

Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



May 31st - 2020 - Pentecost Sunday

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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

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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:

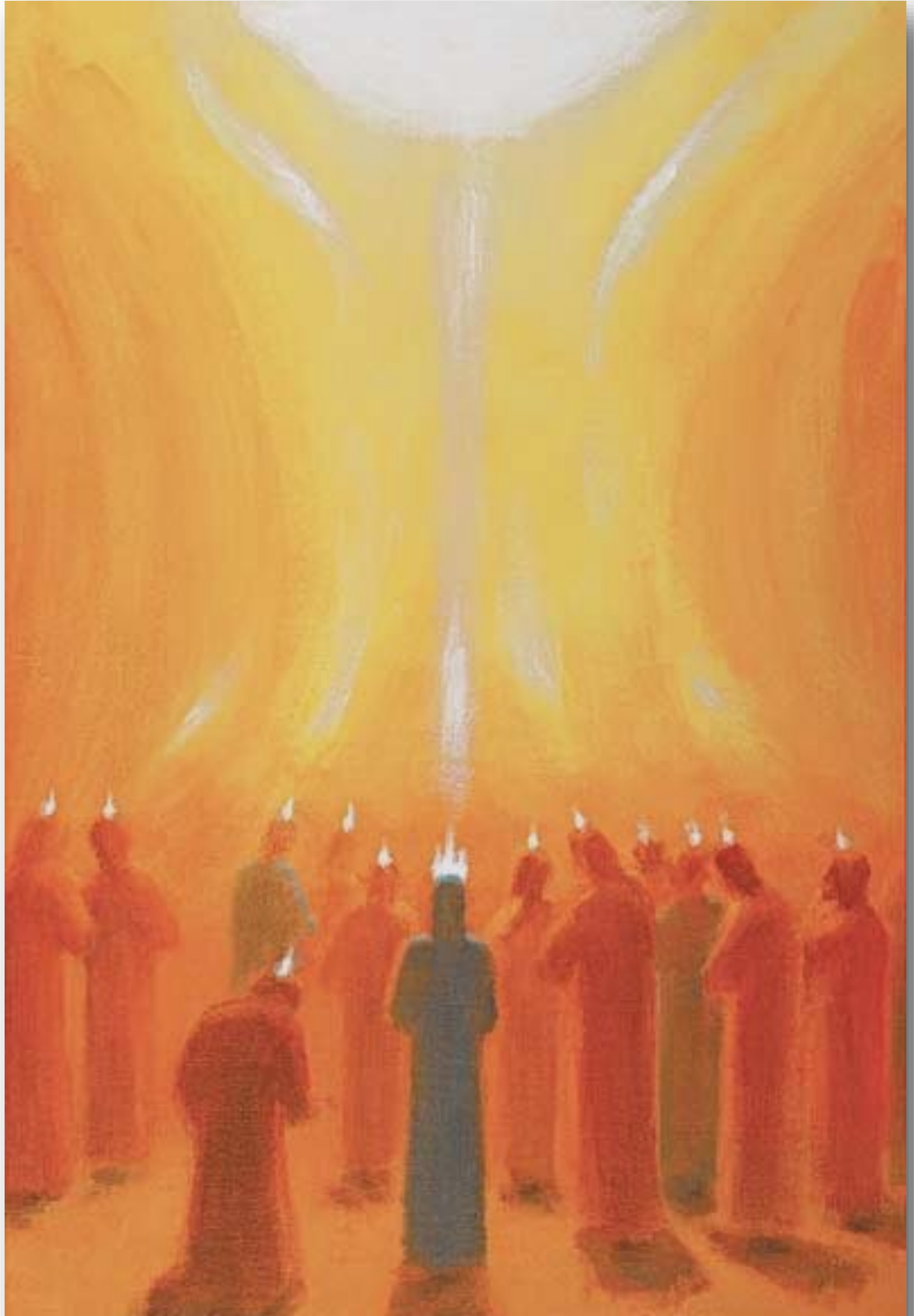
Sacred Heart Church
Monday: Liturgy of the Word
9:15 am
Mass: Tuesday to Friday
9:15 am

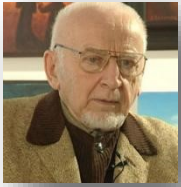
Saturday 9:30 am

St Augustine's Church

RECONCILIATION:

Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 9:00 - 9:30 am





On The Cover - An Artistic Interpretation - Pentecost

*Ladislav Záborský A Catholic Artist: Imprisoned for His Catholic Art .
His mission in life is to spread joy, Christian optimism and religious belief in eternal life.*

Catholic artist, Ladislav Záborský was sentenced in Slovakia for treason to seven years imprisonment in 1954 but was released on Christmas Eve 1957. His crime? He painted Christ as a worker in 1949. Záborský went to high school in Banská Bystrica and studied at the Drawing and Painting Department of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, his main professors were Martin Benka, Gustáv Mallý and Ján Mudroch.

In 1945 he married Gabriela Bartošová. Together they had three children:

After graduation he worked as high school teacher in Martin. Because of his religious activities he was condemned to seven year imprisonment from 1953 to 1957. He experienced interrogation, intimidation, demanding prison conditions and threatening, too. Záborský spent five months in solitary confinement where he wrote thirty poems depicting his feelings and talks to God.

As Ladislav Záborský was forbidden to continue to work as high school teacher, he started a career as book illustrator, painter and church artist (stained glass windows in 25 churches and 21 "Stations of the Cross"). The essence of his work is linked to the experience of his inner life.

Each painting is an attempt to discover God and a dialogue with eternity. *He is more than a religious painter; he is a painter of spiritual light. He says about himself: "The substance of my work is the experience of God transferred into my heart". "Art that seeks truth and beauty, is the anticipation of eternity."*

His work has been shown in exhibitions in Venice/Italy (1943); Košice (1946, 1993); Ružomberok (1947); Poprad (1960, 1963); Starý Smokovec (1962); Paris/France (1969); Žilina (1972, 1983, 1999, 2006); Bratislava (1973); Trnava (1973); Martin, Turčianska galéria (1991, 1996, 2001, 2006); Tisovec (1974); Liptovský Mikuláš (1995); Piešťany (1997); Vrútky (1999); Nitra (2000); Vranov nad Topľou (2001); Topoľčany (2002); Kežmarok (2007).

MERCY GLOBAL PRESENCE

An invitation to all who seek to
be channels of God's mercy in
our world in this time,
to help create this reality.
Earth's mercy, our mercy, seen
through many diverse lenses,
mercy will come alive!

Bishop Longs message

<https://www.mercyworld.org/newsroom/celebrate-laudato-si-week-16-24-may-2020/>

Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Language III

From the Protestant Reformation and the Counter Reformation. Latin was used in the Catholic West, in Eastern Churches various ancient and local languages were used in the liturgy. A few exceptions were in some Eastern European nations and in the New World, e.g. Mexico and China where local languages were approved and adopted. But after Pius V Roman Missal was promulgated in 1570 these exceptions were suppressed for about 200 years. With Vatican Council II the vernacular languages were re-introduced and after 40-50 years many indigenous languages were approved. Pope Francis approved the Mayan language Missal in 2013. © Diocese of Sandhurst 2020

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK



27 May - 3 June

Reconciliation is a journey of [friendship](#).

One that needs to be grounded in [truth and action](#).

We are in the midst of **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK** with the theme

' IN THIS TOGETHER '

(words now resonating in ways not foreseen when announced last year, but reminding us whether in crisis or in reconciliation we are all #InThisTogether)

a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures & achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>

For the Church, it's a time to reflect on how we can become "more fully the Church Jesus wants us to be" (Pope JPII 1986). In the lead-up to the Plenary, NATSICC has developed guidelines for embracing Aboriginal peoples in the life of the Church <http://www.natsicc.org.au/assets/eatsicc>

[May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum when Australians voted to remove discriminatory clauses in the Constitution.

June 3 marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision recognizing Aboriginal peoples' rights over their lands.]

The 28th of May 2020, during this year's #NRW, marks the 20th Anniversary of the [Reconciliation Walk](#) across the Sydney Harbour Bridge in the year 2000, where 250,000 people walked together in an act of unity, calling for true Reconciliation to be realised in this nation.

This is still the largest public gathering in Australia's history.

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE: DAILY STEPS TOWARDS RECONCILIATION

Today I will treat everyone equally and fairly.

Today I will respect the rights of others no matter who they are.

Today I will be sensitive and thoughtful to those around me.

Today I will see people and not colours or race or clothes labels.

Today I will accept that everybody is unique and special in some way.

Today I will talk to someone I don't usually talk to.

Today I will speak out against racism, discrimination and injustice.

Today I won't shut out someone because they don't fit with my group.

Today I won't laugh at racist jokes.

Today I won't make fun of someone who cannot speak English.

Today I won't be condescending and patronising towards others.

Today I won't judge someone on how they look.

Today I won't start a sentence with "I'm not racist but..."

Today I will speak out against racism, discrimination and injustice.

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Pope Francis Pentecost Homily

In the age of the computer, distances are increasing: the more we use the social media, the less social we are becoming. We need the Spirit of unity to regenerate us as Church, as God's People and as a human family. 9 June 2019

Pope Francis Tweets @Pontifex

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Praise be to you! [#LaudatoSi5](#)

Looking at the Readings:

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst. © Dianne Bergant CSA.

New Feast: Mary, Mother of the Church:

Is celebrated as a Memorial on the day after Pentecost. The Pope wishes to promote this devotion to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful."

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: Clarence Ewart

Anniversaries: Brian Gilcrist.

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

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Booking For Mass

My dear Parishioners

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The recent announcement of the Victorian Government to ease some of the restrictions is a welcome news and must have provided relief to many of us.

We can now catch up with our family and friends although still limited to 5 people with social distancing still to be observed.

We can also now return to Church and attend Mass in public once again on weekends and weekdays if you prefer.

However as recommended, **only 10 people** are allowed to be in our public liturgical celebration; plus 3 or no more than 4 people who may be doing specific roles in the liturgy (eg. Lector, Musician/singer, technical assistant, door attendant).

I know many of you loved going to Mass to partake in Holy Communion and just enjoy the company of each other as a community of faith.

Yet to adhere with the directives we are to put some things in place. When you come to Mass, please observe social distancing (1.5 metres) apart. The seats in the Church are marked where you are to sit. Please use the hand sanitiser provided or if you have your own, bring this with you.

If you are feeling unwell (or coughing, sneezing, etc), stay on the side of caution by staying at home.

To facilitate the cleaning of places in the Church that we may be in contact with, we will just be using one entry and exit point.

At Sacred Heart Church, we will be using the Main front Doors. These will be opened before the Mass and closed once Mass begins.

Also to be fair with the parishioners we will be using a **booking system**.

As per the bishop's directive when coming to Mass you need to check in. -

When booking, Sonni will take down your details. When you arrive at the Church your name will be checked off.

This is for accountability and care for you especially when we need to contact you. Having said this, we respect your privacy as we assure you we abide with our Parish Privacy policy in handling your personal information.

For booking please contact the Parish Centre (**60243366**) weekdays between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm

Masses Schedules as follows:

Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday- Friday: 9:15 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Sacred Heart Church

Sunday: 8:30 am: Sacred Heart

Sunday: 11:00 am: Sacred Heart

(If necessary we will run a 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday @ Sacred Heart Church)

Holy Hour (including Evening Prayer, Holy Rosary and Benediction will also be live streamed at Wodonga Catholic Parish Facebook Page most evenings at 6:00 pm.

For more query ring myself Ph: 0459356917 or the Parish Centre: Ph: 60243366

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours in Christ *Fr Junjun*

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Second Reading: Acts 12:3-7. 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them.

He said to them,

'Peace be with you,'

and showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord,

and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained .'

Readings this week

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

Readings next week:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confirmation & First Eucharist

Looking ahead to the lifting of restrictions we have arranged for Bishop Shane to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on the last weekend in October, 2020.

The first session to prepare for the Sacraments will begin on Tuesday 29th September and Thursday 1st of October and continue each Tuesday and Thursday until the end of October.

We will contact you in the week beginning the 21st September to confirm these arrangements.

Preparation Sessions

Session 1	Tuesday 29 th Sept 4 – 5 pm	Thursday 1 st Oct 6 - 7 pm
Session 2	Tuesday 6 Oct 4-5 pm	Thursday 8 th Oct 6-7 pm
Session 3	Tuesday 13 Oct 4-5 pm	Thursday 15 th Oct 6-7 pm
Session 4	Tuesday 20 Oct 4-5 pm	Thursday 22 nd Oct 6-7 pm
Session 5	Tuesday 27 Oct 4-5 pm	Thursday 29 th Oct 6-7 pm

If you have any queries or concerns please contact the Sacramental team via email: [wcpSacramental@hotmail.com](mailto:wcpsacramental@hotmail.com)