



St Augustine's Church
Wodonga

Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



August 23rd -2020 - The 21st 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 No MASSES

MT BEAUTY

St Joseph's No MASSES

WEEKDAY MASS:

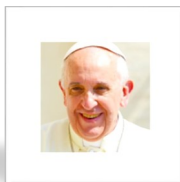
No MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION:

by appointment

Pope Francis Tweets @Pontifex



It is not the wealthy who bear fruit in life, but those who build and maintain many friendships through various "riches", namely, through the various gifts God has given them.



Looking at the Readings:

During the Season of Ordinary Time the first reading and the Gospel have a common theme or link or the first is the prophecy and the gospel is the fulfilment of the prophet's words. Today the link between the first reading and Gospel passage is the key: The Key of David and the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven are symbols of conferring authority. The one that holds the key is entrusted with the exercise of authority for the service of God's people. God does the conferral, Eliakim and Peter receive the authority to rule the earthly kingdom (Israel) and heavenly kingdom on earth (the Church) respectively.

Simon Peter is the Apostle who first speaks out: "You are the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus blesses Peter. As God confers the keys, God also reveals the mysteries to and endows Peter with faith, love and strength. This passage is important to understand the authority of the emergent church, which is both divine and human. Peter, which name means rock, is the rock on which Jesus will build the church and Peter will later lead. It is also a turning point in the life of the Apostles knowing Christ and for Jesus turning his focus on his impending suffering and death. The word "Church" occurs in the Gospels twice, both in direct speech of our Lord, here and in Matt 18:16. Jesus second question is addressed to all of us: "But who do you say that I am?"

Keys to the Kingdom:

Keys are found only once in the Hebrew Scriptures, twice in the Gospels and twice in the book of Revelations. Each time they are used metaphorically and not as a physical device to unlock a door. Keys have been around for centuries, but certainly not common in Old Testament times. Pegs were precursor to keys, a primitive device to secure doors and gates. Prophet Isaiah also mentions a peg in today's reading as a securing device. In recent time keys are used symbolically at 21st birthdays, official welcome to a city, and as a token in the transfer of a car or a new home.

Quote of the Day:

What then is time? If no one asks me, I know what it is. If I wish to explain it to him who asks, I do not know. ~ Saint Augustine, Confessions Book XI Ch XIV



First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
 I remove you from your post,
 and the same day I call on my servant
 Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
 I invest him with your robe,
 gird him with your sash,
 entrust him with your authority;
 and he shall be a father
 to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and to the House of Judah.
 I place the key of the House of David
 on his shoulder;
 should he open, no one shall close,
 should he close, no one shall open.
 I drive him like a peg
 into a firm place;
 he will become a throne of glory
 for his father's house.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.
 To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'
 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'
 Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Readings this week

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

Readings next week:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths: Stjepan (Steve) Kusic

Anniversaries: Patrick Goonan, Tim Fischer, Margaret Hellier, George McKinley, Perc Ward, Jeannine Ford

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 .



Covid 19 Update



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



It's time to get social!

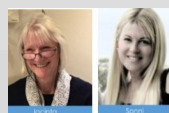


Find us on FaceBook -

<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

Catholic College Year 12 PARISHIONER 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 or 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.

Chris Telford

On the Calendar

August 24—Feast: Saint Bartholomew -Apostle

Liturgical Color: Red:

Saint Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ who was martyred in the 1st century AD.

August 27th—Memorial: Saint Monica 331-387

Liturgical Color: White:

Patron Saint of wives and abuse victims. Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria

August 28—Memorial: Saint Augustine 354-430

Liturgical Color: White:

St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

August 29th—Memorial: The Passion of John the Baptist. c. 29

Liturgical Color: Red:

The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today August 29th, honors the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated. Today's Gospel relates the circumstances of his execution. He had the courage to blame Herod to his face for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison him and took advantage of an unexpected opportunity to obtain through her daughter Salome the beheading of the saint.



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