



St Francis Church
Bethanga

Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



June 7th -2020 - The Most Holy Trinity ~ YEAR A ~

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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

Looking at the Readings:

Part One of God revealing Himself to Moses is witnessed at the scene of the burning bush when Moses asked God his name (Exodus 3:14-15).

Today's first reading may be considered Part Two of God revealing Himself to Moses when God proclaimed "Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithful-ness."

Again Moses was struck with awe and worshipped Him.

The second reading is the conclusion to the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: St Paul expresses his affection for his friends, his concern for their well-being and his faith in Christ and God's love and peace for all. These words have become our welcome in the liturgy, reinforcing our proclamation of the Trinity.

Finally the Gospel is both reminiscent of God's revelation of his holy name to Moses and his purpose of his revelation in Christ. As the Exodus reading is considered the "Gospel of the Old Testament, these verses are considered the Gospel in the Gospel in the New Testament.

The Feast of the Trinity

The Eucharistic Preface of the Holy Trinity for the celebration of the Mass was written about 350 during the Arian controversy. A Votive Mass was formulated in the 800's. The Feast of the Holy Trinity was introduced into the Benedictine monasteries in certain parts of Europe in the 900's. It became a universal feast finally in 1334 to be celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost. Now freed from the early controversies we acclaim and give glory to the Father Son and Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Week

For with your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord: not in the unity of a single person,
but in a Trinity of one substance.

For what you have revealed to us of your glory
we believe equally of your Son and of the Holy Spirit,
so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead,
you might be adored in what is proper to each Person,
their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty. *(Trinity Preface)*



First Reading: Exodus 34: 4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped.

'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

Readings this week

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

Readings next week:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

John 6: 51-58

Responsorial Psalm:

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Wodonga Catholic Parish



A Message from Pope Francis:

Pope Francis called on faithful to be bringers of unity at a time when the world seems rife with division.

Pope Francis celebrated Mass before a small number of Catholic faithful, who were wearing masks and respecting social distancing measures within St. Peter's Basilica. This weekend the Pope celebrated the first public events since the beginning of the pandemic.

In his homily, Pope Francis drew from the gospels to explain the differences among the twelve apostles. They "were from different backgrounds and social contexts," and all of them "had different ideas and sensibilities," "They were all different. Jesus did not change them; he did not make them into a set of pre-packaged models. No. He left their differences, and now he unites them by anointing them with the Holy Spirit," "With the anointing comes their union — union in diversity," he added.

To faithful in the United States, this message comes at a time of deep fracture and division as riots and protests continue following the death of George Floyd. The event stirred the already unstable dynamics surrounding race in the United States and heightened division in the country.

"We, too, have our differences, for example: of opinions, choices, sensibilities,"

"The temptation is always to fiercely defend our ideas, believing them to be good for everybody and agreeing only with those who think as we do. This is a bad temptation that brings division."

Pope Francis said, **"so much more" unites people than beliefs or morality. "Our principle of unity is the Holy Spirit. He reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different,"**

As the representative of the universal Church, sprawled all over the world, Pope Francis' comments cannot be ascribed to the experience of a single country or state. The structure of the European Union, which showed signs of weakness when the United Kingdom exited the union, has stumbled further under the demands for cooperation required by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other parts of the world are also experiencing heightened division and discord and may find the pope's words relevant to their situation, from the ongoing developments between Israel and Palestine, to the tensions in Ukraine and many other parts of the world.

"Let us begin anew from here; let us look at the Church with the eyes of the Spirit and not as the world does. The world sees us only as on the right or left, with one ideology or the other; the Spirit sees us as sons and daughters of the Father and brothers and sisters of Jesus. The world sees conservatives and progressives; the Spirit sees children of God. A worldly gaze sees structures to be made more efficient; a spiritual gaze sees brothers and sisters pleading for mercy,"

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Pope Francis continue....

“The Spirit loves us and knows everyone’s place in the grand scheme of things: for him, we are not bits of confetti blown about by the wind; rather we are irreplaceable fragments in his mosaic.”

The Pope’s words are also relevant for the divisions that exist within the Catholic Church itself about doctrine, inclusion, social justice and activism. Francis warned of the danger in relegating faith matters to “upper rooms” in the Church, which becomes “a nest instead of a community, a family or a Mother.”

He pointed to “narcissism, victimhood and pessimism” as the main enemies of a faith that views God as imposing his will and authority over individuals. *God offers himself as a gift, the Pope said, and, by emulating that, Catholic faithful can help foster unity and peace.*

“The Spirit himself opens doors and pushes us to press beyond what has already been said and done, beyond the boundaries of a timid and wary faith.”



Officers and protesters kneel together in Prayer



Atlanta officers take a knee before protesters



In New York, Chief of Department of the New York City Police, Terence Monahan, embraced a demonstrator during a protest.



Denver Police Chief Paul Pazen links arms with people protesting

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Lisa Christopher, Bill Osbourne, Frank Gullifer, Peter Everette.

Sick

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

WCP Baptism Preparation to Recommence

As of **Tuesday July 1st** the Wodonga Catholic Parish Baptism Preparation Program will recommence. Preparation evenings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month - start time **6:00 pm In Sacred Heart Church.**

(Please be aware of social distancing) Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. *For information or to register* **Contact: The Parish Centre: 6024 3366**

~ Melanie Jean Juneau ~ A Catholic Blogger ~

I rarely remember even the simplest joke but I have never forgotten this intellectual, theological joke told 30 years ago by a Jesuit priest in front of a University New Testament class.

Jesus was walking alongside the Sea of Galilee when he turned to Simon Peter and asked him,

"Who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered Him,

"Why you are the Christ,
the Son of the living God."

Jesus was pleased with his answer.

So, Jesus turns to the modern-day theologian and asks,

"Who do you say that I am?"

The modern-day theologian answers,

"Why you are the eschatological manifestation in the ground of our being.

The kerygma, which finds its fulfillment in interpersonal relationships."

And Jesus says, "What?"



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so difficult for all of us. Unfortunately, the vulnerability of impoverished communities is now so much greater as Coronavirus spreads but Caritas' ability to help is compromised by the Australian economic situation with so many now unable to contribute.

Project Compassion/Covid 19 Appeal for 2020 concludes with the financial year. **If you haven't yet done so simply because of our changed parish circumstances, but are in a position to help, your support before 30 June would be greatly appreciated and will save lives among the most vulnerable.**

Here <https://youtu.be/Zk7AvhdL0IM> you can listen to Caritas Australia's Asia Manager, Ranmal Samarawickrama, share his concerns about the obstacles our brothers and sisters in Asia are up against and why your solidarity is urgently needed.

You can donate in the Sandhurst Caritas Account and email

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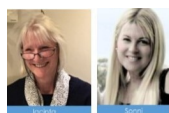
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MERCY GLOBAL PRESENCE

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (Matt 25:35-36).

These words from Jesus' parable in the Gospel of Matthew set the context for our reflections on *Mercy and the Displacement of Persons*, the third in our four-part series on "Mercy" in "Mercy Global Presence."

In the second part of our series on "Mercy," we focused on Mercy and the Degradation of Earth. We noted that the degradation of Earth is well-described as a three-layered emergency: global climate change, approaching tipping points of ecosystems (Amazon, Arctic, Australia, and Antarctic), and the unprecedented threat of biodiversity loss and habitat destruction. The theologian, Carmody Grey, challenged us with her words: "The mission of the Church can no longer be separated from addressing ecological devastation. If the defacement of the poor is a defacement of God, in the same way a defacement of Earth is a defacement of God. . . From now on, caring for the environment has to be understood as being at the core of what mercy is, of what mercy asks us to do."

The artist, Mary Bilderback rsm, in beautiful images and poetic words lamented even the language we use, "I am uneasy with the statement that Earth is degraded. . . She has been 'Good' for nearly 14 billion years, gracefully orbiting a benevolent star, open to whatever comes next. . . We are learning from birds and beasts, and presently an invisible virus, how to belong and behave here. . . Just maybe we will learn to live out the sacred song inside us — the same catchy tune that fills the violet and the tree frog with the will and un-degradable gift of being alive." Gabrielle Scanlon rsm introduced us to the students at Our Lady of Mercy College in Parramatta who are so aware of the environment and the importance of maintaining it, respecting it, and allowing it to regenerate. She challenged them and us with her questions:

- Beautiful oceans, lakes and bays are struggling. They are suffocating.
Who will speak for the environment if you don't?
- The flora and fauna that God has so beautifully created are versatile and useful. But they are fragile and threatened. *Who will speak for the environment if you don't?*

How many precious resources can be removed from our Earth before we say enough is enough?

Who will speak for the environment if you don't?

Margie Abbott startled us with the introductory words to her presentation, "We are in Need of Respirators Urgently!" She introduced us to the moving video "Season of Creation: Storm" created by the Rahamim Ecological Centre in Bathurst, NSW, Australia. Adele Howard rsm prepared the reflective prayer which reminded us, "It is through these two aspects of living Mercy, the 'practical-active' and the 'reflective-spiritual' that we can make a committed and integrated response to healing the degradation of Earth and its creatures and, in so doing, heal our human community."

Having just ended the week of celebrations for the fifth anniversary of Laudat Si', we were conscious that, "A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment so as to hear both the cry of Earth and the cry of the poor." In writing these words, Pope Francis was echoing the theme of a book written by the liberation theologian, Leonardo Boff, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*.

Mercy and Displacement of Persons:

It is in this awareness that we move to our reflection on *Mercy and the Displacement of Persons*. Usually when we use the term "displaced persons," we are thinking about globally displaced person: refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons. However, our engagement in the *Mercy International Reflection Process* taught us that there are displaced persons in our local realities as well: homeless or precariously housed persons, persons with cognitive impairments, persons who are trafficked, persons subjected to domestic violence and elders moved to long term care facilities against their will. The one quality that they all have in common is their sense of belong nowhere...

GO TO GLOBAL MERCY PRESENCE - RESOURCES-OR- FIND THIS ON WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH FB PAGE OR WEBSITE

Booking For Mass

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

However as recommended, **only 20 people** are allowed to be in our public liturgical celebration;

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.

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.

For booking please Phone the Parish Centre (please do not email) Ph: **60243366** - weekdays between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm

If you are feeling unwell (or coughing, sneezing, etc), stay home.

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*

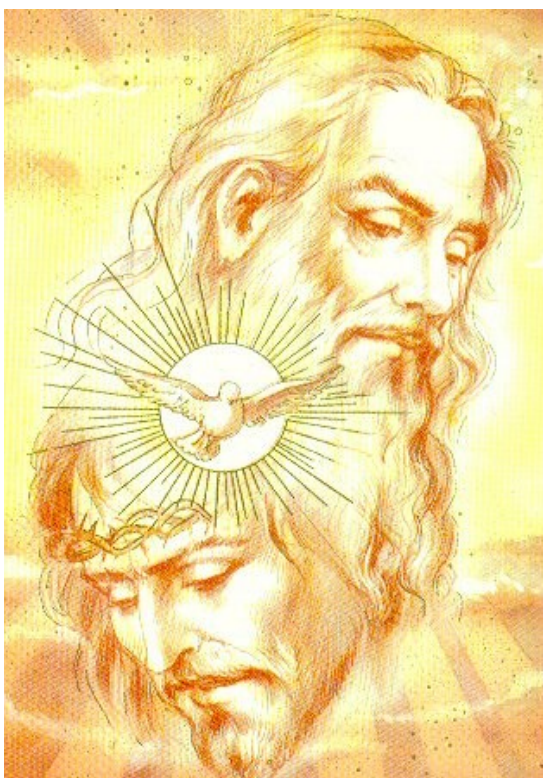


LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2020



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

(Laudato Si’, 88)



Liturgical Jottings

Signing the Gospel

From my earliest time of attending Mass I remember making the sign of the cross on my forehead, lips and over my heart at the beginning of the Gospel.

I was formally taught this in preparation for my first Holy Communion and again when I was training to be an altar server many years ago. It was the usual custom; everyone did it.

This action for the people, however, was not in the books, the people's missals, or the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM); it was only for the priest or deacon who proclaimed the gospel. Then for the first time this act of reverence was included

in the revised Missal 2010 (GIRM 134) for everyone, though it is not mentioned in Mass rubrics.

This popular custom by the people has provided the eventual inclusion in the general instructions.

Wodonga Catholic Parish Sacramental Program

Confirmation & First Eucharist



Looking ahead to the lifting of restrictions 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