



# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



## November 22nd -2020 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ YEAR A ~

### 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

### 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

1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30 Mass  
5th Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy  
of The Word and Communion

#### MT BEAUTY

#### St Joseph's

1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am  
5th Sunday 8.30am Liturgy of  
The Word and Communion

### WEEKDAY MASS:

Sacred Heart Church  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

### SATURDAY

St Augustine's Church  
Saturday 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION:

Sacred Heart Church  
Saturday 9.00am to 9.30am  
Country Churches: Before Mass



### Our Pope TWEETS :

*Even a smile that we can share with the poor is a source of love.  
An outstretched hand can always be enriched by the smile of those who  
quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as  
one of Christ's disciples.*

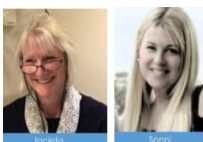
### Looking at the Readings:

The Last Judgement (Matt 25:31-46) is read in its entirety this Sunday, depicting Christ at his second (final) coming as King and Judge. The scene, being quite descriptive, has been the subject of many paintings, each artist giving their own interpretation. The most well known is a fresco by Michelangelo painted on the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel. 1536-1541. Other artists include Hieronymus Bosch, 1482, Fra Angelico 1425-30 and Wassily Kandinsky 1912. Christ is depicted as High Judge. Our earliest image of this parable is from the Basilica of Sant' Apollinare Nuovo at Ravenna Italy of the 6<sup>th</sup> century, in it Christ is depicted as a shepherd.

Shepherd-King has been an enduring title for both OT kings and Christ himself. The metaphor of shepherd is very rich in the gospels. The shepherd cares for his flock, knows each by name, feeds and protects them. Certainly Jesus kingdom is not of this world (John 18, Year B) and he welcomes the repentant sinner into his kingdom (Luke 23:42-43, Year C) We are invited to be inheritors of his Kingdom (Matt 25:35 and 5:3, 5:10) and kingdom of justice, love and peace (Today's Preface).

### Pope Francis' Encyclical on Fraternity and Friendship:

As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident. For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality. It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. (7&8)



### 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



## First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

## Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

### Readings this week

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28  
Matthew 25:31-46

### Readings next week:

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

## **Appointments in our Diocese**

The following appointments take effect on 9 January 2021:

- Parish Priest of Echuca Parish: Rev. Pompeyo Tan PP (already announced)
- Parish Priest of Myrtleford and Bright Parishes: Rev. Tony Shallue PP
- Administrator of Cathedral Cluster (Cathedral, Golden Square, Quarry Hill): Very Rev. Brian Boyle EV
- Assistant Priest of Cathedral Cluster: Rev. Shibu Pezhumthottathil ALCP/OSS
- Assistant Priest of Cathedral Cluster: Rev. DJ Suguitan
- Assistant Priest of Wangaratta Parish: Rev. Nathan Verallo
- Assistant Priest of Wodonga Parish: Rev. Dean Bongat

The following parish priests have been reappointed for the customary period of six years:

- Euroa and Nagambie Parishes: Rev. Tony Hill PP (with effect immediately)
- Mooroopna Parish: Msgr Peter Jeffrey PP (with effect from 1 January 2021)
- Rutherglen and Chiltern Parishes: Rev. Brian Carey PP (with effect from 1 January 2021)

Late last year, I appointed priests to a range of positions in the diocese up to the end of this year. I have now decided to renew the following appointments through to 22 September 2022, which is the conclusion of the term of office for the current College of Consultants:

- Vicar General: Very Rev. Joe Taylor VG PP
- Regional Deans:
  - o Goulburn Valley: Very Rev. John Paul Pasala VF PP
  - o North Eastern: Very Rev. Junjun Amaya VF PP
  - o Western: Very Rev. Novelito Lim VF PP
- o Episcopal Vicar for Education: Very Rev. Brian Boyle EV
- o Director of Vocations: Rev. Nathan Verallo
- o Coordinator of Seminarians & Liaison with Corpus Christi College: Rev. Jake Mudge
- o Director of Clergy Life and Ministry: Very Rev. Brian Boyle EV

## **Retirement from Sunday Mass duties**

Since his retirement as parish priest 12 years ago, Fr Frank Hickey has continued to celebrate Sunday Mass with the community at St Malachy's, Nagambie. Following a recent experience of ill health, he has decided that he can no longer continue this, and that it is time for a 'second retirement'. I express our appreciation for the generous and faithful contribution that he has provided over this time, and throughout his priestly ministry.

**Ordination** In light of the further easing of COVID-19 restrictions anticipated from 23 November, I have decided to proceed with the priestly ordination of Rev. DJ Suguitan on Saturday 12 December, to be held outdoors at Catherine McAuley College, Junortoun, at 11.00am. DJ's ordination will be the first opportunity to have a diocesan gathering of any kind since early March, and so I am sure it will be a particularly joyful occasion. Further details will be provided in due course.

**Seminarian Placements over December**: The academic year at Corpus Christi College is about to conclude, and during December seminarians will undertake the following placements in the diocese:

- Rev. François Baguma: Kerang / Cohuna / Pyramid Hill
- Jackson Saunders: Echuca
- Adonis Peña: Chancery employment, living at St Kilian's
- Ezekiel Hangan: St Kilian's
- Dominic Manatad: Chancery employment, living at St Kilian's

## **Tenth Anniversary of Bishop Joe Grech's death:**

Bishop Joe Grech died on 28 December 2010. Various ways of commemorating the tenth anniversary of his death were considered. However, as it is likely that restrictions will prevent a large gathering around that time, the anniversary will be marked during 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday 27 December.

Yours sincerely,

+Shane Mackinlay

## 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

## 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

## WCP Baptism Preparation to Recommence

As of **Tuesday December 1st** the Wodonga Catholic Parish Baptism Preparation Program will recommence. Preparation evenings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month - start time **6:00 pm In Sacred Heart Church.**

**(Please be aware of social distancing)** Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. For information or to register **Contact: The Parish Centre: 6024 3366**

**PALMS: 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. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

## 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 St Augustine's Church.**

**Time 9:30 am** Morning tea will follow. Members of the Knights of the Southern Cross welcome all parish parishioners to this celebration of remembrance.

**It is anticipated a relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions. However those attending should contact Michael McCormick 0429009595 OR Des Lonergan 0408575825**

## Just for Giggles

A man's car broke down. While he was peering under the bonnet a large ewe trotted up to the fence and said "Probably the ignition gone wrong," The man, startled, ran down the road, met the grazier and told him what had happened.



"Was it a big ewe with a red ear tag?" asked the farmer.

"Yes, I think so," said the man. "Oh, don't listen to her," said the farmer.

"She doesn't know anything about cars."



# 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**

