

Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



September 6th -2020 - The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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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:

Sacred Heart Church

9:00am-9.30am Saturdays
only.



Pope Francis

“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*

Care for Creation:

Season of Creation 1

INTRO: The Season of Creation is the annual time from the 1 September (beginning of Spring) to 4 October the Feast of St Francis of Assisi Patron Saint of Animals and Ecology to focus the diversity and beauty of creation and our responsibility to care for it.

GREETING: Today's Scripture tells how the will of God works in our lives. Earth's cycles of life and death, rebirth and transform-ation are God's first teaching. Have we rebelled against his ways?

REFLECTION: the natural environment has been gravely damaged by our irresponsible behaviour. ... The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves. *Pope Francis Laudato Si'*

Looking at the Readings:

The First Reading and the Gospel are clearly connected by the instruction on fraternal correction. These instructions are directed to the community of believers: in Ezekiel to the people who hear God's Word; in the Gospel of Matthew to the "community" of disciples. This section of Matthew 18:1-35 is subtitled by biblical editors as the "Discourse on the Church" The fraternal correction goes through four stages, gently and quietly at first and finally firmly and publicly. Yet the role of the community is very important, so much so the culprit's exclusion from the community must be understood as remedial and temporary thus giving the person time for recollection, repentance and reconciliation.

In the Australian Lectionary that uses the Jerusalem Bible translation, the Greek **ekklesia** is rendered "church" in 16:18 but "community" in 18:17. For those who are viewing Mass on line from other English speaking countries you will hear church rather than community from the NRSV and NAB translations used in North America and Africa.

More accuracy may be achieved by using both words: it is the gathered assembly of disciples symbolising and making present the church. Jesus repeats the authorisation given to Peter (16:19) to the **church community**: "whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven." (18:18). This is authenticated by Jesus' promise: "For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." (18:20).#6.





Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows,
 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel.
 When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name.

If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die,
 and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways,
 then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death.
 If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent,
 and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin,
 but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love.
 If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations.

All the commandments:

You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal,
 you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command:
 You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour;
 that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone,
 between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you:
 the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge.

But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community;
 and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven;
 whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again,
 if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all,
 it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven.

For where two or three meet in my name,
 I shall be there with them.'

Readings this week

Ezekiel 33:7-9
 Roman 13:8-10
 Matthew 18:15-20

Readings next week:

Sirach 27:30-28-7
 Romans 14:7-9
 Matthew 18:21-35

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile
 the world to himself; and the Good News of
 reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Happy Fathers Day!



A Fathers Prayer on Fathers Day.

Loving Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have willed that as a father in the family

I may mirror your love for your children

you've given me this noble task as a special and unique one for me

I give you thanks and praise for this.

Help me to continue in this vocation and to carry it out well.

Open my heart to your words that I may know the sound of your voice in a world filled with distractions.

May I hear your call to live lives of Christian service.

Grant me, too, a generous heart to open my arms every day to be at your service.

May your tender care keep me and my whole family safe,
especially as we all carry out our special mission in life.

Loving God, as a father, I pray for my children,

help them to know your presence at all times

and to be open to the promptings of your Spirit

who is one with you and your Son now and forever.

Amen.

A Fathers Day Prayer

Thank you for the Blessings that Fathers provide for their children and for all those who play a fatherly role in the lives of others, we pray with gratitude.



God our Father, We give thanks for all fathers young and old, we recognise the dedication and patience it takes to be a source of compassion and understanding when helping shape a young life.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the **God of compassion** walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen



Recent Deaths: Fr John Naughton

Anniversaries: Masie and Kit Goonan, Marianne Murray, Dina & Frank Cepile

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!

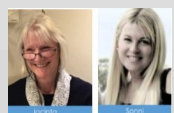


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<https://www.facebook.com/wodongacatholicparish/>

**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

Feast: September 8th The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary: Liturgical Colour White:

On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to any creature. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.

OPTIONAL: September 9th Memorial of St. Peter Claver, priest.

Peter Claver was born of a distinguished family in Catalonia, Spain. He became a Jesuit in 1604, and left for Colombia in 1610, dedicating himself to the service of black slaves. For thirty-three years he ministered to slaves, caring for the sick and dying, and instructing the slaves through catechists.

OPTIONAL: September 12th

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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>

On the Lighter Side



Four senior secondary students afflicted with spring fever lunched at a pub and arrived very late to class claiming a flat tyre.

The teacher smiled and said, "Well OK, but you just missed a test so sit apart and take out a piece of paper each."

Still smiling, she said: "First Question: Which tyre was flat?"

