



St Augustine's Church  
Wodonga

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



## June 21st -2020 - The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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### WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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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

### ASSISTANT PRIEST

Father Shibu-  
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### 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

#### 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  
Before Masses



## A Prayer from Pope Francis

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

## Looking at the Readings:

The apostles are sent to proclaim the "Good News". It is an ageless vocation for all disciples of Christ. Unfortunately the Good News is not good news for some: they prefer to hear bad news! Some are killjoys, others are blind and deaf to God's Word and some others are hostile and reject the message completely. Those negative responses do not diminish the impact of the message nor the fervour and perseverance of the messengers. Jesus' words: "Do not be afraid" are just as relevant today as it was for the original twelve. We need courage and God's support to face the troubles, anxieties and violence we may encounter. It may be the neighbour who complains about the church bells ringing or our mates that "mock" our faith to the gangs and institutions that constantly ridicule, persecute or lobby for legislation against Christian morals and practices.

Jeremiah in anticipation of God's rescue prayed "Praise the Lord for his deliverance" and Christ promises us eternal life with the Father in heaven. Also today's Psalm gives us a great prayer for comfort.

## Quote of the Week:

The love which God pours in our hearts and which allows us to love him in return, banishes fear. Only a right and good trembling is left, caused not by fear but by fervour. *Pierre-Yves Emery, The Fear of God, 1972 La Vie Spirituelle*

## Did you Know?

Christians who die rather than renounce their faith are called martyrs. The word 'martyr' literally means 'witness'. Throughout history many have given their lives for the faith and in our own time people are still martyred because they will not swerve from their commitment to Christ and his mission.



## First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

## Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

## Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

### Readings this week

Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Romans 5:12-15  
Matthew 10:26-33

### Readings next week:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16  
Romans 6:3-4,8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia.

### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

## Recent Deaths:

Dr John Moran, Muwafak Al-Bahy (Tawfik), Bill Henderson (former Business Manager of the Sandhurst Diocese)

## Anniversaries:

## 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 7th** 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**



## Liturgical Jottings

### Gospel Sequence

The Gospels for the Ordinary Time Year A Sundays: Eleventh (omitted this year), Twelfth (today) Thirteenth (next week) are from Matthew Chapter 10 and Fourteenth Sunday from Chapter 11 from

"The Apostolic Discourse" as described by the editors of the Jerusalem Bible. Jesus calls and names the twelve apostles, He instructs them and sends them on the mission. He finally thanks the Father for their return and work. The mission is not without difficulty.

The first readings from the Prophets, Jeremiah, Elisha and Zechariah remind us that the Lord's call requires some suffering, and a spirit of service and offered in humility. © Diocese of Sandhurst 2020

## On the Lighter Side

What's wrong, Tom?" asked the priest.  
"I need you to pray for my hearing," said Tom.  
The Priest anointed Tom's ears and prayed over them. Then he asked, "So how's your hearing?"

"I don't know," said Tom:

"It's not sitting until next Tuesday."



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA

is very grateful for the support given by many in these times

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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for a receipt - details are Name: RHayesKStone  
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Or leave at your Parish House OR post to PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636 OR online at

[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

# 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.**

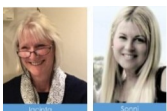
For more query ring myself Ph: 0459356917 or the Parish Centre: Ph: 60243366

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours in Christ *Fr Junjun*

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## 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