



Sacred Heart Church  
Wodonga

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



August 16th -2020 - The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.  
~ YEAR A ~

## 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  
Pezhumthottathil  
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## 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 No MASSES

### MT BEAUTY

St Joseph's No MASSES

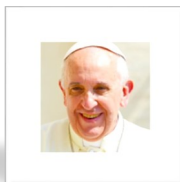
## WEEKDAY MASS:

### NO MASSES

Sacred Heart Church  
Mass: Tuesday to Friday  
9:15 am

## RECONCILIATION:

by appointment



## Pope Francis Tweets @Pontifex

*Men and women of Prayer bear the reflection of light on their faces. Even on the darkest days the sun does not cease to illuminate them.*

## Looking at the Readings:

From the time of Isaiah in the First Reading to the time of Christ in the Gospel and in the days of Paul's epistles and preaching during his years of mission the question about foreigners, gentiles and pagans has occupied the minds of God's prophets and Christ's disciples. Isaiah cites God's promise to foreigners that they will come to his house (56:8-9), Paul reminds his own people that he is an apostle to the Gentiles. Yet God's people forget, don't make the connection when it matters. Jesus tests his own apostles when the Canaanite woman asks for a miracle. Are they going to remember the prophets and Christ own inclusive ministry with Samaritans, Gadarenes and Romans? Jesus praises the faith of the Canaanite and heals her daughter. "The number of times Jesus and the apostles minister to the Gentiles are too numerous to need quotations." (J L Mackenzie, Dictionary of the Bible). Yet the first disciples, the early Christians, the Medieval Church and ourselves in present times must relearn this lesson given in Phoenicia (now modern day Lebanon) and apply it to the "foreigner, the outcast, the stranger, the marginalised and the discriminated". "O God, let all the nations praise you." (Ps 67:4-5)

## Feast of the Week: ~ St John Eudes 19 August

John Eudes (born in Normandy, France 14/11/1601 the son of a farmer and died 19/8/1680). Fr Eudes became increasingly aware of the moral distress and exploitation of many girls and women. In 1641, he established a refuge in Caen. It was the beginning of what would become the Order of Our Lady of Charity. Rose Pelletier entered the Order, given the name Mary of St. Euphrasia. And later she founded the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Sr Mary Euphrasia longed that the whole world would benefit from the saving work John Eudes initiated. He was canonised 31/5/1925.

## Quote of the Day:

Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make his spirit, his devotion, his affections, his desire, and his disposition live and reign there. *St John Eudes*

## Something to think about.....

*The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.  
Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.*

~ Mark Twain



# Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



## First Reading: 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity,  
for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.  
Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name  
and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it,  
and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain.  
I will make them joyful in my house of prayer.  
Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be  
called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle,  
and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of  
you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of  
the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection  
from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.  
Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of  
their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy  
shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own  
disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

## Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.  
Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting,  
'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.'  
But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him.  
'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.'  
He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'  
But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet.  
'Lord,' she said 'help me.'  
He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.'  
She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their  
master's table.'  
Then Jesus answered her,  
'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.'  
And from that moment her daughter was well again.

### Readings this week

Isaiah 56:1,6-7  
Romans 11:13-15,29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

### Readings next week:

Isaiah 22:19-23  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of  
the kingdom and healed all who were sick Lord. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths: Joshua Perkins, Rodney McClean

Anniversaries:

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](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au) .**



## **Covid 19 Update**



**Due to Restrictions  
All public Masses are suspended  
until further notice:**



**It's time to get social!**

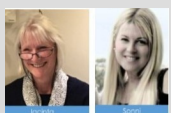


**Find us on FaceBook -**

**<https://www.facebook.com/wodongacatholicparish/>**

**Morning Mass, Tuesdays to Friday—Weekend Mass, Holy Hour -  
Evening Prayer, Holy Rosary and Benediction will be live streamed at  
Wodonga Catholic Parish Facebook Page.**

**For more query ring myself Ph: 0459356917 or the Parish Centre:  
Ph: 60243366 Fr Junjun Amaya**



### **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**

# YEAR 12 PARISHIONERS PRAYERS

As you would be aware this year has thrown many challenges at us all  
and especially to our Year 12 students.

We are hoping that you might take up an invitation from us to send a message or motivating  
words to the student you are praying for in order to help them through the coming weeks.

If you e-mail your message to

[chris.telford@ccw.vic.edu.au](mailto:chris.telford@ccw.vic.edu.au) or [daniel.sobolewski@ccw.vic.edu.au](mailto:daniel.sobolewski@ccw.vic.edu.au)

we will forward them on to the student you are praying for.

Thanks again for your participation in this Parish initiative our students do appreciate that someone  
is thinking about and praying for them.

I wish you all well and look forward to the time when we can once again gather as a community.

May we continue to embrace "Life in Jesus" through this difficult time for us.

## On the Calendar

**August 20—Memorial: *Saint Bernard of Clairvaux* 1090 – 1153**

*Liturgical Color: White:*

Patron Saint of the Cistercian Order, beekeepers, and candlemakers.

**August 21—Memorial: *Saint Pius X, Pope* 1835 – 1914**

*Liturgical Color: White:*

Patron Saint of First Communicants and pilgrims.

**August 22—Memorial: *Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary***

*Liturgical Color: White:*

The mother of a king is a queen who receives honor in her son's realm.

### Social Justice Sunday August 30th 2020:

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 August. This year, the Australian  
Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled:

**To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today.**

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our  
parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to  
be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject  
stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental  
ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of  
the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

Download the Statement at [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)

*Just  
For  
Giggles*

A bear walks  
into a bar and  
says, Give me a  
whiskey and  
.....cola."

Why the Big pause"  
asked the  
bartender.

The bear shrugged,  
"I'm not sure.



### Liturgical Jottings: Rite of Infant Baptism:

A new English translation of the Rite of Infant Baptism has been published in Australia. As well as new  
translation of texts the "Order of Baptism of Children" contains more options for the blessing of  
water - with people's acclamations, blessings of parents and other times for acclamations by the people.

The order contains a new chapter for baptism during the Mass. The "Ephphatha" Prayer now reads:

May the Lord Jesus, who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, grant that you may soon  
receive his word with your ears and profess the faith with your lips,  
to the glory and praise of God the Father. All: Amen.