

Wodonga

#### WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

9.30am - 5.00pm **Monday to Friday** 

#### **PRESBYTERY**

55 High Street Wodonga Vic

PARISH PRIEST Father Junjun Amaya PH: 0459 356 917 **ASSISTANT PRIEST** Father Shibu

**Pezhumthottathil** Ph: 0432 591 551

PASTORAL ASSISTANT Sister Eileen Reardon 0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)

#### 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:

**Before Masses** 

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** 

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



February 16th - 2020 - The 6th Sunda



# From Pope Francis

Having Faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing you are not alone'.

# Focus on the Readings:

In the Bill Watterson's comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes" the seven year old Calvin decides to be a fatalist: "What will be will be, I have no choice in matters; I am not to blame; it is all up to fate!" Hobbes, the pet tiger puts out his foot and trips Calvin over. Calvin protests: "What was that for?" Hobbes reply: "Oh! That wasn't me that was fate!" Fatalism is incompatible with humanity and Christianity. The readings today not only speak of God's Law and our compliances but also of our choices and responsibilities.

Matthew is writing to a nascent church very familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures and the Law of Moses. So too St Paul to the Corinthians: the Christian must now go deeper into the Spirit and Life of God's word. Jesus takes us further starting with the laws' minimal requirements to embrace new Christian ideals, actions and responsibilities. Literalism, determinism and fatalism are outmoded and inadequate to live life to the fullest.

Like the parishioner who moved into a new parish while still resident in his old parish asked the Parish Priest: "May I have the rights and privileges of this parish?" The Pastor replied "and also the duties and responsibilities." Yes, Jesus takes us further in our understanding of law, our application of the great law of love and our call to be fully human with the divine.

# Gospel Sequence:

By happy circumstance we have the whole Chapter 5 of the Gospel according to Matthew read in sequence. The Beatitudes (5:1-13), read on Australia Day, and the metaphors "You are salt and light" last week (5:13-16) served as an introduction to the great Sermon on the Mount. This week (5:17-37) and next (5:38-38) Jesus instruction on the Law, new and old complete the chapter. These passages over four Sundays give the disciples then and now ways to be, to act and to bear fruit.

Then on the following Wednesday, Ash Wednesday (26 February) we continue reading from Chapter 6 on prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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Recent Deaths: Mila Pilcik

**Anniversaries:** Mary Kalc, Marcelina & Andre Afonso,

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 happing in our Parish

# St Monica's Opening School Mass

This will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on Friday February 21st at 10:00 am.

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

# <u>Baptism Preparation Evenings</u>

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

# Alpha Welcomes You

### Everyone has questions.

We believe everyone should have the opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith.

To ask questions, and share their point of view in an open, friendly environment.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

Come and see, come and join us for morning tea as we present video talks, followed by good conversation.

Where: Sacred Heart Church foyer

When: Commencing 10:00 am Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> Contacts: Marg Hannebery Ph: 0458 031 903

Gerri Boldrini Ph: 0438 206 082

More information in Foyer of Sacred Heart Church

# Farwell Fr Shibu

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

### 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 @ 6.00 pm - St Augustine's Church.

Indian Mass: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month @6:00 pm - St Augustine's Church. No Mass in February

## Parish Talk



Get your articles and photos in NOW! Email Greg Walsh wcptalk@gmail.com

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# Caritas News

Free copies of <u>CARITAS NEWS</u> are available today. This Summer Edition focusses on our ONE HUMAN FAMILY and how Caritas, with your support, is working with the most marginalised in Australia, Jordan and The Philippines.

# 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 ROSTERS 23RD FEBRUARY 2020

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Natasha Pyneappels, Catherine Caton SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

MASS TIMES: 6.00 pm 8.30 am 10.30 am

ALTAR SERVERS Peter, Michael, David

**Lector 1:** Fiona Barret

**Lector 2:** Terry Smith

ALTAR SERVERS Henry, Jess, Mac, Oliver,

Billy, Tommy

Lector 1: Isabel Swanson

**Lector 2:** Diana McKinley

**ALTAR SERVERS** Honorina, Eliza,

**Lector 1:** Volunteer

**Lector 2:** Christine Stewart

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

6.00pm: Cathy Campbell, Erris Black, Amilia Dealtry, Denise Piergrosse, Michael McLinden

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

**10.30am:** Jean Tabara, Ampy Clark, Maree Kelly, Philip Stewart

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am Mass: Karina, Greg & Sheryl 10.30 Mass: TBA

#### COUNTERS: THIS WEEK- 16TH FEBRUARY

THIS WEEK: TEAM 10: John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage, Mavis Hyndman NEXT WEEK: TEAM 1: John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Greg & Marueen Baker, John Foley

Mt Beauty Rosters: 23rd February **DEDERANG ROSTERS: 1ST MARCH** LECTOR: Gail FIRST / SECOND READING: Diane Goonan Backup: Bruce WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: McEvoy Family **COMMENTATOR:** Bruce POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer OFFERTORY: Cardwell **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Peter & Volunteer Mowing: Steve CLEANING ROSTER: Diane Goonan

# GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37



Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery.

But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.

> But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes,

"No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Readings this week

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

Readings next week:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48 Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**Gospel** Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the

mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia.

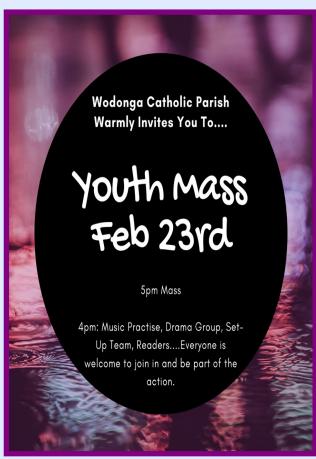
Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our payer.

# Welcome & Congratulations

We welcome & congratulate Jay Quonoey, Lillie Sievers, and families as they celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.





# A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibly:

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  $\mathsf{Safety}$  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.

Our Parish child safety officers are Jacinta Bartlett Ph: 0418470632 and Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366

Towards Healing help line 1800 816 030 (free call) Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation FREE 24-hour Crisis Support

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