

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



## November 1st -2020 - All Saints Day

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### WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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Wodonga Vic 3690:  
Phone: 02 6024 3366  
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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

### ASSISTANT PRIEST

Father Shibu  
Pezhumthottathil  
0432 591 551

### PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon  
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

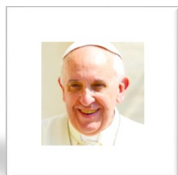
Sacred Heart Church

Mass: Tuesday to Friday

9:15 am

### RECONCILIATION:

By arrangement only.



### Our Pope TWEETS :

*Let us pray to the Lord for Nigeria, so that every form of violence might always be avoided, in the constant search of social harmony through the promotion of justice and the common good.*



**All Saints:** THIS Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints, the feast will displace the Liturgy of the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. We acknowledge the countless people who have died and entered eternal life that are saints but not formally recognised and placed in the Calendar of Saints. They now pray for us. The day is followed by All Souls Day commemorating those who have died and awaiting entry into heaven. We pray for them.

### The Feast of All Saints

The martyrs were the first to be revered as saints for they suffered, died for their heroic witness to Christ and so brought into eternal life. Their names were listed in the "Martyrologies" the earliest from the sixth century, though the feast of All Saints was first celebrated in the fifth century and included non-martyrs and unnamed saints. Pope Gregory the Great (509-604) transferred the feast from the first Sunday after Pentecost to the first of November. We have known people who have shown sanctity though humility, charity, authenticity, heroic witness. We honour them as saints on this day. "[We rejoice] in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the Church through whom you, [Lord], give us, in our frailty, both strength and good example." *Preface of All Saints, Roman Missal*

### Looking at the Readings:

The Book of the Apocalypse or Revelation poses a dilemma for the reader. Do John's visions refer to the present or the future or the end of time? His visions also appear on earth, in the sky, in the heavens and in the Heaven of eternal life and sometimes the sites are interchangeable. We have scholars, artists and homilists to help interpret texts and inspire us to live here and now and for eternity.

The vision in the first reading expresses a great number of people who are called by God but then more, countless numbers, are gathered in the presence of the victorious Christ. The brother artists, Hubert and Jan Van Eyck, painted the 15th-century polyptych altarpiece in St Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium illustrating this very text. The text and Polyptych certainly inspire wonder, awe and inspiration for us today. We may hear the loud voices singing out: "Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen." (Rev 7:12)

The Gospel, dare I use the word, gives us a "roadmap" to walk in the way of Christ and the saints. Again we can proclaim: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven" to all our saints, unnamed and unknown who have gone before us and for us who hope to follow.



Parish Volunteer Required:

Parish Financial Affairs:

***Do you have bookkeeping skills?***

We are looking for a willing parishioner to volunteer a few hours on Tuesday morning to their Parish.

For the last 14 plus years Terry Smith and John Walpole have been keeping the financial records of our Parish, John and Terry now wish to retire from this voluntary role - no later than January 31st 2021.

To implement a smooth transition for our new volunteer, we are seeking a replacement before this date.

So, if there is someone out there with computer and bookkeeping skills, who is in a position to help us we need to hear from you now. Please consider volunteering for your parish.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to Terry Smith and John Walpole

Your volunteering efforts have been invaluable. Your practical advise and clear thinking a necessity for our parish, you will be sorely missed, our community owes you a great deal of thanks and appreciation for your efforts. We wish you a happy retirement from voluntary life!



*We hope to have a celebration to thank Terry and John in the near future once restrictions ease.*

# Make a Difference in Your Parish



## Parish Financial Affairs: continue....

## Parish Talk 2017 Christmas Edition.

### Men at Work

by Diana McKinley.

Our parish financial men, Terry Smith and John Walpole are found at the Parish Centre several days of almost every week in the year. Thanks to Fr Dennis and the work of John Schubert they now have a functional office in which to manage our parish finances.



John spent fifty years in the army, seven of which were honorary service. Originally from South Australia, he began his army life as a chef. He retired as the Colonel Commandant of the Australian Army Catering Corps. He is married to

Elizabeth. They have one daughter Rebecca and a precious granddaughter Stephanie. John is a Director of the SS& A Club. He was awarded his OAM for meritorious service, technical mastery and innovation to the Australian Army in the field of Catering.

Sometime during his illustrious army career he graduated from Charles Sturt University with a Bachelor of Business (Accounting). This combination with his chef training qualified him to cook the books!! After army, life John found his need to be busy was fulfilled by assisting in running the financials of the parish. When not in the Parish Office or home with his lovely wife, he may be found on the golf course where his handicap wavers between 23 and 30.



Terry Smith is another amazing Parishioner. He was born in Deniliquin where he began his education at the local Catholic school. After many moves to various places around NSW, he completed his secondary education at St Stanislaus Bathurst. Joan and Terry met and married in June. They have four children, Anthony, Catherine, Natasha and Joanne; and nine grandchildren, Benjamin, Alexandra, Olivia, Sophie, Joseph, Aaron, Daniel, Julia and Gabriel.

Terry has had a chequered career which has been dogged with pressures. He began his working career as an apprentice motor mechanic, but once the children arrived they required a higher income than the lousy pay afforded to motor mechanics. Terry found work in the office of a new Ford dealership in Wangaratta. To improve his income he began a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) at RivCol (now CSU). A move to Administration with Wangaratta City Council temporarily interrupted his study while he undertook the Municipal Clerk's certificate by correspondence. Once completed he was promoted to Assistant Town Clerk at Wang.

A further promotion to Chiltern as Shire Secretary was welcomed. However, Jeff Kennett's scheme to amalgamate councils caused Terry to lose his job. Terry and his family moved to Wodonga and quickly became entrenched in Sacred Heart Parish. In his usual selfless manner, he offered his services to the parish and this offer was gratefully accepted.

### 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 non-profit A FREE 24-hour: Crisis Support Phone: 13 11 14



## First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

## Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ

## Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
 Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.  
 Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.  
 Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
 Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
 Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.  
 Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
 theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

### Readings this week

Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14  
 1 John 3:1-3  
 Matthew 5:1-12

### Readings next week:

Wisdom 6: 12 - 16  
 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18  
 Matthew 25: 1-13

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Come to me all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths: Beau Cheney, Joan Stenzel., Betty Pendergast

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

Liturgical Jottings:

The Entrance Antiphon

“When the people are gathered, and as the Priest enters with the ministers, the Entrance Chant (or Antiphon or another approved hymn) begins. Its purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgy-ical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and the ministers. GIRM 47.

The Entrance Antiphon for the Second Mass for All Souls Day (2 Nov) is: “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.” 4 Esdras 2:34-35

Interestingly the text comes from an apocryphal book of the bible, 4 Esdras, which Pope Clement VIII (d. 1605) placed in an appendix to the Vulgate Bible lest the book be lost entirely. Only a few recent English translations include the book in the appendix.

Parishioners please note:

All Souls Day:

Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church  
This Monday at 9:15 am



**Knights of the Southern Cross  
Deceased Members Mass**

The Knights of the Southern Cross will have their annual Deceased Members Mass on 21/11/20 at St Augustine’s Church.

More details in the next couple of weeks.

Michael McCormick (secretary)

Plenary Council News.

Heading: **Discerning the way to the Plenary Council**

During the next few weeks we are invited as a diocese to reflect upon how, as people of faith, we can discern together how we are ‘being called to be a Christ centred Church.’ When we discern we think deeply and prayerfully in order to hear God’s voice.

Cathy Jenkins has recorded a video on Discerning the way to the Plenary Council that you are invited to watch as we enter this next phase in the journey. This video is available through our newly created YouTube Channel and Facebook Page.

For more information see: [sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council](http://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council) or follow Plenary Council Sandhurst on Facebook.

[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](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)

**Just for Giggles**

**Why Did the Bicycle collapse ?.....**

.....**It was two tired**



# On the Calendar

## **Pathways for Families 2021 is now available online.**

The Sandhurst Diocese 'Pathways for Families 2021' online resource contains a wide variety of live links to information, networks and resources to enrich, interest and support families in their continuing journeys in Faith, Prayer, Spirituality, connections to the wider community, and much more. We hope you may enjoy exploring — via computer, smartphone or tablet.

Go to: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1747-pathways-for-families-2021>

## **Ordinary Time: November 2nd**

### **The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**

On this day is observed the commemoration of the faithful departed, in which our common and pious Mother the Church, immediately after having endeavored to celebrate by worthy praise all her children who already rejoice in heaven, strives to aid by her powerful intercession with Christ, her Lord and Spouse, all those who still groan in purgatory, so that they may join as soon as possible the inhabitants of the heavenly city." —*Roman Martyrology*

## **Ordinary Time: November 3rd**

### **Tuesday of the Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Time; Optional Memorial of St. Martin de Porres, religious**

Today the Church celebrates the optional memorial of St. Martin de Porres, religious, who lived a life of fasting, prayer and penance as a Dominican lay brother. He was born in Peru of a Spanish knight and a Negro woman from Panama. Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother, and for that reason his noble father eventually turned the boy out of his house. After a turn as a surgeon's apprentice, the young man joined the Dominicans as a laybrother and was put in charge of the infirmary of a friary in Lima. Soon he was caring for the sick of the city and the slaves brought to Peru from Africa — not to mention the animals with which he is often pictured. Martin had the gift of miracles; and although he had no formal training, he was often consulted on theological questions by great churchmen of his day. [St. Rose of Lima](#) and Bl. John Massias were among his close friends. He is unofficially called the patron of social justice.

## **Ordinary Time: November 4th**

### **Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, bishop:**

St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) was a member of a noble family and a nephew of Pope Pius IV. He was made a Cardinal at the age of 23 and assisted the Pope in administering the affairs of the Holy See and in governing the Church. Soon thereafter he was made Archbishop of Milan. His endeavours on behalf of the 19th Ecumenical Council of Trent (1545-1564) were especially meritorious and fruitful. He helped to direct and guide it and bring it to a successful conclusion. He then proceeded to enforce its decrees in the Archdiocese of Milan and thoroughly reformed Catholic life in his See. During a plague he walked barefooted in the public streets, carrying a cross, with a rope around his neck, offering himself as a victim to God for the transgressions of his people.

## **Knox Public Lecture 2020 – Safe Church**

Sheree Limbrick will conduct the Knox Public Lecture 2020 on Safe Church: Commitment, awareness & action for cultural change In May 2019 Catholic Professional Standards Ltd (CPSL) published the National Catholic

Safeguarding Standards. More than 20 church entities have been audited to date to assess the extent to which they are implementing necessary safeguards for children, with audits revealing a strong commitment and dedicated action to create child safe environments. Since late 2019, CPSL has been working to expand the Standards to include protections for adults engaging with Church ministry. This lecture will explore some of the trends and findings emerging from CPSL's audit work, as well as the directions of the groundbreaking framework for the safeguarding of adults.

**Date: Thursday 5 November**

**Time: 7pm - 8.30pm**

**Format: online**

**Booking: Visit our website to book: [ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture](http://ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture)**

# Celebrating Mass

## Restrictions Have Eased!

We are now able to have 20 people in our church celebrating Mass.

### BOOKING IS REQUIRED:

Please book by phoning The Parish Centre 60243366.

Please wear a Mask and maintain social distancing:

## Weekend Mass

Saturday morning - 9:30 am -

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH- WODONGA

Saturday - 5 pm -

SACRED HEART CHURCH-WODONGA

Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:30 -

SACRED HEART CHURCH-WODONGA

## Weekday Mass

Tuesday - Friday- 9:15 am

SACRED HEART CHURCH-WODONGA



**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 further information Phone

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