



Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



September 13th -2020 - The 24rd 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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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*



Season of Creation 1

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'*

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.

Season of Creation 2

Today the Readings remind us that where two or three gather, God is there guiding us. We ask forgiveness for the times we have ignored the advice of others and hardened our hearts.

Recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change. We need to experience a conversion or change of heart.

Pope Francis Laudato Si' 218.

Looking at the Readings:

The Sage of Book of Sirach or Ecclesiasticus gives advice against harbouring anger and resentment or failing to forgive the neighbour's sins. The consequences all rebound on the one who is unforgiving. This person, rather than the original wrongdoer will suffer. He/she will be judged and condemned, and resentment or vengeance will gnaw at their heart, they will be enmeshed in the cycle of evil themselves and lose the gifts of mercy and peace. Why persecute yourself thus!

Do not get too per-occupied with the numbers in today's Gospel they will give anyone a headache! Peter thought seven was generous but Jesus regarded 77 as barely sufficient, 10,000 talents would be an unimaginable debt, exceeding many nations' GDP and 100 denarii only a couple of month's work. Jesus certainly captured the attention of Peter and the others. We are urged to recognise our need for forgiveness and to be forgiving as our Father is forgiving. Our confession of sins becomes our profession of faith. Our reception for mercy becomes our gift of mercy to others. We celebrate all these mysteries in the mystery of the Eucharist.

On the Lighter Side

What did the tree say to spring? What a re-leaf.



Why are trees so forgiving?
Because in Autumn they "Let it go."
And in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf."



From Bishop Shane

The following prayer is written by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, and is one that I have been finding encouraging this week. You may like to use it too, as we continue to turn in faith to the God who journeys with us through this time and through all our lives:

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
be with us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical workers
as they tend the sick and search for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.

By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.

Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Yours sincerely,
+Shane Mackinlay*

Priests Retirement Foundation – Appeal 2020

The Annual Appeal of the Priests Retirement Foundation will be held on Sunday 20 September 2020, an opportunity for the faithful people of the Diocese to consider a donation. Currently we have 14 retired priests in the Diocese and we thank you for your support in recent years where many substantial donations and legacies have enabled the foundation to build. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipts available on request. Wishing you all continued health and safety and know you are in our prayers. **Chair: Mons Frank Marriott**

To make a donation:

By cheque with your full name and address post to:

Priests Retirement Foundation
C/- St Therese's Parish
25 Albion Street
Kennington VIC 3550

By direct bank transfer to the account below:

Account Name: Priests Retirement Foundation of the Diocese of Sandhurst

BSB: 083-543

Account No: 13-833-7378

Reference: PRF and your surname

Then please email afewings@sandhurst.catholic.org.au with details of your transfer.

Thank you



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



First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.
 He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,
 who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
 If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
 Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?
 Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?
 Remember the last things, and stop hating,
 remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.
 Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;
 remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said,

'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?'

Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt.

At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.

And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Readings this week

Sirach 27:30-28-7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Readings next week:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24,27,9

Matthew 20:1-16

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful;
 slow to anger and rich in compassion .

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment:
 love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick

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

ENGAGING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

From 14th September – 31 October 2020.

Catholic Theological College (Melbourne) is offering a rich array of short courses via Zoom, with highly qualified presenters (**including our own Dr Jake Mudge**).

Courses are 90 minutes or 2 hours duration, \$20 each.
To choose your course(s) and register go to:

www.ctc.edu.au

An Invitation for the people of Sandhurst **During the Season of Creation 2020**

This online gathering will offer a reflection on the new Sandhurst 'Care for Creation' Statement and slide show followed by time for discussion sharing insights and possibilities.

Two zoom opportunities:

Friday 18 September 2020 10.30 – 11.30 am Tuesday 22 September 2020 7.00 – 8.00 pm

To receive zoom link email:

adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

OR caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

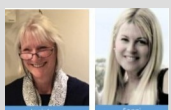
Catholic EarthCare

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

www.catholicearthcare.org.au/2020-convocation.



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.

Confirmation & First Eucharist 2020



We would like to inform our Wodonga Catholic Parish and the families of those young people intending to celebrate their Confirmation and First Eucharist in 2020, that it has been decided to suspend the program for 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

With the Premier's announcement on Sunday where he laid out his Roadmap for Regional Victoria in regard to COVID-19, it became clear that it is not feasible to celebrate these Sacraments this year. Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate these Sacraments along with Reconciliation in 2021. In addition, all those eligible for these Sacraments in 2021 will have the opportunity to prepare and celebrate these Sacraments. Early in 2021 we will publicize the programme and dates for these Sacraments. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr. Junjun and the Sacramental Team



Catholic Calendar

Feast: September 14th The Exultation of the Holy Cross: Liturgical Colour Red:

This feast was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mt. Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629

Memorial: September 15th Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows Liturgical Colour White:

Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced by the Servites in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows. In 1817 Pius VII — suffering grievously in exile but finally liberated by Mary's intercession — extended the feast to the universal Church.

Memorial: September 16th Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian: Liturgical Colour Red:

Today the Church commemorates two friends in the service of Christ and his Church. Cornelius, a Roman, was the twenty-first Pope during the reign of the Emperor Gallus and Volusian. He had to oppose Novatian, the first anti-pope, who believed that apostates who repented could not be forgiven. Helped by St. Cyprian, Cornelius confirmed his papal authority. He was beheaded in exile at Civitavecchia, Italy in 253. Saints Cyprian and Cornelius are mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I) of the Mass.