



Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



Our Lady Help of Christians
Tangambalanga

August 30th -2020 - The 22nd 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

Let's not forget the victims of the coronavirus. So much suffering, so many people who lost their lives; and so many volunteers, doctors, nurses, sisters, priests, who also lost their lives. Let us remember the families who have suffered because of this.



Social Justice Sunday

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

Looking at the Readings:

Remember the conundrum: "What happens when an irresistible force hits an immovable object". It cannot happen. The response is that the two terms are mutually exclusive. It is correct in the physical sense but what about in the spiritual sense? The irresistible force of God "hits" the stubbornness and refusal of the Prophet Jeremiah. We hear in today's first reading that Jeremiah felt "a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones". Of course the refusal and stubbornness of Jeremiah was not absolute, the analogy weakens, and he must continue being the Prophet of the Lord God despite great opposition by the leaders and the people.

Jesus faces a similar dilemma. The leaders and the crowd will turn against him, he will suffer and die (Matt16:21). Again we see a similar problematic involvement between the natural or physical life and the supernatural or divine life. Peter does not see the issue or its resolution. He takes a risk, which not uncommon for him, and as the student and the follower he takes his Teacher and Leader aside to "rebuke Him". Have we done that in the classroom or in places of worship? Are citizens allowed to rebuke leaders in courtrooms and parliaments? Peter did and quickly was confronted with a challenging truth: God's way are not man's ways. Jesus added to the apparent conundrum: "For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it" (16:25). Like Jeremiah and Peter we take on God' life and Jesus' ministry with their crosses and contradictions for there is a fire burning within us when we hear the words of everlasting life like those on the road to Emmaus.

Care for Creation Statement

A SANDHURST DIOCESE 'CARE FOR CREATION STATEMENT' is being launched by Bishop Shane Mackinlay ready for the first Sunday of the Season of Creation which will run from 1 September to 4 October, the Feast of St Francis Assisi, 2020. The Statement, prepared at the request of the Sandhurst Diocese Adult Faith Education Group, is addressed to the People of God in the Diocese of Sandhurst with the aim of encouraging a greater appreciation of Creation and a deeper understanding of our responsibility to care for it, our common home. Resources will be sent soon to Sandhurst Diocese parishes and agencies and available at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day.

Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him.

'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.'

But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples,

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it;

but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Readings this week

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Readings next week:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Roman 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Patricia McComisky, Marie Harangozo

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

Catholic Earthcare

Catholic Earthcare invites YOU on a journey through the Season of Creation by joining in for a special virtual Convocation via Zoom – a significant church event with a wide audience in mind and an amazing range of speakers. You can register for all sessions or just what appeals to you. The program includes 'Formation' sessions looking at the theological and moral imperative to care for our common home; 'Foundation' sessions exploring the financial, economic, political and social spheres in which influence our common home; 'Action' sessions exploring the transformative ways in which we can realise the need to care for creation. It's a unique opportunity to inform and inspire yourself about 'care for creation' from a Catholic perspective. To view the program and register go to www.catholicearthcare.org.au/2020-convocation.

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



It's time to get social!

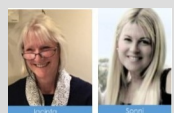


Find us on Facebook -

<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

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor c. 540 – 604

September 3rd —Memorial : Liturgical Color: White:

Patron Saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers. For more information on St Gregory the great go to <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-3-st-gregory-the-great/>

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta 1910 – 1997

September 5 – Optional Memorial: Liturgical Color: White

Patron Saint of Calcutta for more information on St Mother Teresa of Calcutta go to

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-5-saint-mother-teresa-calcutta/>

A SPECIAL TIME OF NATIONAL PRAYER TO END THE PANDEMIC Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 September 2020.

Remembering that God wills 'to give good things to those who ask'

(Matthew 7:11), leaders of churches throughout Australia, with the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA), invite us all to join together in prayer to end the pandemic in September. Find the prayer, a welcome addition to resources available on the Sandhurst Diocese website, and further ideas at: <https://www.ncca.org.au/ncca-newsletter/august-2020-1/item/2218-solidarity-prayers-and-action-in-pandemic-2020081>

Laudato Si

“St Francis shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace”

• Laudato Si 10

