

Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



October 18th -2020 - The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mission Sunday
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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 :

It is not enough to accept the invitation to follow the Lord; one must be open to a journey of conversion, which changes the heart.

The garment of mercy, which God offers us unceasingly, is the free gift of his love; it is grace.



Prayer of the Week

Through his Paschal Mystery, Christ our Lord accomplished the marvellous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light. And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory:

Preface I of Ordinary Sunday was created for the revised Missal (1969) from ancient sources and sacred scripture, Exodus 19:6,5, I Peter 2:9, Apocalypse 1:5,6; 9:9,10. and is recommended for use of Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples.

Looking at the Readings:

The Pharisees disliked the Romans and their occupation of the land. The Herodians sided with the Romans to keep their hold onto the throne, albeit, a mere token throne. So these enemies joined forces to try to trap Jesus. Their question on paying the Census Tax to the Romans was framed in a way that "Yes" would show support to the invaders and "No" would amount to rebellion against law and order. Jesus response was not YES or No, not a compromise and did not resolve the current political dichotomy between Israel and Rome. His response has often been quoted and misquoted in respect to church and state relations. We may interpret our Lord's responses as opportunities for us to use our resources to make right judgements. This is his very response when was asked to arbitrate an inheritance claim. He is not our arbitrator. (Luke 12:13-14).

Nonetheless the first reading gives us a foothold in understanding this gospel event and the relationship between secular leaders and their affairs and God's ways and concern for his people. We do have responsibilities often simultaneously with God and society. We do acknowledge the God of all creation and source of all power and authority. We do affirm that we are all created in the image of God.



First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all,
and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen,
because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words,
but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said.
And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way,
and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you.
Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'

But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied,
'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.'
They handed him a denarius, and he replied,
'Whose head is this? Whose name?'
'Caesar's,' they replied.
He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

Readings this week

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

Readings next week:

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Responsorial Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life. 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, 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

Just For Giggles

During children's liturgy one Sunday morning, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong.

His reply was priceless:

"Mum, I have a pain in my side - I think I'm getting a wife.!"

Liturgical Jottings: Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples

Today for World Mission Day the 2020 Australian Ordo p 112 gives a Pastoral Note: "If there is a special celebration for Mission Sunday, the Mass for the Spread of the Gospel may be used, even on a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Normally Masses for special needs and votive masses are not used on Sundays." Mass for the Spread of the Gospel, however, is not found in the New Missal. It was contained in the earlier Roman Missal (1969, 1974, Masses for various needs and occasions #14). In the new Missal (2011) we find the Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples (#18, page 1342) with a similar rubric for use for today. Preface I of Ordinary Time is suggested for this Sunday.

Plenary Council News.

Our journey to the Plenary Council continues! The postponement of the first session of the Plenary (originally scheduled for this month in Adelaide) is not so much a setback as a graced opportunity to continue our prayerful discernment. Sandhurst responded enthusiastically to the first phases of discussion and reflection. We now have the opportunity to keep the momentum of preparation going by participating in the diocesan program of prayerful discernment around the six thematic papers of the Plenary. That diocesan program outlining our preparation between October 2020 - May 2021 can be accessed here.

Let's continue our prayerful involvement!

https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&view=download&alias=1433-discerning-the-way-to-the-plenary-council-sept-2020&category_slug=diocese-of-sandhurst-publications&Itemid=830



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



Dear people of faith,

an online petition has been created to address the inequality towards places of worship and people of faith in the Victorian government's 'Roadmap for Reopening'.

The petition can be found on:

<https://www.equalityforfaith.com.au/>

We are not asking for special treatment - just equal treatment. We ask you to please sign and distribute the petition to people you know and encourage them to do the same.

Thank you

Your support on this important issue is needed to make a change!



On the Calendar

Ordinary Time: Monday October 19th

Optional Memorial of Sts. Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf, priests and martyrs and companions, martyrs

Ordinary Time: Thursday October 22nd

Optional Memorial of St. John Paul II

Ordinary Time: Friday October 23rd

Friday of the Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time; Optional Memorial of St. John of Capistrano, priest

Ordinary Time: Saturday October 24th

Saturday of the Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time; Optional Memorial of St. Anthony Claret, bishop

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Saint Mary MacKillop's canonisation



This Saturday 17 October 2020 will mark the 10th anniversary of Saint Mary MacKillop's canonisation at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, declaring her Australia's first canonised saint. Pope Benedict XVI addressed tens of thousands gathered in St Peter's Square. About 9000 Australians travelled to celebrate this occasion.

For Catholic, Christian and secular Australians, it was a meaningful moment, celebrating the values at the heart of what it means to be Australian, as well as her witness to the sacred in everyday life. 10 years on, the Sisters of Saint Joseph invite the Australian community to take this opportunity to reflect on what the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop meant to Australians then, and what it means to us now.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop and the wonderful life and legacy she left behind, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart are pleased to remember her with commemorative prayers, videos, and a global vigil in her honour.

Inspiring all Australians to take courage and maintain hope as Mary did throughout her life, the theme chosen for this celebration is '*Take Fresh Courage*'. This theme chosen against the backdrop of the many challenges Australians have faced in 2020 is taken from a letter written by St Mary MacKillop in 1877.

On 16 October 2020 at 8pm AEDT, the Sisters of Saint Joseph will hold *Courage Hour*, a global vigil of deep peace, prayer, and reflection. The Sisters invite all who may wish to participate to [join the Vigil online](#) and celebrate Mary's life and follow her lead to '*Take Fresh Courage*'.

Sister Monica Cavanagh, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, said, "The 10th anniversary of Saint Mary MacKillop's canonisation is a chance for us to reflect on Mary's legacy and the valuable lessons her life experiences have taught us.

"She faced hard times and adversity over the years, from her family's poverty to the loss of many loved ones throughout her life. She carried on, strengthened by her faith and her determination to serve others. She worked hard, travelled widely, and spoke courageously in love. She was a woman of strong convictions and great energy who treasured friendship and family. Mary always had a place in her heart for those most challenged by life's circumstances.

"I am proud that the Sisters of Saint Joseph continue to follow in her footsteps today and people from around the world find inspiration in her example.

"10 years on from the day when Pope Benedict XVI declared her a Saint, people everywhere are invited to take this moment to remember Mary's faith, tenacity and dedication to others, and her inspiration to '*Take Fresh Courage*'."

Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no formal celebrations at Mary MacKillop Place for the anniversary, however, the Sisters invite you to celebrate this occasion by engaging with the resources available on <http://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/>

With thanks to the [**Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart**](#)

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

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