

Wodonga Catholic Parish

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



December 6th -2020 - 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Monday to Friday

PRESBYTERY

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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



Pope Francis' Encyclical :Fratelli Tutti

The world exists for everyone, because all of us were born with the same dignity. Differences of colour, religion, talent, place of birth or residence, and so many others, cannot be used to justify the privileges of some over the rights of all. As a community, we have an obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development. (118)

Looking at the Readings:

From the endings of scriptural passages last week we hear from the beginnings this week. The first reading is the beginning of Second Isaiah. The Israelites are now in exile. The Prophet Isaiah comforts the people in their despair with words of hope of the coming of God in might and in loving care like a shepherd.

The beginning of the Gospel of Mark today is explicit: "The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God". Mark, the earliest completed Gospel and the shortest goes directly to the announcement of the Good News with the herald of John the Baptist: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight (Mk 1:3) that echoes Isaiah 40:3.

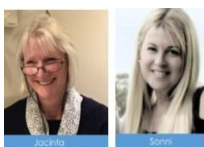
Both prophets are announcing the coming of the marvellous works of salvation of God but we have to be ready to receive. Not only tidy the house for the visitor but go out into the streets, remove the obstacles, make the road come directly to our home. Our home is where we live, our lives are our home for God. Advent is our preparation; Christmas is our delight in God's visit.

Quote for Advent:

I don't think we'll understand Advent correctly until we see it as a preparation for a revolution. *Bishop Robert Barron*

Advent Prayer

New earth, new world to save his people, God will come. Peace on earth, heaven among us: We must prepare the way of the Lord.



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 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low,

let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey.
In the course of his preaching he said,
'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals.
I have baptised you with water,

Readings this week

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

Readings next week:

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia,

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths: Aachal Kumar (year 11 CCW Student)

Anniversaries: Dan Ley, Leon Van Buynder

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

Welcome & Congratulations

We Welcome and Congratulate

Oliver Cleary, Ella, Sadie & Louie Torok, Charlie & Lewis O'Connell
and their families as they celebrate the sacrament of Baptism.

We also welcome Chris Torok who is being received
into our faith community.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance



Parishioners are invited to remember deceased family members and friends, by writing a message on the cards provided and hanging them on the Christmas tree in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church.

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) **also available from Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre.**

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

email plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

How does Good King Wenceslas
like his pizza?

Deep pan...
crisp and even!



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 ✱

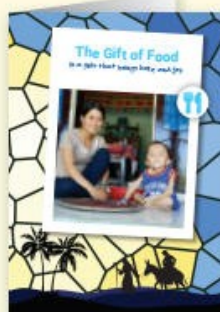
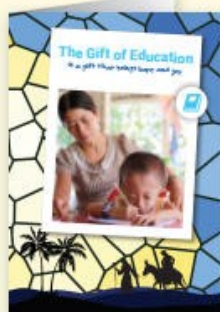
This Christmas, bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable.

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
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 8th Dec to allow for post) at

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 8th Dec to allow for post) at 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.

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Christmas Mass Times- 2020

Community Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

Wednesday December 9th - 7:00 pm

Thursday December 10 - 7:00 pm

Filipino Christmas Novena Mass

December 15th to December 23rd St Augustine's Church - 7:00 pm

Individual Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

Friday December 18th - 9:45 -10:15 am

Saturday December 19th - 9:00 -10:00 am

Christmas Eve Mass Times

Christmas Eve Mass:

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

December 24th - 6:00 pm

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

December 24th - 8:30 pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Tangambalanga

December 24th - 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga - 8:30 & 10:30 am

St Joseph's Church, Mt Beauty - 8:30 am

St Joseph's Church, Dederang - 10:30 am