



St Augustine's Church
Wodonga

Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



July 12th -2020 - The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
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WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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Monday to Friday

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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 Tweets



Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Whoever believes this message knows that life is born of the love of God the Father.

Catholic Church's National Appeal for SEA SUNDAY 12 July.

THIS week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously.

Go to: <https://aos-australia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

Looking at The Gospel:

This Sunday we begin Matthew's collection of parables of Jesus contained in Chapter 13 which we read over three weeks. Matthew carefully arranges the discourse with an introduction and conclusion, reason for telling parables, he places longer ones first and shorter ones last. He includes two explanations of the parables. We have the first in today's gospel: the parable of the Sower and the seed.

The First Reading and Responsorial Psalm set the scene of a fruitful earth where plants flourish and animals thrive. Isaiah prophesies that these natural images are sign of God's plentiful and effective word.

The Parable of the sower introduces to the listener blockages and distractions to God's providence and bounty. Jesus warns how God's word is stolen, choked or withered way but in turn offers us grace and power to hear his Word and be productive disciples.

When I visit farming communities and this Gospel is proclaimed I ask the wheat growers after Mass what yield should we expect? Is Jesus prospects of thirty, sixty or hundredfold realistic. It certainly was unheard 2000 years ago. Answers to my questions are allusive. They speak of all the variables to be considered: soil, sun, rain, seed, timing etc. But all agree that a hundredfold would be miraculous. And that it what we should expect: The miracle of God's Word planted with our spirits.

Prayer of the week

God of the heavens, God of the earth,
all creation awaits your gift of new life.

Prepare our hearts to receive the word of your Son,
that his gospel may grow within us
and yield a harvest that is a hundredfold. Amen.



Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30



First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

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Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted

and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Readings this week

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Readings next week:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Responsorial Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths: Maria Jorysz., Suzanne Palmer (Lucy Palmer's -teacher at St Augustine's- mother)

Anniversaries: Branka Saric.

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

Wheel of Prayer Day' 2020 Saturday 8th August 2020

Sandhurst Diocese 'Wheel of Prayer Day' 2020 Saturday 8th August 2020 10.00 am – 3.15 pm. Live via Zoom (diocesan website video available later) including: Prayer of the Church led by Bishop Shane Mackinlay; Family Prayer, Anthony & Rosey Kilmartin; Taize Prayer, Ruth Lawlor; Devotional Prayer, Fr Stephen Bolling; Praying with Scripture, Lyn Breen.

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 to 'News & Events' at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

Quote of the Week:

Since happiness is nothing else than the enjoyment of the Supreme Good, and the Supreme Good is above us, no one can enjoy happiness unless he rises above himself."

St Bonaventure, The Journey of the Mind into God. (Died 15.7.1274, Feast day 15 July)

Liturgical Jottings

Length of Scripture Texts

A *via media* is followed in regard to the length of texts. A distinction has been made between narratives, which require reading a fairly long passage but which usually hold the people's attention, and texts that should not be lengthy because of the profundity of their teaching. In the case of certain rather long texts, longer and shorter versions are provided to suit different situations. The editing of the shorter version has been carried out with great caution. (General Introduction to the Lectionary n 75) Today's Gospel has such a shorter version comprising of the parable of the Sower and the Seed. The longer version (about two-thirds) contains the purpose of parables and then an allegorical meaning of this parable.

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"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Aim: **To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.**

Cost: **FREE** **Registration:** **Available from Monday 29th June**

Event Program: **Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020**

Go to: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Pope Francis Prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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

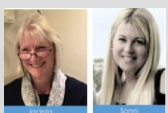
(If necessary we will run a 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday @ Sacred Heart Church)

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



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