

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



## October 4th -2020 - The 27th 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

55 High Street Wodonga Vic

### PARISH PRIEST

Father Junjun Amaya  
0459-356-917

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Father Shibu  
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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 arrangement only.**

### Popes Quote:



Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Prayer for Creation gave us 5R's to reflect upon: Remember; Return; Rest; Restore and Rejoice.



He concludes with: "Let us all rejoice that our loving Creator sustains our humble efforts to care for the earth, which is also God's home where his Word "became flesh and lived among us" and which is constantly being renewed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Full text at [www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html) and follow the link "Messages"

## Season of Creation 5

### Greeting:

We gather recognising all creation. We recall St Francis relationship with the Sun, Earth, Moon, Water and all living creatures as brothers and sisters.

### Reflection:

St Paul urges us to keep on doing good things and the God of peace will be with us. St Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. His motto: Pax Et Bonum ... Peace and Goodness.

### Looking at the Readings:

There are two lessons in today's Gospel. We must heed both lessons with renewed minds and hearts to avoid a wretched end and to be received into the divine vineyard: the Kingdom of Heaven.

Again Jesus addresses another parable to the priests of the Temple and the elders of the people. They are aware of the social situation of the day where absent landowners reap considerable wealth from their underpaid servants. With whom do they side? Here is a lesson on social justice, just wage, and care for the poor.

The parable also contains a lesson on the way to salvation. The first reading shows the vineyard as God's house and the people as the vine and grapes. Responsibility for good yields rests with the owners and the workers: indeed a shared responsibility with the Creator and God's People. Jesus challenges his hearers to be just, fair and dutiful, honest and trustworthy. Owners and workers both may come to a wretched end All must be worthy of the gift of the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Feast of the Week:

St Francis of Assisi 4 October

Because this feast falls on a Sunday, it may only be celebrated in places that observe it as a Solemnity. Celebrations of St Francis may also be remembered on another suitable day.

## ***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](mailto:afewings@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) with details of your transfer.

Thank you

## **Outdoor Mass For Wodonga:**

**October 3rd & 4th**

**Saturday 5pm**

**Sunday**

**- 8:30 am**

**- 10:00 am**

**Please wear a Mask and maintain social distancing**

**St Augustine's garden 10 people only**

**Strictly by booking only... weather permitting**

**Please book with the Parish Office 60243366.**



## First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

## Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

## Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable.

There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son,"

he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them,

'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

### Readings this week

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

### Readings next week:

Isaiah 25:6-10

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

### Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you everything I have  
learnt from my Father Alleluia!

### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths: Frank Beattie, Norma O'Sullivan

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ctc.edu.au)



### Liturgical Jottings:

The last sacrament of the Christian is called Viaticum. In addition to the Anointing of the Sick, the Church offers those who are about to leave this life the Eucharist as viaticum. Communion in the body and blood of Christ, received at this moment of

"passing over" to the Father, has a particular significance and importance. It is the seed of eternal life and the power of resurrection, according to the words of the Lord: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." The sacrament of Christ once dead and now risen, the Eucharist is here the sacrament of passing over from death to life, from this world to the Father.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1524*  
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## Can't Attend a Mass ?



then....  
It's time to get social!



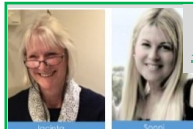
Find us on FaceBook -

<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 Fr Junjun Amaya or the  
Parish Centre:  
Ph: 60243366.



### 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



# On the Calendar

## World Cerebral Palsy Day. October 6th 2020.

About 1 in 700 babies in Australia is born with some degree of cerebral palsy. Muscle coordination is impaired due to damage to the brain at or before birth. There is no cure so rehabilitation, medication and orthopedic management are used to improve motor skills and communication. Because of modern technology, many people with CP can live independently and join the workforce with some adjustments made to equipment and schedules.

### We Pray

Dear God, we lift up all those who are living with cerebral palsy today.

We ask that you bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Spring forward



Don't forget to set  
clocks ahead  
one hour  
at 2 a.m.  
Sunday.

Moving our clocks can disrupt our sleep patterns. Our internal body clock or 24 hour circadian rhythm will have to adjust to the time shift. Although most people will do this without any problem, we do need to be aware that there is an increased chance of sleepiness while the body adjusts to the new

timeframe. Our circadian rhythms are timed to match the environmental cycle of light and darkness. Daylight saving throws our circadian rhythms out of sync because we are suddenly required to wake at a time when the body clock is still programmed for sleep. However, if you adjust your bedtime earlier for 3 or 4 nights before the Spring daylight savings transition, you will reduce the risk of sleep loss, and be less susceptible to sleepiness the following day. For more information go to <https://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au/daylight-saving-2.html>

## Marian Festival - Sunday, October 11th

For the last 45 years, the Marian Festival has been celebrated every year in the Bendigo area as a special day of prayers and devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. The festival has grown in size over time and in recent years hundreds have come from all over the Sandhurst Diocese as well as from Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong. This year, because of the lockdown restrictions, the festival will be streamed online so people can participate from at home. It will take place at St Liborius Church, Eaglehawk on Sunday, October 11th. To watch online or to find out more, go to [www.bendigofatima.com](http://www.bendigofatima.com).

## Ordinary Time: October 7th

**Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.** The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was instituted to honour Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Pope St. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory. The Rosary, or the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is one of the best prayers to Mary, the Mother of God

# 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



## .....We Pray.....

Lord, may your love and light shine in and through me today  
in a way that no mask can hide.

May my eyes dance with laughter and joy,  
replacing my hidden smile.

May my actions of care and concern  
speak louder than my muffled voice ever could.

And may the generosity of my heart  
radiate out through who I am  
and how I respond to the world around me,  
so that others may not see my mask  
but your image shining out,  
moving in and through me today.

Amen.

*Written on the first day masks became compulsory in Metropolitan Melbourne, by a teacher on bud supervision, who noticed how much is lost from our encounters when faces are hidden.*

