Honorina, Eliza

Lector 1: Kath Sartori

Lector 2: Judy D'Astoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6TH OCTOBER

6.00pm: Meryl Brown, David & Helen Gill, Pam Shirley, Joy Packer, Clive Hayward

8.30am: Mick Bone, Kath Twycross, Diana McKinley, Kathryn Scanlon, Dave Sully

10.30am: Jean Tabra, Judy D'Astoli, Ampy Clark, Marg Hannebary, Maree Kelly, Philip Stewart

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am Mass: School Holidays

10:30 am Mass: School Holidays

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK: TEAM 10:

John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 1:

John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker, John Foley

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 6TH OCTOBER

LECTOR: TBA

Backup: TBA

COMMENTATOR: TBA

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: TBA

Mowing: John

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 6TH OCTOBER

FIRST / SECOND READING: Alana Kirley

WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: McEvoy Family

POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

OFFERTORY: Coulston

CLEANING ROSTER: Diane Goonan



GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31



Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." "The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Readings this week

Amos 6:1, 4-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Readings next week:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer!

Address by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen DD OFMConv - Bishop of Parramatta
Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World
The Solidarity of the Good Samaritan in the Digital World

Good morning everyone.

Let us join in paying respects to the traditional owners and giving thanks for their care and stewardship for this land. Whether we have a particular interest in technology or not, none of us can ignore the fact that the world has changed enormously since the invention of the internet. Pope Francis asks us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world' and his use of social media continues the tradition of the Church embracing new forms of communication.

This is not surprising because communication is essential to the mission of announcing God's Reign of justice and peace. Yet digital platforms are not only a means of announcing the Reign of God; they are also 'places' that need to be transformed to reflect the in-breaking of God's Reign. They are places where we can communicate like never before, and places that can subtly shape the way in which we communicate. The big questions then are moral rather than technical.

What does it mean to be the People of God, here and now, face-to-face and online?

The Social Justice Statement takes as its interpretive key the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan is moved with compassion to help another in need. Furthermore, the Samaritan crosses entrenched divisions based on culture, race, religious belief and practice to recognize and uphold the dignity of the person who has been robbed and assaulted.

It is not a story of 'vague compassion' as John Paul II put it but of real solidarity. Pope Francis has also made solidarity one of his constant themes, even though he notes that some people, even in the church, see it as 'a dirty word'.

What might solidarity mean in the digital world?

Catholic Social Teaching scholars have articulated three forms or expressions of solidarity; incarnational solidarity, institutional solidarity and conflictual solidarity.

Sometimes our 'solidarity' can be disembodied, distant or merely conceptual. The critique of 'clicktivism' comes readily to mind. Digital platforms have been a godsend for social justice movements, but all the awareness raising, mobilizing and advocacy that takes place online also has to land somewhere in real life; we have to make it real.

Kristin Heyer, a professor at Boston College, says that **incarnational solidarity** requires us to 'immerse our bodies and expend our precious energy in practices of concrete accompaniment in the real world.' The *Ten Steps Towards Making it Real* action leaflet provides good suggestions on how each one of us can incarnate our solidarity – to give it flesh and bones – both online and face to face.

Solidarity however requires more than individual action alone; it requires an institutional response. **Institutional solidarity** calls for structures that offer marginalized persons a genuine voice in decisions and policies that affect their lives so that our interdependence is marked, not by relationships of domination and oppression, but by relationships of equality and mutuality.

In the digital world we need empowered participation in decision-making for the full range of affected stakeholders; we cannot simply leave matters to the tech companies. We need structures of accountability and transparency to govern the digital world for the good of all. The Statement encourages institutional solidarity through its advocacy of the regulation of data gathering by platforms, and international cooperation for the governance of the internet. It also points out the responsibility of governments to ensure that everyone can effectively access essential services.

When we work for the justice of God's Reign, we will be confronted by issues of economic and political power. Although the Church always works for peace and unity among the human family, we sometimes need to take sides and stand with those who are the poorest, the most pushed aside and excluded, those whose dignity and rights have been abused. We call it making an option for the poor.

If the Internet represents an extraordinary possibility of access to knowledge, it is also true that it has proven to be one of the areas most exposed to disinformation and to the distortion of facts and interpersonal relationships, which are often used to discredit. St Paul speaks of the duty that arises out of our being in a relationship of communion: 'Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak the truth, each to his neighbour, for we are members one of another' (Eph 4:25). In a digital world where fake news, divisive, offensive and misogynistic content are not uncommon, we may even need to exercise **conflictual solidarity**. We cannot be by-standers in the face of cyberbullying, trolling and the objectification of others. Each one of us can call out bad behavior and stand by victims.

As a faith community we can also be more prophetic in standing up for minorities and vulnerable groups who are subjected to vilification, hate speech and threats of violence online. Being the People of God calls us beyond seeking measures for the protection only of our own rights. We are summoned to build a world where God's vision of peace and harmony for all his creatures, great and small, is enacted.

We are the pilgrim People of God, and we are entering new territory on the journey. I hope that this year's social justice statement will help us to discern which paths to take.

It is an honour to join with Beth Doherty and Margaret Van Heekeren as we hereby launch the 2019 Statement:

Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world.

To read the full statement: visit: <https://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements>