

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



## November 15th -2020 - 33rd 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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### PARISH PRIEST

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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 :** *Society is enriched by the dialogue between science and faith, which opens up new horizons for thought. The light of faith needs to enlighten scientific advances so that they respect the centrality of the human person.*



## Looking at the Readings:

We all wait. There are rooms given the accurate title: "Waiting Room" though in post-modern times building designers euphemistically name them transit lounges, patient lounges, reception areas, etc. But we still wait. Sometimes we sit in the chair with apprehension, impatience or boredom. I take a book, a crossword, a sudoku, once I took exam papers to mark. We can be creative. The Gospel parable today is about creative or enterprising waiting for the Master's return. The Master wanted his servants to be enterprising in his absence. Though the parable ends in a sad note for the unenterprising servant, the moral is definitely about actively waiting without knowing the day or time.

As we approach the end of the Season of Ordered Sundays the readings and our attention are drawn to the final coming of the Lord. Then Advent begins with a different type of waiting. Yet we are urged to wait actively: a time for change of heart, time to use the gifts God had given us, time to seize the opportunities in Christian life and a time to "come and join in our master's happiness." (Matt 25:21 and 23)

Paul adds another insight into waiting for the coming of the Lord: "You are all children of light and children of the day ..." (1 Thess 5:5) so stay awake to greet the Lord.

## Pope Francis' Encyclical on Fraternity and Friendship:

Unconcerned for the hardships and dangers involved, St Francis of Assisi went to meet the Sultan Malik-el-Kamil in Egypt with the same attitude that he instilled in his disciples: if they found themselves "among the Saracens and other nonbelievers", without renouncing their own identity they were not to "engage in arguments or disputes, but to be subject to every human creature for God's sake". In the context of the times, this was an extraordinary recommendation. St Francis urged that all forms of hostility or conflict be avoided and that a humble and fraternal "subjection" be shown to those who did not share his faith. (No 3)

**Quote of the Week:** When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'. **Erma Bombeck**



## First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief.

No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

## Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-15, 19-21

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

### Readings this week

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

### Readings next week:

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Matthew 25:31-46

### Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you,  
says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



## 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

### Ordinary Time: November 16th

Monday of the Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time;

Optional Memorials of St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, virgin.

St. Margaret (c. 1045-1093) was the great-niece of St. Edward the Confessor. She was a Saxon princess, raised in Hungary in exile. Returning to England, she had to flee once again after the Battle of Hastings, to the court of Malcolm, the King of Scotland, whom she married shortly thereafter. She proved to be a model mother and exemplary queen who brought up her eight children in an atmosphere of great devotion and worked hard to improve the morality of her subjects. St. Gertrude, a Benedictine nun of the monastery of Helfta, in Saxony, is one of the great mystics of the Middle Ages. She was favoured by visions of our Savior and has left a marvellous account of them in a book which she called *Revelations*. St. Gertrude introduced the devotion to the Sacred Heart which, four centuries later, St. Margaret Mary spread throughout the Church.

She died at the beginning of the thirteenth century.

### Ordinary Time: November 17th

Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious.

Today the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious. She was the daughter of Andrew II, King of Hungary, and wife of Duke Louis IV of Thuringia. She is famous for her great kindness and inexhaustible charity towards the poor and the sick. November 19 is the feast day of St. Elizabeth of Hungary in the Extraordinary Form.

### Ordinary Time: November 18th

Wednesday of the Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time;

Optional Memorials of the Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul, apostles.

The whole Church celebrates today the dedication of the two great Roman basilicas of St. Peter at the Vatican and of St. Paul -outside-the-Walls. The basilica of St. Peter stands on the site of the tomb of the Prince of the Apostles, where stood Nero's circus. It was here that St. Peter was executed. Recent excavations have shown that the present basilica which, in the seventeenth century replaced the ancient Constantinian basilica, was built over the tomb of St. Peter, just as the previous basilica. It was consecrated by Urban VIII on November 18, 1626. St. Paul-outside-the-Walls, situated at the other end of the city on the Ostian Way, is built near the place St. Paul was martyred. It was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1823 and was rebuilt in sumptuous fashion by Gregory XVI and Pius IX and consecrated by the latter on December 10, 1854.

The celebration of the anniversary of these two dedications has been kept, nevertheless, on November 18.

### Ordinary Time: November 21st

Memorial of the Presentation of Mary

Today the Church celebrates the memorial of the Presentation of Mary. The three feasts of the birthday of Our Lady, the holy Name of Mary and her Presentation in the Temple correspond in the Marian cycle with the first three feasts of the cycle of feasts of our Lord: namely, Christmas, the Holy Name of Jesus, and His Presentation in the Temple.

## 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

## Liturgical Jottings:

### The Liturgical Year I

Next week, 34<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time we commonly call the end of the "Liturgical Year". On the first Sunday of Advent we begin cycle B of the Sunday Readings and we call the day the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. Yet these customs and practices are not expressed in the official liturgical texts: The General Instruction to the Roman Missal, the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, the General Norms of the Liturgical Year and Calendar and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. All refrain from using the terms: "end" or "start" of a Liturgical Year. The Australian Ordo, however, give the subtitle to Advent: "The New Liturgical Year begins (Ordo 2020 pg 14)

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## Daily Mass Books 2021 Break Open the Word Year B 2021 Calendars & Christmas Cards

Orders are being taken for the 2021 Daily Mass Books, Break Open the Word Year B, 2021 Calendars & Christmas Cards. To place your order please contact Cecilia McCormick on 0428 186 841

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



### **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**

The Knights of the Southern Cross will have their annual Deceased Members Mass

**on 28/11/20**

**at 9.30am**

**St Augustine's Church.**

More details in the next week.

Michael McCormick (secretary)



## **PALMS AUSTRALIA**

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**REACH BEYOND!**

## Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty.

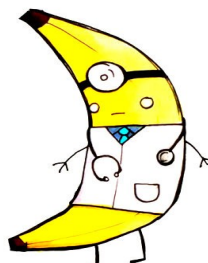
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## Just for Giggles



*Why did the Banana go to the Doctor?*



*Because he wasn't Peeling Well*



# 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

Fr Junjun Amaya Ph: 0459356917 or the Parish Centre: Ph: 60243366.



### 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**

