



St Francis Church  
Bethanga

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

Including Bethanga, Dederang, Mt Beauty and Tangambalanga Communities

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## December 8th-2019-Second Sunday of Advent

### 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.

### 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

## Plenary Council 2020...Phase 2

Now that we are in the Discernment phase, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit

*How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:*

All people are now invited to continue the journey towards the Plenary Council by engaging in a time of listening and discernment in our parish. Reflective gathering will run for approximately one and a half to two hours. A short report from our sessions will be forwarded to the Plenary Council.

Humble, healing & merciful **Monday Dec 9th @10am in Sacred Heart Church**

A joyful, hope-filled servant community **Tuesday Dec 10th @7pm in Sacred Heart Church**

Open to conversation, renewal & reform? **Friday Dec 13th @10am in Sacred Heart Church**



## Plenary Council Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another  
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

## Plenary Discussion in the Bush:

The 1st Sunday of Advent saw us, as a church community in Mt Beauty, meet after Mass in our church house to have a round table discussion re: Plenary Council.

We chose one subject, and presented our thoughts on this. It was great to come together as a community and talk!

This was followed by sharing a brunch in our dining room, table set for 14, roast chicken, fresh bread, lovely home made salads, and off we went!!!

More discussions were had and then a beautiful platter of fresh healthy fruit was served, along with a sour cream apple tart.

The last time we sat down and broke bread together was with Bishop Les, we look forward to doing same with Bishop Shane.

**Recent Deaths:** Syd Taylor, Zalman Joss, Angela Lynch

**Anniversaries:** Leon Van Buynder, Dan Ley, Don & Connie Tremethick

**Sick:** Sam Clifton, John Thornley Jean-Charles Msula-Munga, Zak Oliver, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, John Radcliffe, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.

## What's Happening in Our Parish

### St Vincent De Paul: Good Works

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

### Christmas Masses Sign up sheets

Many people are needed to fulfil the various ministries for Christmas Masses. Please register your availability by placing your name on the forms in the church foyer before **Monday 16th December**.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

There will be no 9:15 am Morning Mass at Sacred Heart Church on the following dates: **December 13th, 17th and 18th** due to End of year school Masses, which will take place at 10:00 am.

**All parishioners are welcome and invited to attend these school Masses**

### Bereavement Group Coming to an End:

In the late 1990s Fr Joe Taylor expressed interest in setting up a Bereavement Support Group in our Parish. He discussed this with Sr Imelda Gain and it was agreed that she approach parishioners who may be interested in joining a group. Sr Imelda contacted people who either had nursing experience or were involved with the Mercy Palliative Care Group in Albury.

Marg Hickey agreed to be the co-ordinator and continued in the role till she was no longer able to. Sr Imelda then asked me, as I was already a member of the group, if I would become the Group co-ordinator.

We are a small group and meet on the first Monday of each month to report on Parish Deaths and arrange to contact families who have suffered bereavement. Last year, our priests officiated at thirty-eight funerals

A Memorial Mass is held in Sacred Heart Church during November at 7.30 pm for our deceased parishioners and relatives of parishioners who have died during the twelve months. An invitation is sent out to the families and a notice is placed in the parish bulletin inviting parishioners to attend.

~ Marg Whitehead



PRESENTS

Vocal Consort  
Under the direction of Robyn Krowicky  
2019 Service of  
Carols and Lessons

A traditional Christmas Eve service as performed by King's College, Cambridge.

This really is an evening not to be missed.  
A combination of traditional crowd pleasers and more obscure but equally beautiful carols.

**A MUST to get there early as it will be a full house for both concerts.**

December 9th ~ 2019

8:00 pm

Holy Trinity Anglican Church,  
Church St Yackandandah,

December 16th ~ 2019

8:00 pm

St Paul's Anglican Church,  
75 Albert Road Chiltern

**Ecumenical Prayer Service:** The 1st Saturday of each month @ 8am - St Augustine's Church .

**Filipino Mass & El Shaddai Gawain:** The 4th Saturday of **DECEMBER** @ 4 pm - St Augustine's Church.

**Vietnamese Mass: For DECEMBER**

Please contact Mark Ph: 0402076470

**Indian Mass: Christmas Eve Mass 24th Dec @ 9:00pm St Augustine's Church.**

**A Safe Parish:** Around our parish center and churches are various notices and information in regards to keeping our parish safe. Please be aware the child safety notices and the exit plans **must not** be covered by other notices and must be in clear view at all times. If you happen to see these notices covered please uncover them or let me know. Thank you, Sonni.

**Wodonga Catholic Parish Child Safety Officers.**

Jacinta Bartlett 0418470632 & Sonia La Motte-Schubert 60243366. **Towards Healing help line 1800 816 030 (free call) Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour Crisis Support Phone: 13 11 14**

## WODONGA ROSTERS: 15TH DECEMBER

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

**SACRED HEART ALTAR:** Dot Larkin, Carmel Gannon

### MASS TIMES:

**6.00 pm**

**8.30 am**

**10.30 am**

**ALTAR SERVERS** Peter, Michael, David.

**Lector 1:** Fiona Barret

**Lector 2:** David Gill

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

**Lector 1:** Isabelle Swanson

**Lector 2:** John Barrat

**ALTAR SERVERS** Honorina, Eliza

**Lector 1:** Janet Miller

**Lector 2:** Damien Jones

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 15TH DECEMBER

**6.00pm:** Michael McLinden, Cath Sterk, Geoff Walsh, Louise, Caitlyn & Mikeala Ward

**8.30am:** Mick Bone, Diana McKinley, Kathryn Scanlon

**10.30am** Ken Fuchsen, Gerard Moore, Maree Kelly, Ampy Clark, Jean Tabra, Marg Hannebery

### Children's Liturgy:

**8.30 am Mass:** Corrie, Kerrie & Timele **10:30 am Mass:** Jacqui

## 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: 15TH DECEMBER

**LECTOR:** Deb

**Backup:** Rachel

**COMMENTATOR:** Gail

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Bruce

**Mowing:** Bruce

### DEDERANG ROSTERS: 15TH DECEMBER

**FIRST / SECOND READING:** Harrison Fischer

**WELCOME/PsALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL:** McEvoy Family

**POWERPOINT:** Madison Coulston

**OFFERTORY:** Read

**CLEANING ROSTER:** Mary Read



## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12



In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

### Readings this week

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12

### Readings next week:

Isaiah 35:1-6,10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

### Responsorial Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever .

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia,

### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer!

## We Invite You, Our Parish Community:

On Sunday, December 15th at 8:30 Mass we welcome Ben Pearson and Jacoban Golle to our Catholic community as they receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We invite you, our parish members, to stay after Mass and join us for a celebratory morning tea in the foyer with an opportunity to welcome and congratulate Ben and Jacoban.

If you are able to help with morning tea by providing a plate of food or assistance with the serving we would be most grateful. **~ RCIA TEAM**

## Advent Prayer Leaflets:

The Second Sunday of Advent Prayer leaflets are available in the foyer of the church.

## Wodonga Catholic Parish

# Christmas Mass Times- 2019

## Community Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga  
Thursday December 12th

7:00 pm

## Filipino Christmas Novena Mass

December 15th - 20th St Augustine's Church

7:00 pm

December 21st - Sacred Heart Church

6.00 pm

December 22nd & 23rd- St Augustine's Church

7:00 pm

## Individual Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

Friday December 20th

9:45 -10:15 am

Saturday December 21st

9:00 -10:00 am

## Christmas Eve Mass Times

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

### Family Christmas Eve Mass:

December 24th

6:00 pm Children's Mass & Nativity Celebration

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

December 24th

8.30 pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Tangambalanga

December 24th

7:00 pm

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

8:30 & 10:30 am

St Joseph's Church, Mt Beauty

8:30 am

St Joseph's Church, Dederang

10:30 am

## Christmas Tree of Remembrance



Parishioners are invited to remember deceased family

members and friends, by writing a message on the cards provided and hanging them on the Christmas tree in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church.

## Wodonga Catholic Parish Gift Shop Now in Stock

Calendars, Christmas cards, Advent wreathes and small gifts suitable for the Festive Season.

The pre-ordered Daily Mass Books and Copies of Break Open The Word are available and plentiful.

**Support from our volunteer stallholders would be gratefully accepted.**

The Filipino Community of Albury/Wodonga  
invites you all to...

## Simbang Gabi sa Wodonga 2019

What better way to prepare for Christmas than with 9 evening masses... Join us as we celebrate this beautiful Filipino Tradition in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord..

→ Please Bring your favorite dish to share after the Mass at St Augustine's Church , 55 High St Wodonga

### Mass Schedule:

(Sun)-	Dec 15	(7pm)	- Fr Nathan
(Mon)-	Dec 16	(7pm)	- Fr Nathan
(Tues)-	Dec 17	(7pm)	- Fr Shibu
(Wed)-	Dec 18	(7pm)	- Fr Junjun
(Thurs)-	Dec 19	(7pm)	- Fr Dean
(Fri)-	Dec 20	(7pm)	- Fr Junjun
(Sat)-	Dec 21	(7pm)	- Fr Novie
(Sun)-	Dec 22	(7pm)	- Fr Junjun
(Mon)-	Dec 23	(7pm)	- Fr Dean