



Our Lady Help of Christians  
Tangambalanga

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



## July 26th -2020 - The 17th 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  
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### ASSISTANT PRIEST

Father Shibu  
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### PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon  
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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

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2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am

#### BETHANGA

St Francis No Masses

#### DEDERANG

St Joseph's

#### MT BEAUTY

St Joseph's

### 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 @Pontifex



*In the parable of the weeds (Mt 13:24-43), Jesus helps us understand God's patience, opening our hearts to hope.*

### Looking at The Gospel:

The Gospel for today is short but may be made shorter by omitting verses 49-52. The Lectionary gives us the option of shorter reading when they are exceeding long or difficult to understand. We have three short "Kingdom of Heaven" parables in the first section and a commentary and a fourth "Kingdom of Heaven" parable in the latter. The treasure seeker and pearl trader are searchers for joy and good value. They will use their own resources to achieve these ends. Note that it is not "all that it takes" which may include ill-gotten means, but from their own assets. Treasure and pearls are but metaphors of the value and joy of attaining eternal life in God's kingdom. Therefore it is not just assets but the will and wisdom that are also required. Solomon was given choices in life. In the first reading he prayed for wisdom and God was pleased to grant it. St Paul's letter to the Romans teaches "all things work together for good." We are called to goodness, wisdom and joy.

Like the fisherman we must know good from bad and like the householder we must discern what is the true treasure and then ready to search for it in most unlikely places and under disguised appearances.

### Liturgical Jottings: Gospel Sequence

This Sunday we complete the parable section in Matthew's Gospel and next week begin the section known as the Church Narrative. It is centred on the community of disciples who will form the new community of the church after the Lord's resurrection and the feast of Pentecost. Sundays 18th-20th relate the faith of the disciples at the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the calming of the storm, walking on water and the cure of the Canaanite's daughter in response to prayer.

### Ancient Armenian Reflection

You, Lord, dragged me onto the seashore with those gathered in the net; but at the time you chose the good, I was rejected with the bad. This is why in the same deep water. I again went down into the foul mire; there the abysses that offer no exit have encompassed the powers of my soul. But you can do everything. Bring me back again to the surface and deign to gather me with the elect into the good and holy vessel."

St Nersès Shnorhali, (1102-1173 Turkey) from the Poem: "Jésus, Fils unique du Père" 1152

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# Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30



## First Reading: Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

## Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

## Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

### Readings this week

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52

### Readings next week:

Isaiah 55:1-3  
Romans 8:35,37-39  
Matthew 14:13-21

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

# Baptism Information for our Parish

**Due to the current restrictions Baptisms must be booked.  
for further information and bookings please contact**

**The Parish Centre: PH: 6024 3366 OR email  
wodcath@bigpond.net.au .**

**Please be aware at this stage  
10 people are able to attend - upon booking,  
we require the names and contact numbers  
of all attendees.**

**Saint of the Week: St Peter Chrysologus 30 July:** Born: 406 and died 31 July 450 in Imola, Italy, St Peter was Bishop of Ravenna from 433. He is known as the "Doctor of Homilies" for short and theologically rich reflections. So authentic were the contents of his homilies that he was declared a Doctor of the Church 13 centuries later in 1729.

**Doctor of the Church** This is a title the Pope grants to saints who have made significant contributions to spirituality or theology through their studies or writings. To date there are 36 Doctors of the Church who include four women; 18 bishops, 12 priests and one deacon.

## **The Hand of God Prayer**

*Fr Gary Walker SSC*

When one has faith,  
the hand of God is present  
In the midst of mayhem,  
danger and death.

When one has faith  
the hand of God brings strength  
to our trembling hearts and  
quaking spirits.

When one has faith  
Jesus holds our hearts  
close to His and will not let us go.  
Amen.

## **Protecting Parishioners:**

**The current Government restrictions in our church  
due to Covid19 from 1st June 2020**

**Liturgies or prayer groups** with up to 20 attendees -  
in addition to celebrant, ministers and door attendant.

**Private prayer** for up to 20 people -  
in addition to door attendant

**Weddings** with up to 20 guests -  
in addition to bride, groom and celebrant

**Funerals** with up to 50 attendees-  
in addition to celebrant and funeral staff

## **On the Lighter Side**

**A pirate captain followed a treasure map to a faraway island.**

The map led him to a swamp,  
he waded in slowly then reaching knee-deep his leg hit something hard.

He pulled up a treasure chest,  
pried it open to discover gold and gemstones.

The Captain turned to his first mate and said,  
"Arrrr, matey, that just goes to show ye, that booty is only shin deep!"



**Recent Deaths:** Maria Caplikas

**Anniversaries:** Mary & Leo Loneran, Olga McFarland, Judy Ellery

**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](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

## **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**

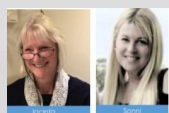
**(If necessary we will run a 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday @ Sacred Heart Church)**

**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**