

Wodonga Catholic Parish

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May 17th -2020 - 6th Sunday of Easter

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Pope Francis @Pontifex



Pope Francis has announced **LAUDATO SI WEEK 16-24 MAY 2020** to commemorate 5 years since Laudato Si. "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us...?" Pope Francis asks in his video message <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-03/pope-francis-laudato-si-week.html> You're invited to join Catholic Earthcare in celebrating Laudato Si Week at 2 events:

Wed 20th May 4pm-6pm - international conversations with young leaders from Malta, Tonga, NZ, Solomons & Australia sharing the climate & sustainability challenges they face, and how/what they are doing to address them. Zoom registration: <https://caritas.zoom.us/j/747tceiqrTMtEtZK5qzPvRnHHXse7KuX4CfU>

Thurs 21st May 11am – a special session of Earthcare's regular all-ages Thursday prayers, featuring a youth panel discussion on what a (hopefully more sustainable!) world will look like post-COVID 19. Zoom registration:

Looking at the Readings:

Peace and Persecution seem contradictory terms. Yet the Apostles and followers of Christ experienced both in the first years of the Church. We hear that after the persecution of Christians and after Saul's conversion, they were at peace (Acts 9). Then Saul, now called Paul, was himself, persecuted many times (2 Corinthians 11:23-27) but endured and even flourished by it all for the sake of Lord. Today's first reading records a "severe persecution" in which many Christians fled Jerusalem. However the flight from the city led them to other regions where they proclaimed Christ, healed in his name and received many into the faith. The new converts were baptised but waited for the Apostles to come to lay hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit. They endured the persecution with the love of the Lord in their hearts and the peace of God in their spirits.

What are the commandments that Jesus urges his disciples to keep? There are many instructions of Christ in the Gospel: turn away from sin, feed the hungry, be servants to others, proclaim the Good News, follow me, forgive, baptise, love your enemies, love one another. John in today's Gospel links keeping his commandments with remaining in his love. We are reminded: "I give you a new commandment, love one another just as I have loved you (John 13:34) and the greeting: "Peace be with you: and with your spirit!"

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RISEN!

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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

Country Churches

From Fr Junjun

My dear Parishioners

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The recent announcement of the Victorian Government to ease some of the restrictions is 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 once again - starting this weekend 16/17 May.

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. 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 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 needed we will run a 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday @ Sacred Heart Church)

St Augustine's Church

Sunday: 10 am: (with live streaming)

Monday-Friday: 5:30 pm Mass (online streaming)

Please also note:

Fr Shibu and I can have 3 Masses each on one day, if more people wanting to come to Mass in person.

The Mass times set for Sacred Heart can also be set for St Augustine's Church.

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 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring.

And if it is the will of God that you should suffer,
it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do.

'Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me.

They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

Readings this week

_1, Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 17:1-11

Readings next week:

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

Responsorial Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. ,Alleluia

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Terry Gullifer, Lindsay Webb.

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

Fr Junjun Live streaming Mass daily

@wodongacatholicparish Facebook page



Sandhurst Youth Ministry's Weekday Morning Prayer

To help everyone get their day started while working and studying from home Sandhurst Youth Ministry are posting weekday Morning Prayer videos at 8:30 am. We are using a range of prayer styles offering young people the chance to pray in different ways each morning. Videos are posted on the Sandhurst Youth YouTube Channel.

If you are aged 15-30 and would like to be involved in the Weekday Morning Prayer videos, please get in touch with Ruth: ruth.lawlor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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

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Pope Francis Payer Intention

During his Mass on Tuesday 12 May, International Nurses Day, Pope Francis prayed especially for nurses. Nursing is more than just a profession, it is a vocation, a calling that, especially in this time of pandemic, is marked by heroism – even to the point of giving one's life. He invited us to pray for nurses. In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on Jesus' words: "Peace I leave you; my peace I give you" (Jn 14:27). This peace is not "universal peace", the peace that comes from the absence of war, rather it is "peace in the heart, peace in our souls, the peace we all have within."

Good Idea for the Week

Monday 21 May is the UN International Day for Cultural Diversity promoting dialogue among cultures and peoples, based on mutual understanding, respect and the equal dignity of all cultures. They are essential prerequisites for constructing social cohesion, reconciliation among peoples and peace among nations.

Liturgical Jottings Liturgical Language II



After Rome adopted Latin into its liturgy, a century after most of the provinces of the Christian Roman Empire was using Latin. Latin now became the unifying language in commerce, government and public worship.

At the same time other cultures in Mesopotamia, Upper Nile, Ethiopia, Armenia, Persia began using local languages in their public liturgies. This remained the norm until the 16th century when new vernacular languages were developing in Western Europe.

Also the Protestant Reformers were calling for the vernacular in worship. The Counter Reformation, in the Council of Trent stated

it was not opportune but permitted the vernacular languages for sermons, pastoral instructions and short explanations during the liturgy.

On the Lighter Side

When I went to get my flu vax the nurse was very nervous;
she told me that I was her very first patient.

I said to her: " Oh well give it your best shot."

Wodonga Catholic Parish Sacramental Program

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)