



St Joseph's Church
Mt Beauty

Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



August 2nd -2020 - The 18th 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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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

Our Lady Help of Christians
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



On the memorial of the Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus's "grandparents", I would like to invite young people to do something tender towards the elderly, especially the loneliest, in their homes or residences. Dear young people, each elderly person is your grandparent!

Looking at The Gospel:

The people are hungry. There are many responses to this plea: ignorance, misunderstanding or denial by the powerful or the hardhearted; pity, sympathy or compassion by the caring; action, redress and generosity by the able-bodied benefactors and social reformers plus many more actions, reactions and intentions by all sorts of persons. Isaiah speaks to a people who have returned from exile. They had longed to be back home but on their return they find their cities and towns in ruins and a famine in the land. Isaiah consoles them with words of hope in today's first reading. In time they will receive water, bread and prosper once again, not just materially but spiritual with God's covenant renewed.

The people are hungry. This time centuries later when the crowds spend all day listening to Jesus. Jesus has pity for their plight to hear the Word of God and at the end of the day he shows compassion for their need for food and strength to return home. There are six accounts in the four Gospels of feeding the crowd through the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Matthew gives a simple account. Last month on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we heard John's more detailed account and the following teaching on the Eucharist. Yet the symbolism in Matthew's account is also evident. Despite death [John the Baptist], hunger and poor provisions God hears their cry and overwhelms them with his response. Today the church of the people of God and the entire world are in need of spiritual food and material necessities of life.

Feeding of the Crowds-Symbol

Commentaries give symbolic meaning to Matthew's two accounts: 14:13-21 had 12 baskets of scraps leftover symbolising the 12 tribes of Israel. Matt 15:32-39 had 7 baskets leftover representing the entire world. Jesus provides spiritual food for all.

Saint of the Week:

St John Vianney, Tues 4 August

Jean-Marie was born on 8 May 1786 near Lyon. His education had been interrupted by the French Revolution. Despite many difficulties he was ordained a priest and appointed parish priest of Ars, a town of 230 inhabitants. He quickly became renown for his catechesis, preaching, witness to faith and charity and especially hearing confessions. He died on 4 August 1859. He is proclaimed patron saint of Parish Priests and recently of all priests.



Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David

Second Reading: Romans 8:35,37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full, Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Readings this week

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

Readings next week:

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths: Joan Watson, (Frank Watson's wife) Bernie Pianto,
Noeleen Smith (Kate Rotherham's mother)

Anniversaries: Lucy Anne Kelly.

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

Information for our Parishioners

**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.*

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

All numbers are dependant on the size of the venue.

Booking For Mass : NUMBERS UPDATE

20 people are allowed to be in our public liturgical celebration;

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

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



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

Wodonga Catholic Parish Sacramental Program Confirmation & First Eucharist

Update: Confirmation and First Eucharist 2020



Dear parents,

We would like to update you on our schedule for the preparation and celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

We are hoping to celebrate the sacraments before the end of the year but it will depend on COVID-19 and the restrictions that may be in place. Right now we are hoping and planning for the following:

Preparation of children in mid-October to early November

(4 preparation sessions, 1 per week)

Celebration of the Sacraments in November or early December, before the end of the school year.

We will give you a further update in September.

Hoping this finds you and your family well.

Best wishes

The WCP Sacramental Team

Just For Giggles
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Q: How do you make the odd number 7 even without addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division?

A: Drop the "S" of course

