



ST JOSEPH'S MT BEAUTY

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

9.30am - 5.00pm
Monday to Friday

PRESBYTERY

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PARISH PRIEST

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Father Shibu
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PASTORAL ASSISTANT

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WEEKEND MASSES

WODONGA

Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 6.00pm.
Sunday 8.30am 10.30am

TANGAMBALANGA

Our Lady Help of Christians
2nd, 4th Sunday 10.30am

BETHANGA

St Francis
No Masses

DEDERANG

St Joseph's
1st, 3rd Sunday 10.30am
5th Sunday 10.30am
Liturgy of The Word
and Communion

MT BEAUTY

St Joseph's
1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am
5th Sunday 8.30am
Liturgy of The Word
and Communion

WEEKDAY MASS:

Sacred Heart Church 9.15am
Monday - Liturgy of the Word 9.15am
Tuesday to Friday: Mass —
Saturday
9.30 St Augustine's

RECONCILIATION:

Sacred Heart Church Saturday
9.00 - 9.30 am
Country Churches
Before Masses

Wodonga Catholic Parish

Including Bethanga, Dederang, Mt Beauty, Tangambalanga, Tallangatta & Corryong Communities



February 9th - 2020 - The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FEAST OF ST BAKHITA 8th February

Pope Francis declares the feast of St Josephine Bakhita (patron saint of victims of slavery) 8th February, to be the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking.

Australians are being urged to work together, through grass roots action and corporate governance, to end slavery around the world. This special day gives us an opportunity to reflect on what we do and what we buy and if necessary, to commit to act differently in order to work towards the elimination of slavery. Australia's Modern Slavery Act came into effect on 1st Jan 2019. To learn more, go to <https://acrath.org.au/>

The Church invites us to celebrate the feast day of one of the most recently canonized saints – St Josephine Bakhita. Each year she is honoured as the patron saint of Sudan, South Sudan and of people who are trafficked or held in slave-like conditions.

Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan in 1869, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery as a little girl and forced to work.

She later told how her slave owner gave her the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. As a young girl, she was resold several times, until finally in 1883 she was sold to the Italian consul in Sudan.

Two years later, he took his slave, Bakhita, to Italy and gave her to his friend as a babysitter. One of her tasks was to accompany her charges to a school run by the Canossian Sisters in Venice. Over time, Bakhita felt drawn to the Good News of Jesus. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, taking the name Josephine.

When the Italian slave owner and his family wanted to take their slave, Josephine, back to Africa, she refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf and the judge eventually concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, Josephine had to be released from the bonds of slavery and given her freedom.

Josephine later joined the Canossian Sisters in 1893 and made her profession three years later. She spent the rest of her life living in her religious community, cooking, sewing and kindly welcoming visitors at the door. Her life as a Sister became one of 'service freely given' and the children and local citizens grew to love her.

Josephine once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know God, for what a great grace it is to know God!" Josephine Bakhita died in 1947 and was canonized in 2000.

Recent Deaths: Marja Wassink

Anniversaries: Bob Jensen, Mary Patterson, Jean Sully, Bernadette Ford (Ley)

Sick: Zak Oliver, Kath Twycross, John Thornley, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, John Radcliffe, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers

What's Happening in Our Parish

Welcome Home Fr Junjun

We welcome Fr Junjun back this week, hoping he has had a enjoyable and restful time during his leave in the Philippines.

Farwell Fr Shibu

Fr Shibu will commence his annual leave on Monday the 10th of Feb we wish him a happy holiday and look forward to his return in March.

Baptism Preparation Evenings

Preparation evenings are held on the first Tuesday of every second month. **Our next Preparation evening is Tuesday March 3rd at 7pm, 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 and other family members are also welcome. *For information or to register*

Contact: Sonni @ The Parish Centre: Ph: 60243366 OR E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au

St Augustine's Opening School Mass

This will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on **Tuesday February 11th at 10:00am.**

Please note there will not be Mass at 9:15am.

Additional Masses & Liturgies

Ecumenical Prayer Service: The 1st Saturday of each month @ 8.00am - St Augustine's Church .

Filipino Mass & El Shaddai Gawain: The 3rd Saturday of each month @ 4.00pm - St Augustine's Church

Vietnamese Mass: The 4th Saturday of each month @ 6.00pm - St Augustine's Church .

Indian Mass: The 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month @ 6pm - St Augustine's Church. **No Mass in February .**

St Vincent de Paul **Good Works**

St Vincent De Paul:

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

Our local St Vincent de Paul Conference is seeking people to join them in their work of serving the disadvantaged and vulnerable members of our community. For more information contact the Parish Centre: 60243 366.

Reconciliation on Saturdays

PLEASE NOTE: As from Saturday **4th January** until Saturday **7th March**, inclusive, Reconciliation on Saturdays will take place at St Augustine's Church at 9.00am followed by Mass as usual at 9.30am.

Wodonga Catholic Parish
Warmly Invites You To....

Youth Mass
Feb 23rd

5pm Mass

4pm: Music Practise, Drama Group, Set-Up Team, Readers....Everyone is welcome to join in and be part of the action.

WODONGA ROSTERS 16TH FEBRUARY 2020

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: Ross Black
Lector 2: Geoff Walsh

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

Lector 1: Margaret Dwyer
Lector 2: Juliana Vaughan

ALTAR SERVERS Honorina, Eliza,

Lector 1: Michael Iverson
Lector 2: Cristy Fraser

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: Jacinta Bartlett, Dianne King, Ken Fuchsen, Gabrielle Radcliffe, Yves or Edwidge

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am Mass: TBA 10.30 Mass: TBA

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK— 9TH 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: 16TH FEBRUARY

LECTOR: Bruce
Backup: Deb
COMMENTATOR: Gail
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Roseanna & Volunteer
MOWING: Steve

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 16TH FEBRUARY

FIRST / SECOND READING: Sharon Coulston
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: McEvoy Family
POWERPOINT: Madison Coulston
OFFERTORY: Coulston
CLEANING ROSTER: Mary Read



GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:13-16



Jesus said to his disciples:

'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again?
It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden.
No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub;
they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.
In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men,
so that, seeing your good works,
they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Readings this week

Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Readings next week:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Responsorial Psalm:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

World Day of Prayer February 8th -Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking.

Prayer

As we honour the memory of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of trafficked people, let us pray that our demand for cheap goods and services will be reduced so that workers' conditions and payment will reflect the dignity of their persons and their work. That wealthy countries such as our own may be generous in supporting impoverished nations so that all people have a decent standard of living and escape the desperate circumstances that make them vulnerable to human trafficking.

That God's freedom and justice will come for all. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen

**Our Father, we trustingly pray to you,
Asking that the coronavirus may do no more harm,
that the epidemic may be swiftly gotten under control,
and that you restore the health of those affected
and peace to the places where the virus has arrived.**

**Welcome into your kingdom
the people who have died from this illness,
and comfort their families.**

**Sustain and protect the healthcare personnel who are fighting it,
and inspire and bless those working to control it.**

**Lord Jesus, doctor of our bodies and souls,
we feel impotent
in the face of this international health emergency,
but we trust in You.**

**Give us peace and health.
Mother Mary, protect us and continue to take care of us,
and lead us through your love to your Son, Jesus.**

Amen.

Bushfire Emergency Relief Contact Centre details

Need assistance after the bushfires?

Vinnies is here to help. Our members and volunteers live in communities affected by bushfires across the country, and will be there for the long road ahead as we rebuild and recover after the fires. We can help with essentials like clothing, food, unexpected expenses, emergency shelter and emotional support.

**If you have been affected by bushfires,
call 131812 to find out how we can help.**

Online Donations

may be made to
Commonwealth Bank:

**St Vincent de Paul Gift Fund
BSB 063 000 Acc # 106 07556 .**

Should you require a receipt,
please email with the details of
your donation (name and
date) to:

**donation@svdp-vic.org.au or
call 03 9895 5959**



A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

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 let me know. Thank you, Sonni.

Wodonga Catholic Parish Child Safety Officers.

Jacinta Bartlett 0418470632 and 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**