

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



## April 26th -2020 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

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### WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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### OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Monday to Friday

### PRESBYTERY

55 High Street Wodonga Vic

### PARISH PRIEST

Father Junjun Amaya  
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Father Shibu-  
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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



## Pope Francis Easter Urbi et Orbi 2020 Blessing

Dear brothers and sisters, indifference, self-centredness, division and forgetfulness are not words we want to hear at this time.

We want to ban these words forever! They seem to prevail when fear and death overwhelm us, that is, when we do not let the Lord Jesus triumph in our hearts and lives. May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end. With these thoughts, I would like to wish all of you a happy Easter. *(final paragraph)*

## Spiritual Communion :

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## Looking at the Readings:

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus, proclaimed in today's Gospel, travel on a unique journey which has many implications for them, other disciples and for us today. Firstly, it becomes a moment of conversion for them. They are despondent and shattered by the death of Jesus. Secondly, after recognising the Risen Christ they are overcome with joy and enthusiasm. They quickly reversed their journey, despite the lateness of the hour to share their experiences with the Twelve.

Some years ago I had a day in London waiting for a flight home. Not to waste the opportunity I visited the NGA and arrived just in time to hear a lecture on Caravaggio's painting "The Supper at Emmaus". The art expert, an Australian, enthralled his audience for over an hour. He retold the story, and highlighted the genius of the artist in drawing the two companions out of the painting by the torn sleeve but at the same time drawing the viewers into the scene by the magnanimous arms gesture of the other. We are invited to share the meal, listen to the Lord and go out to spread the [good] news. The lecture and the painting gave me material for many a homily and much food for prayer. I was so impressed I bought the painting. Well, not really, but four A4 prints of the work.

## Kit Ley - nee Kelly:

*When I first started working in the Parish Centre, I would often receive a phone call which started with a request to include an anniversary in the bulletin and ended with much education around community, politics, historical and current events and information. Kit was an inspirational person, actively standing up for her beliefs and a just world.*

*Keeping up to date with current issues and all the happenings regardless of her age.*

*I valued Kit's friendship and wisdom and feel very blessed to have had the privilege of knowing her and am humbled by her achievements in her lifetime. **Vale KIT (Catherine) Ley. 20-11-1917 - 15-04-200 - Sonni***



### **An extract from the article printed in the 2017 Christmas Parish Talk.**

Kit (Catherine) Ley nee Kelly— When relating a recent gospel (Matt 25: 14-30) about talents, it is readily acknowledged that Kit has added at least five talents to the five she was given at birth. At the Brigidine Primary School in Malvern she won a scholarship to Kildara, Malvern. In her final year at Kildara she was both School Captain and Sports Captain. Through her brother she met her future husband Dan Ley

who boarded at the neighbouring De La Salle College. They married in 1942 and moved to Kiewa where Dan was a dairy farmer. Together they had four children Catherine, Bernadette (dec.),

Damien and Matthew, who later gave them eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Kit held membership of the Country Women's Association for 68 years, which must be a record.

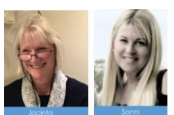
Kit was a foundational member and the backbone of the Tangambalanga Catholic Women's League.

Somewhere along the line she was an active member of the Red Cross.

Another talent Kit developed was her facility for languages. She learnt French at school, but had a great desire to learn German. She became so proficient that she was an interpreter. She followed up her love of languages by learning Japanese, Italian and Spanish. Only a shortage of time prevented her from learning Indonesian. She loved all types of crafts, in particular hand weaving and spinning and art. She undertook numerous other art and craft courses which were offered locally.

Kit Ley was born in Ballarat in November, 1917 and baptised Catherine two days after her birth. She was one of six children. After leaving school she first worked in the Public Works Department then moved across to the Premier's Department to work for the Deputy Leader of the ALP when disastrous bushfires hit Victoria in 1939. Kit Ley is an inspirational lady from whom we could all learn how to use our God given talents to make the very best of ourselves, our church and community. Kit is courteous and interested in almost everything. She credits her longevity as a gift from the Lord but has no idea why her eyesight has been taken from her. Her high intelligence and ability to recall in great detail incidents from her life is quite incredible. I could have listened to her for many more hours. - **Diana McKinley**

## A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:



Wodonga Catholic Parish Safety Officers. Our Parish safety officers are Jacinta Bartlett Ph: 0418470532 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: Mary Jones, Patricia Henson.

Anniversaries: Ted Horne, John Crothers.

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



## Mass at Home



Live streaming Mass daily @wodongacatholicparish facebook page.



## PARISH RENEWAL 2020

### Ministries:

All information is now being collated. We thank all who have indicated their commitment to continue supporting our parish across all our needs. If you are new in offering to assist, the team leader of the group you have selected will contact you.

### Planned Giving:

It is gratifying to receive your pledge of financial support. Letters of acknowledgement, including sets of envelopes where required, are being mailed out. Contributions via credit cards and direct debits will continue to be submitted as previously.

Due to the disruption to our weekend gatherings for Masses, we are not receiving any funds from the collections. If anyone is able to contribute online the Parish bank account details are: **BSB 083 971 Account number 51611 9811**. Please reference your contributions with your name and pledge number.

### Other Contribution's:

We understand many have lost jobs and are in unknown circumstances at the moment, however, if you are in a position to do so and would normally contribute cash to the plate during weekend Masses please use the bank account details above to continue your contributions using your name as a reference. Thank you.



## First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.' 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

## Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

### Readings this week

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

### Readings next week:

Acts 2:14, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20-25

John 10:1-10

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia

### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.