

# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



## November 8th -2020 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 :



Today we pray for all the #FaithfulDeparted and especially for the victims of the #Coronavirus: for those who have died alone, without the caress of their loved ones; and for those who have given their lives serving the sick.



### Looking at the Readings:

The parable of the ten bridesmaids is among the most of his humorous ones. Jesus' listeners, who were hearing it for the first time, must have been wondering where this most improbable story is leading. At each turn, the parable was getting funnier. The twist is in the tail. Five maids are inside and five are left out in the cold and dark. For the first few decades after Christ's Ascension, his followers believed he would return soon, at least in their lifetime. The Good News was spreading, Gentiles were becoming believers, there were times of persecution and peace, and new generations of Christians were replacing the first generation. Perhaps he is not coming soon. This parable and a few others about the Master leaving and returning give similar messages: We do not know the time; be ready always.

With the context of the first reading, we find that we are not only invited to the wedding feast: eternal life, but also invited to be sharers of wisdom: to be the sensible ones. God's wisdom is actively searching for us, and we are searching for it: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God, ... for you have been my help and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy" Ps 63:1,7 (Responsorial Psalm)

### Prayer for the Week:

Brighten your Church, O God, with the promise of your kingdom and waken our hearts to its light. Bid us hasten with faith undimmed to greet the bridegroom's return and to enter the wedding feast. (from 1998 ICEL Missal)

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

"Fratelli Tutti" (Brothers and Sisters All) With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Of the counsels Francis offered, I would like to select the one in which he calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother "as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him". In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives. (Introduction)

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## First Reading: Wisdom 6: 12 – 16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her  
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died,  
to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope.  
We believe that Jesus died and rose again,  
and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus:  
God will bring them with him.

## Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples:  
'The kingdom of heaven will be like this:  
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were  
foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil,  
whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late,  
and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry,  
"The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."  
At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps,  
and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going  
out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to  
those who sell it and buy some for yourselves."  
They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived.  
Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed.  
The other bridesmaids arrived later.  
"Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us."  
But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you."  
So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

### Readings this week

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

### Readings next week:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know  
not when the Son of Man is coming. 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 9th

#### Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica:

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

### Ordinary Time: November 10th

#### Memorial of St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor

Today the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor, during whose pontificate the Council of Chalcedon (451) defined that Christ is one divine person with two natures, divine and human. It was a confirmation of his Epistola Dogmatica (Tomus) to the Patriarch Flavian of Constantinople. He vigorously defended the unity of the Church. He detained the onrush of the barbarians under Attila. His feastday in the Extraordinary Rite is April 11.

### Ordinary Time: November 11th (National Remembrance Day)

#### Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, bishop;

Today the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Martin of Tours, bishop. St. Martin is the first bishop and confessor honoured by the Church in the West. He was a principal apostle of Gaul, where his feast was celebrated as a holyday of obligation with an octave and popular celebrations.

### Ordinary Time: November 12th

#### Memorial of St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr:

Today the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Josaphat, a Catholic of the Ruthenian rite. He was an apostle of the return of the Orthodox schismatics to the Church of Rome. Born in the then Polish region of Lithuania of Orthodox parents, he became a Catholic and a Ukrainian Basilian monk. Chosen bishop, he worked faithfully for the unity of the Church until he suffered martyrdom at the hands of an angry mob in Russia in 1623 at the age of forty-three. His feast day in the Extraordinary Rite is celebrated on November 14. He is one of the patrons of Poland.

### 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>

# Remembrance Day 2020



Charles Bean landed with the Australian troops on Gallipoli on April 25, 1915. He stayed with them at the front through the entire war, refusing evacuation when he was wounded. At Pozieres the following year he was witness to 23,000 Australian casualties in just six weeks. A dying Australian asked him, "Will they remember me in Australia?".

On 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare.

Each year on this day at 11:00 am on the 11th of November—the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month—

By observing one minute's silence we pay tribute and remember the men and women who have served and are still serving in our defence forces and remember those who have died or suffered in conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations.

This Remembrance Day, share who you are remembering on social media using the hashtag #WeRememberThem



## Virtual Poppy Wall

Place a virtual poppy and leave a personalised message on the Memorial's interactive poppy wall and explore messages of thanks for those who have served.

For more information <https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/WeRememberThem>

## Remembrance Day National Ceremony

Although Remembrance Day is different this year.....

On 11 November 2020, the Australian War Memorial will hold a nationally televised Remembrance Day commemorative ceremony. In light of the restrictions resulting from the pandemic, the format of the ceremony has been altered to ensure it complies with COVID-safe rules and will be attended by a limited number of invited guests; and **broadcast live across Australia by the ABC and available later on ABC iview.**

As always, the service will include the laying of wreaths and a minute's silence on the eleventh hour. At this time, the Australian public will be encouraged to safely pause in their homes, schools or workplaces to observe the minute's silence to remember not only those lost, but all who came home and also those who follow in their footsteps.



## Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Joe Cromptvoets, Eileen Mehegan, Jim Bates.

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:

### Communion Antiphon

"The purpose of the Communion Chant or Antiphon is to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarians' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist.

The singing is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful.

However, if there is to be a hymn after Communion, the Communion Chant should be ended in a timely manner.

Communion Antiphon or some other suitable liturgical chant approved by the Conference of Bishops. This is sung either by the choir alone or by the choir or a cantor with the people."

*General Instruction to the Roman Missal 2010, no.86-87*

**CARITAS:** One of the largest humanitarian aid networks in the world, Caritas is there before, during and after an emergency. The Emergency Response Fund has enabled Caritas to respond to a range of humanitarian emergencies across the globe –such as floods in the Philippines, conflict in Syria, and food insecurity crises across Africa. For more info go to <https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/disaster-aid-relief-fund>



### **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](https://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**

**I'LL FIGHT YOU WITH  
MY BEAR HANDS!**



**OH DEER**



# 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**





## A Recipe for you .

### **You will need**

1 cup love;  $\frac{3}{4}$  faith;  $\frac{1}{2}$  respect;  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup honesty;  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup compassion;  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup passion; 1 litre goodwill; 100ml spirit;  
1 cup generosity; 1 tablespoon forgiveness;  
1 barrel friendship; 3 cups of joy;  
3 teaspoons individuality;  
50mls water;  
50grams sugar.



### **Method**

Mix together love, faith, respect and water in a large bowl.

In a separate bowl mix honesty, compassion, passion, individuality and goodwill.

When both are well mixed, gently fold the two mixtures together;

Continue to whisk and add the other ingredients steadily (generosity, forgiveness, friendship, joy and sugar).

Once all ingredients are mixed together place in baking tray and refrigerate for a minimum of four hours.

After refrigeration sprinkle lightly with some spirit and put back in the refrigerator for another hour.

Congratulations, you have made spirituality!

Enjoy!

