

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
TANGAMBALANGA**

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
9:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Monday to Friday

**PRESBYTERY**  
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**PARISH PRIEST**  
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**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: Tuesday to Friday  
9:15 am  
Saturday 9:30 am  
St Augustine's Church

**RECONCILIATION:**  
Sacred Heart Church  
Saturday 9:00 - 9:30 am  
Country Churches

## March 29th -2020 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent. ~ YEAR A ~



**Pope Francis Tweets:**

*"No single person is more vulnerable than another, especially when it comes to those with disabilities"*  
~Pope Francis~



### Tawonga From Malawi



Malawi in a region plagued by food insecurity and poverty. For most of her life, her parents have struggled to put meals on the table. Tawonga often had to miss school because she was too sick from hunger. The family also faced discrimination in their community due to her disability.

Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed. Her family now grows enough food to provide three meals a day, ending the struggle of malnutrition, and helping her thrive at school.

Tawonga, whose name means 'thank you', says her community is blessed with many resources, like rivers, fertile soil and hills. However, with dry spells followed by floods, armyworm infestations and crop failures, her parents struggled to make a living.

In 2016, Tawonga's parents heard about the A+ program run by Caritas Australia's partner, CADECOM (Catholic Development Commission in Malawi). They learned irrigation farming and were given fertiliser and high-yield seeds. With these new techniques, their production of crops almost tripled.

With your help, this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them. Let's Go Further, Together.

"It gives me hope that I will finish my education," Tawonga says. "My community now understands that my living with a disability is not inability. Although I sometimes face discrimination, most of the community has realised my value as a person."

### A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Please feel free to take a copy of our policies and other information provided in the document holders, in the Foyer of the church. You may notice around our parish center and churches are various notices and information in regards to keeping our parish safe. Please be aware these notices and the exit plans **must not** be covered by other notices and must be in clear view at all times. 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 Phone: 13 11 14**

**Recent Deaths:** John (Jack) Cardwell, Anne Glass, Veronica McKendrick, Ivan Setka  
Anthony (Tony) Collins.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Holman, Francиска, Ivan, Mary, Stanislav & Rudy Kalc,

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



Wednesday 18 March 2020

Prayerful greetings to the people of God across Victoria,

This morning, the Prime Minister announced that non-essential indoor gatherings will be limited to 100 people, and outdoor events of more than 500 people will be disallowed, effective today. Given the seriousness of COVID-19, we support this measure as being responsible and sensible, and we encourage everyone to follow public safety guidelines respectfully.

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions:

**Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.  
All other gatherings are suspended. For clarification of any concerns, please contact  
Mrs Katrina Strong PA to the Bishop Tel (03) 5445 3600**

We are very aware that this restriction will be particularly difficult for families who are planning liturgies such as funerals, weddings and baptisms. At this time, so long as appropriate precautions are able to be put in place (such as distancing between participants), it may be possible for these liturgies to proceed with a carefully limited congregation. Deferring these liturgies may also be an option that is offered to families.

In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or [www.worndonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.worndonfire.org/daily-mass)). Or Mass on free to air TV channel 10 6:00 am Sunday mornings

We encourage our priests to continue to celebrate Mass for the spiritual good of God's people, the intentions of the faithful and the alleviation of the present crisis. We assure our people that the Mass is being offered for you in our parishes and that while you are not physically present, you still participate spiritually and that you are close to the hearts of your pastors in the Eucharist.

We urge the clergy to make themselves available to visit individuals, especially those who are unwell and vulnerable. This includes viaticum and all the opportunities for healing through the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation. Again, we encourage you to regularly consult your local websites for further details of local arrangements.

Tomorrow further pastoral guidelines will be shared in the Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst. Clergy and religious should consult with their Ordinary if any questions remain uncertain.

All of this is happening during the Season of Lent, a time of preparation for the Easter mysteries. While we are invited to be self-sacrificial at this time, we must remember the words of Jesus upon appearing before his disciples after his resurrection: Again and again he said peace be with you . (Jn 20:19) Let s not panic, nor be anxious , nor reduce ourselves to caring only for ourselves. This is a time to be sensible, practical, prayerful, and to share Christ's peace with those who are struggling to feel calm and safe

Thank you for all your patience, prayers and resilience.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli  
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Most Rev Paul Bernard Bird CSSR MA, DD  
BISHOP OF BALLARAT

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay  
BISHOP OF SANDHURST

Most Rev Patrick Michael O'Regan  
BISHOP OF SALE



The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.'

Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life,

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,  
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

**Readings this week**

**1 Ezekiel 37:12-14**

**Romans 8:8-11**

**John 11: 1- 45**

**Readings next week:**

**Matthew 21: 1-11,**

**Isaiah 50: 4-7**

**Philippians 2:6-11**

**Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

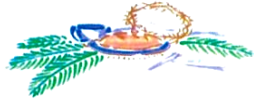
**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

Lord, hear our prayer.

# HOLY WEEK & Easter MASS TIMES



**Tuesday: April 2nd 7.00pm** The Community celebrates Reconciliation—Sacred Heart Church—Wodonga

**Wednesday: April 3rd 7.00pm** Reconciliation—Mt Beauty

**Thursday: April 4th 7.00pm** Reconciliation—Mt Beauty

**Friday: April 5th 7.00pm** Reconciliation—Mt Beauty

**Holy Thursday: April 9th 8.00am**—Tenebrae—St Augustine's Church—Wodonga  
(Extended Morning Prayer of the Church)

**5.00pm– until 5.45pm** Reconciliation—Sacred Heart Church—Wodonga

**7.00pm** Reconciliation—Mt Beauty

**7.30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper—Mt Beauty

**7.30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper—Sacred Heart Church—Wodonga

"The Watch" before the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with night prayer of the Church at **9.00pm**

**Good Friday April 10th—8.00am**—Tenebrae—St Augustine's Church—Wodonga

**Please NOTE: There will be no outdoor Stations of the Cross  
@ St Francis of Assisi Primary School -Baranduda.**

**10.30am** Stations of the Cross—Dederang followed by Reconciliation

**3.00pm** Liturgy—The Lord's Passion—Mt Beauty followed by Reconciliation

**3.00pm** Liturgy—The Lord's Passion—Sacred Heart Church Wodonga  
**Reconciliation 4.00pm—5.00pm**

**Holy Saturday Vigil: April 11th— 8.00am**—Tenebrae—St Augustine's Church - Wodonga

**9.00am until 9.30am** Reconciliation—Sacred Heart Church - Wodonga

**7.30pm** Easter Vigil—Sacred Heart Church - Wodonga

**7.30pm** Easter Vigil—St Joseph's Church - Mt Beauty

**Easter Sunday April 12th**

**Sunrise Service—6.30am** Ecumenical service Tawonga Gap—led by St Joseph's Church

**8.30am & 10.30am** Sacred Heart Church - Wodonga

**8.30am** St Joseph's Church - Mt Beauty

**10.30am** Our Lady Help of Christians—Tangambalanga