

Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



October 11th -2020 - The 28th 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

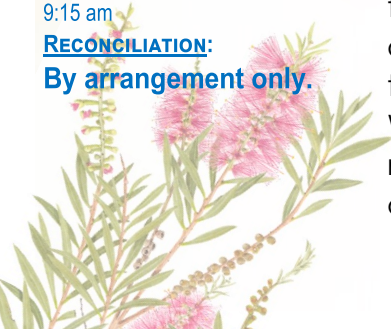
Sacred Heart Church

Mass: Tuesday to Friday

9:15 am

RECONCILIATION:

By arrangement only.



Our Pope TWEETS :

We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity #FratelliTutti



Quote of the Week

Sorrow can be alleviated by a good sleep, a hot bath and a glass of wine.

~St Thomas Aquinas

Did you Know?

In the time of Christ a Jewish wedding celebration often lasted for as long as a week, which may explain why some guests were reluctant to attend. Like living in the Kingdom, it was demanding!

Prayer of the Week

God, of goodness and kindness, you invite all peoples to the banquet, and offer them a feast beyond compare. Give us your saving grace to keep unstained the robe of our baptism until that day when you welcome us to heaven's joyful table. (Collect 28th Week of Ordinary Time ICEL 1995)

Looking at the Readings:

A wedding banquet or feast is a great image of the kingdom of heaven. Isaiah and Our Lord Jesus present this image as the eschatological event – that is the activity in heaven at the end of time. Preparations are made, the menu organised, the invitations are sent, and the experiences are anticipated: the end of sadness and death (Is 25:7), the place filled (Matt 22:10); and “we shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.” (cf Ps 23:6)

Today's parable is the third in a row addressed to the chief priests of the Temple, the Pharisees and the elders of the community. Christ is warning his listeners then and now that all are invited, but not all respond accordingly. His warning adds the consequence the invitees may find themselves out in the cold and the dark. We need to make life choices based on what is good and right, physically, morally, socially, spiritually and finally. Jesus' invitation is in the form of his grace and love; our reply is by our life of integrity and love.

Outdoor Mass for Wodonga

Strictly by booking only... weather permitting

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Please wear a Mask and maintain social distancing
St Augustine's garden 10 people only

Please book by phoning
The Parish Centre 60243366.

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.



First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
 the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
 a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
 of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove
 the mourning veil covering all peoples,
 and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
 he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
 the tears from every cheek;
 he will take away his people's shame
 everywhere on earth,
 for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
 in whom we hoped for salvation;
 the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice
 that he has saved us;
 for the hand of the Lord
 rests on this mountain.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Readings this week

Isaiah 25:6-10
 Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
 Matthew 22:1-14

Readings next week:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
 Matthew 22:15-21

Responsorial Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation

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! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Veronica McDougall, Mary Osborne, Peter Garfirth,

Sick

Zak Oliver, Kath Twycross, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, John Radcliffe, Baz Williams, 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



Liturgical Jottings:

Names for the Eucharist

Three weeks ago this column gave nine titles for the Eucharist listed in the Catholic

Catechism (1328-32).

Here are ten more from Catholic Hymnody:

The Body of the Lord, the Body of Christ, Bread of Heaven; Sweet Sacrament Divine; Blessed Sacrament; Heavenly Food, Living Bread the Life, Bread of Life Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels), Living Bread of God, plus many more referring to the Last Supper, the heavenly banquet, Communion Cup and the Blood of Christ.

These names and titles carry some the meaning and mystery of the sacrament as well as express our belief, spirituality and love of and devotion to the sacrament.

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Memorable Quotes:

“in the midst of hate, I found there was, within me, an invincible love.

In the midst of tears, I found there was, within me, an invincible smile.

In the midst of chaos, I found there was, within me, an invincible calm.

I realized, through it all, that in the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy.

For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there’s something stronger - something better, pushing right back.”

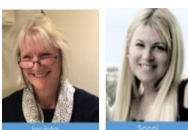
ALBERT CAMUS 1913 – 1960

Just for Giggles

A young and foolish pilot wanted to sound cool on the aviation frequencies. This was his first time approaching a field during the night time.

Instead of making any official requests to the tower he said, "Guess who?"

The controller switched the field lights off and replied, "Guess where?"



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

October 14th: Optional Memorial:
St. Callistus I, pope and martyr:

October 15th: Liturgical Colour White

Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila

St. Teresa (1515-1582) was born in Avila and died in Alba, Spain. When only a child of seven, she ran away from home in the hope of being martyred by the Moors; in this way, she said she could come to see God. At the age of eighteen she joined the Carmelite Order and chose Christ as her heavenly Spouse. With the help of St. John of the Cross she reformed most of the Carmelite convents and founded new ones. She reached the highest degree of prayer and through prayer obtained such knowledge of divine things that in 1970 Pope Paul VI named her the first woman Doctor of the Church.

October 16th: Optional Memorial

St. Hedwig, religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin;
St. Marguerite d'Youville (Canada)

October 17th: Liturgical Colour Red

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch.

St. Ignatius is one of the great bishops of the early Church. He was the successor of St. Peter as Bishop of Antioch. He was condemned to death by wild beasts during the Emperor Trajan's persecution. On his way to Rome, he wrote seven magnificent letters, which we still have today, concerning the Person of Christ, his love for Christ, his desire for martyrdom and on the constitution of the Church and Christian life. His sentiments before his approaching martyrdom are summed in his word in the Communion antiphon, "I am the wheat of Christ, ground by the teeth of beasts to become pure bread."



A Recipe for you.

You will need

1 cup love; $\frac{3}{4}$ faith; $\frac{1}{2}$ respect; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honesty;
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup compassion; $\frac{1}{4}$ cup passion; 1 litre goodwill;
100ml spirit; 1 cup generosity; 1 tablespoon forgiveness;
1 barrel friendship; 3 cups of joy;
3 teaspoons individuality; 50mls water;
50grams sugar



Method

Mix together love, faith, respect and water in a large bowl.

In a separate bowl mix honesty, compassion, passion, individuality and goodwill.

When both are well mixed, gently fold the two mixtures together;

Continue to whisk and add the other ingredients steadily (generosity, forgiveness, friendship, joy and sugar).

Once all ingredients are mixed together place in baking tray and refrigerate for a minimum of four hours.

After refrigeration sprinkle lightly with some spirit and put back in the refrigerator for another hour.

Congratulations, you have made spirituality!

Enjoy!



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.

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



Carers' Week 2020

I have seen my family members and friends suffering silently as they care for loved ones. The mixed emotions are evident as it is apparent that they deeply love who they are caring for, yet they themselves experience such fatigue and frustration and maybe, even some feelings of failure. What a rollercoaster of emotions these caregivers must ride!

Often other people focus their concern more on the patient, so the caregiver gets neglected. They then end up being worse off than the patient in both physical and emotional health, especially if they are older, or have health problems of their own.

Let us find the time to check on, encourage and support the caregivers we know, who have had extra challenges during COVID-19. See if we can find things to do this week to ease their burden in any way. Because they have a higher risk of stress and medical problems, I give you this prayer:

Gracious God, be with those whose lives are consumed by the loving care of others, with exhaustion leaving them empty from the act of giving.

Grant them refreshment, rest and strength enough for the challenges of each day.

May they, and those within their care, be blessed as love is given and received.

Amen.

Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator.

Mental Health Day. October 10.

People with disabilities or chronic health conditions may be three or four times more likely to develop depression and anxiety disorders. Because they are 'invisible' illnesses, we are often tempted to misjudge people and expect that they can 'snap out of it' with willpower. We need to work towards changing Government and community attitudes so that they include compassion for people who live with mental illness.

International White Cane Day.

October 15 each year.

On this day we celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or have low vision, and the White Cane as an important symbol of blindness and a tool of their independence. Currently, it is important for us to support our blind and low vision communities, especially in light of social distancing and social isolation of white cane users.