

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



## June 28th -2020 - The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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St Francis Church  
Bethanga

### 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 ShibuPezhumthottathil  
0432 591 551

### PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon  
0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### WODONGA

#### Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 5:00 pm.  
Sunday 8:30 am 11.00 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  
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



## Pope Francis:

Peace is a gift of God, but requires our efforts. Let us be people of peace in prayer and deed.

## From Bishop Shane:

Dear Friends,

I wish to advise you of a number of matters related to clergy.

### **Postponed Celebrations for Ordination Jubilees**

We had been planned to celebrate this year's ordination jubilees on Tuesday 7 July in Wangaratta. That was already very unlikely to proceed, but after the delay to today's planned easing of restrictions, it is now impossible. Alternate arrangements will be made in due course. In the meanwhile, I ask you to remember our jubilarians with thanks at the eucharist around their ordination anniversaries:

4 July 1970: Fr Mike Pullar

12 July 1980: Fr Paul Purcell

15 August 1980: Fr Andrew Fewings

### **Fr Ted Harte**

After his recent illness, Fr Ted is now residing in Mercy Place Bethlehem, Golden Square. His direct phone is 5440 8288

### **Fr Jake Mudge**

Fr Jake will this year complete his 3-year appointment as a formator at Corpus Christi College and a lecturer at Catholic Theological College. He has been reappointed to this position for a further 3-year term, to the end of 2023.

### **Priest Representative on Adult Faith Education Reference Group**

Fr Michael Morley has generously agreed to take up the position of priest representative on the diocese's Adult Faith Education Reference Group.

Yours sincerely,

+Shane Mackinlay.

## Looking at the Readings:

To grab the immediate and undivided attention of his listeners, Our Lord uses at time one of several literary devices such as hyperbole or exaggeration, parables, metaphor, repetition or contradictions. Today's Gospel continues with Matthew Chapter 10: the Missionary Discourse or Instruction to the Twelve Apostles, but the lectionary omits verses 34-36:

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth: it is not peace I have come to bring, but a sword. For I have come to set son against father, daughter against mother, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law; a person's enemies will be the members of his own household."

Such words would certainly "grab the attention" of the Twelve. We did hear these words last year, paralleled in Luke 12:51-53 on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Perhaps the lectionary designers reckoned the close repetition of an hyperbole or contradiction was not appropriate or necessary. Though the passage today does present similar instructions that challenge the Apostles and all Christians to put Christ first. But not in a competitive way with family members but to put ourselves into the centre of Christ's mystery: his life death and resurrection. To take up his cross is both metaphoric (execution by crucifixion has largely gone out) and real because in entering the mystery of Christ we enter his suffering and difficulties and see him in others, especially the needy.



## First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again.

Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.

Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

### Readings this week

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

### Readings next week:

Zechariah 9:9-10

Romans 8:9,11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

### Responsorial Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia.

### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Recent Deaths:** Emily Hooper, Elaine McEvoy, ( John McEvoy's Mother )

**Anniversaries:**

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

## Sandhurst Diocese – Wheel Of Prayer

Go to TryBooking to register and leave your email address for Zoom meeting link to be sent to you. <https://www.trybooking.com/BJUOP>. To learn more go to 'News & Events' at [sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://sandhurst.catholic.org.au).



Live via Zoom\*  
**Saturday 8th August**

10.00 am – 3.15 pm.

\*Available later as a website video.



# WHEEL OF PRAYER DAY 2020

**REGISTER BY  
FRIDAY JULY 31 2020**

Go to TryBooking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJUOP>

Please **Include** your email  
address for the Zoom meeting  
link to be sent to you.

Experience different forms of prayer and connect with other members of our diocesan community. 'Attend' for the full day or workshops of your choice. The day will begin with an introductory reflection and the Prayer of the Church (the 'Liturgy of the Hours') led by **Bishop Shane Mackinlay**. There will be four 45 minute workshops, each offering a brief introduction and experience of prayer, each followed by 15 minutes for questions, discussion or a break:

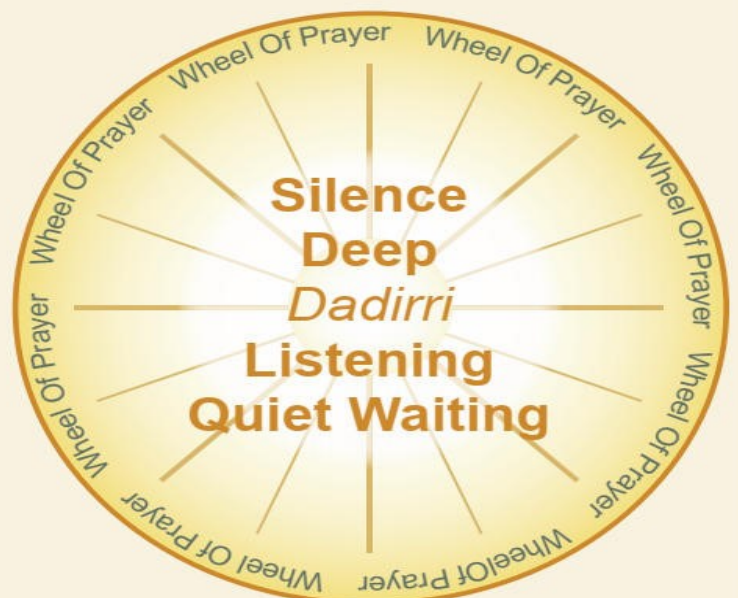
**Our symbol** is a wheel. Spokes represent many prayer forms from our rich Christian traditions. The spokes lead to the centre. Each spoke leads inward, towards stillness, quiet and deep listening and waiting at the centre. It is there that Christ may be found. An Australian aboriginal term for this deep stillness, listening and waiting is 'Dadirri'.

**FAMILY PRAYER** - Anthony & Rosey Kilmartin,  
St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton

**TAIZE PRAYER** - Ruth Lawlor,  
Sandhurst Youth Ministry

**DEVOTIONAL PRAYER** - Fr Stephen Bolling,  
St Liborius Parish Eaglehawk

**PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE** - Lyn Breen,  
Adult Faith Education Sandhurst





# Booking For Mass

## NUMBERS UPDATE

**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*

## WCP Baptism Preparation to Re commence



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*



**Wodonga KSC Branch after lock down:** Knights of the Southern Cross, Wodonga Branch, **A. G. M.** will be on **Tuesday 7th July in the Parish Centre, from 2:00 pm to 3.30 pm** All members welcome. Afternoon tea provided. ***Please remember Social Distancing.***

Michael McCormick, Secretary, Phone 0429009595; Des Lonergan Chairman Phone 0408575825

### 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