



# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



## November 29th -2020 - 1st Sunday of Advent Year B

~ 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 :

*We were not created to dream about vacations or the weekend, but to make God's dreams come true in this world. God made us capable of dreaming, so that we could embrace the beauty of life. The works of mercy are the most beautiful works in life*

### Looking at the Readings:

The readings of the first Sunday of Advent present us with the end section of the writing of the Prophet Isaiah and the end of the last chapter of Jesus' earthly ministry before his passion, death and resurrection in Mark's gospel. The words of St Paul in the second reading are a greeting for the present and encouragement for the future. It certainly complements the other two readings.

Isaiah speaks of the coming of God who made us and who can reform us like a potter with clay. Isaiah calls him "Our Redeemer": (Is 63:16) Jesus emphasises his message that we do not know the time that the Lord will come again but "Be Alert" (Mark 13:33, 35 & 37) The message to stay wake is recorded in the three synoptic Gospels see also Matthew 24:42 and Luke 21:36. But Mark uses the symbol of night or darkness, customarily when evil things are done but now when the darkness is overcome by the coming of the Lord.

We have a hint of Easter in Advent: darkness dispelled by light; St Paul's exclamation of joy and thanksgiving in preaching the Risen Christ to the Christians at Corinth. Yes, we wait for the coming of Christ at his birth in Bethlehem, his resurrection from the tomb and his coming again.

### Pope Francis' Encyclical :Fratelli Tutti

The brutal and unforeseen blow of this uncontrolled pandemic forced us to recover our concern for human beings, for everyone, rather than for the benefit of a few. The pain, uncertainty and fear, and the realisation of our own limitations, brought on by the pandemic have only made it all the more urgent that we rethink our styles of life, our relationships, the organisation of our societies and, above all, the meaning of our existence. (33)

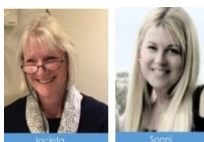
Quote of the Week The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognising the coming of the Lord. *Henri Nouwen*

### Advent Verse

O God of hosts, restore us:

if your face shine on us then we shall be safe

O God of hosts, restore us.



### 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: Isaiah 63:16–17, 64:1,3–8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of our inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ.  
I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

### Gospel: Mark 13:33–37

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.  
It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home,  
and left his servants in charge, each with his own task;  
and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.  
So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming,  
evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn;  
if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.  
And what I say to you I say to all:  
Stay awake!'

#### Readings this week

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

#### Readings next week:

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11  
2 Peter 3:8–14  
Mark 1:1–8

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face  
and we shall be saved

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

#### Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

## Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Syd Taylor, Donald & Connie Tremethick

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)

## Brigidine Community Clayton Closure:

A number of religious/chapel items - chalices, tabernacle, sanctuary lamp, missal stand, lectern etc are available. Further information

Contact: Anne Hill csb 1310 High St Malvern 3144 Ph: (03) 9509 2132 Mob: 0409 162 766

Email: [csbleader@brigidine.com.au](mailto:csbleader@brigidine.com.au)

## Quote of the Week:

It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character, and right judgment. *Marcus Tullius Cicero*

## Just for Giggles

**Why did the  
scarecrow win an  
award?**

**Because he was  
outstanding in his field.**





**CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS** This year has been a tough one for all of us. But sometimes, if you're able to bring hope to others, it can also make you feel more hopeful. What better time to spread hope than in the season of giving?

By giving a **Global Gift**, you'll bring hope and joy to some of the most vulnerable families in our world. You'll also bring a smile to your loved ones when they find out you've given hope and joy on their behalf.



**GLOBAL GIFTS** ✱

**This Christmas, bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable.**

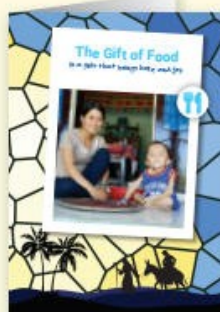
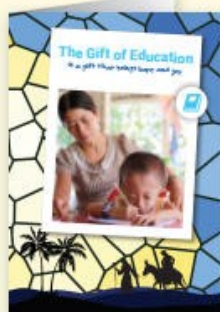


*Families struggling with poverty and injustice need your help to make Christmas shine for them.*

THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

THE GIFT OF FOOD

THE GIFT OF PROTECTION



**STEP 1.**  
Choose a Global  
Gift Card

**STEP 2.**  
Receive a card  
to give to your  
loved one

**STEP 3.**  
Your gift brings  
joy to those  
who need it

**Order online at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)  
or call 1800 024 413**

All Global Gifts reflect real items that we use to assist people in their fight against poverty and injustice. Your purchase of a specific gift is representative of the type of community development work done by Caritas Australia's projects.



End poverty  
Promote justice  
Uphold dignity

### Send joy across the globe:

Your purchase of **Global Gift cards** will make a real difference, bringing the gifts of education, food and protection to families struggling with poverty, disability and the COVID-19 pandemic. Our beautiful gift cards start at \$15 and come in both printed and e-card versions.

**Order online (by 8<sup>th</sup> Dec to allow for post) at**

**[www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)**

**or call 1800 024 413.**

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION as a GLOBAL GIFT

At Christmas time, so special for children & families here in Australia, it's appropriate that we take the opportunity to share our Christmas with children & families in far less privileged circumstances. Your parish may choose to support this through a Christmas collection for **CARITAS GLOBAL GIFT** - bringing the gifts of food, education and protection from COVID 19 - to mothers and families around the world.

**Order online (by 8<sup>th</sup> Dec to allow for post) at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) or call 1800 024 413.**

# Celebrating Mass

## Restrictions Have Eased!

We are now able to have 100 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:

Please note these masses are being live streamed

## 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.**

## International Day of People with Disability

The International Day of People with Disability is observed annually on 3 December. In Australia, the Church has sought to take this day as an opportunity to encourage a truly pastoral view that embraces our total community as the living Body of Christ. We especially pray that we, the Church, can strive to be a people of compassion and relationship, and a sacred place where our gifts are acknowledged, received and celebrated; for then we can truly proclaim that we are "one Body in Christ" (ACBC 2016). Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator.

## Continuing The Journey of the Plenary Council:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is a joyful, hope-filled, servant community?

Read the Plenary Council paper for discernment:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Reflect and pray for centres of Joy, Hope and Service with Advent 2020 leaflets:

[Advent Leaflets 2020 \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au/advent-leaflets-2020) **also available from Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre.**

[Plenary Council Sandhurst | Facebook](#)

To join a Diocesan Zoom Gathering Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30 pm.

email [plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)



## Stronger Rally Online

The second 'Stronger Tonight' online Rally will be happening on Saturday 12th December at 5pm. With music, conversation and a little bit of Christmas, this is an online event not to be missed!

The livestream will be available on the Stronger Youth YouTube Channel.

Follow Sandhurst Youth and Stronger Youth on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with the latest info.