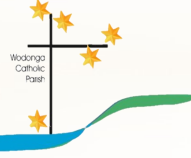


# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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## May 24th -2020 - The Ascension of the Lord

~ YEAR A ~



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Looking at the Readings:

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### OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Monday to Friday

### PRESBYTERY

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### PARISH PRIEST

Father Junjun Amaya

0459-356-917

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Father Shibu-

Pezhumthottathil

0432 591 551

### PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon

0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)

### 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

Each of the Synoptic Gospels concludes with Jesus' departure from earth and from the company of the Eleven. This year, Year A, Matthew's Gospel does not mention the Ascension. It gives the account of the Apostles last meeting with Christ, his command to preach, teach and baptise and his promise that he will be with them to the end of time. The first reading from Luke's Acts of the Apostles gives us a detailed account of the Ascension of Christ, of Jesus word's to them and their actions at the time of his departure and afterwards.

The Second reading, (Ephesians 1:17-23) provides a deeper insight to the event and mystery of the Ascension. It is St Paul at prayer. While a great missionary in action, he is also a theologian and man of contemplation. He is sharing his hope and trust in his Saviour and his words of praise and blessing with us.

## Galilee

Jesus grew up in Nazareth in Galilee, where he started his ministry (Luke 4:14); his first disciples were Galileans; the women of Galilee were the first witnesses to the empty tomb (Luke 23:55-24:8). The Risen Lord said he will meet the Apostles in Galilee (Matt 28:16, Mark16:7). At the Ascension the angels addressed them as "You men from Galilee" (Acts 1:11). The Apostles feet were firmly on the ground, their eyes were fixed upward into the sky when Christ was lifted up. The Apostles started in Galilee, the border region to the Gentiles, preached and baptised in every land but remained lifted up in spirit to the heavenly realm. We, too, here on earth have our spirits and hearts lifted up to the Lord.

## Mary Help of Christians



At the videoconference of the Australian Catholic Bishops last week they passed the motion: "That the Australian Bishops entrust Australia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title Our Lady Help of Christians, seeking her intercession for the safety of all our people especially in this time of COVID-19 pandemic." Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is 24 May. But this year it coincides with the feast of the Ascension and so is transferred to Monday 25 May.

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**Recent Deaths:** Giovanna De Grazia

**Anniversaries:** Val Creighton.

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

### Entrusting Australia to **Mary Help of Christians** **We pray**

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

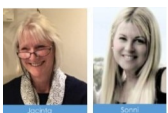
## MERCY GLOBAL PRESENCE

An invitation to all who seek to be channels of God's mercy in our world in this time, to help create this reality.

Bishop Longs message

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

### 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

# 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 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 1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated.

Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said,

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

**Readings this week**

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

**Readings next week:**

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-1

John 20:19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:**

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

Lord, hear our prayer.

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**LAUDATO SI'  
WEEK 2020**



## **#LaudatoSi5.**

Bring solidarity to our world in a shared moment of prayer  
at noon local time on **24 May**.  
Catholics from all across the globe will be united in spirit because  
“everything is connected.”

**Be sure to register your participation at**

<https://laudatosiweek.org/coronavirus/prayer-service/>

and feel free to share your own prayers on social media using the hashtag  
**#LaudatoSi5.**

**“The Spirit of life dwells in every  
living creature and calls us to enter  
into relationship with him”**

**(Laudato Si', 88)**

# Pope Francis urges the Church to celebrate Laudato Si' Week 2020

Pope Francis invites you to celebrate the [#LaudatoSi5](#) Anniversary! Join thousands of Catholics around the world and unite to protect our common home. Together, through action and faith, we can solve the ecological crisis. Learn more at [www.laudatosiweek.org](http://www.laudatosiweek.org)

## COMMON PRAYER for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laudato Si'

### Loving God,

Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,  
You created us in your own image and made us  
stewards of all your creation.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land  
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.

Help us to be conscious that our common home  
belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to  
all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to  
preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and  
resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,  
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being  
left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope  
and fraternity so that we may experience a true  
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the  
consequences of this global pandemic,

Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are  
needed in search of the common good,

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all  
interconnected and interdependent,

Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth  
and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more  
fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we  
make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



DICASTERO PER IL SERVIZIO  
DELLO SVILUPPO UMANO INTEGRALE

# 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 29<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of October and continue each Tuesday and Thursday until the end of October.

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

### **Preparation Sessions**

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