



# Wodonga Catholic Parish

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

Communities



## December 27th -2020 - The Holy Family 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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### PARISH PRIEST

Father Junjun Amaya  
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### ASSISTANT PRIEST

### PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon  
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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  
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:

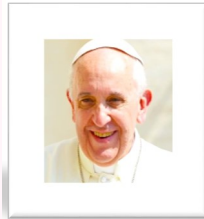
Sacred Heart Church  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

### SATURDAY

St Augustine's Church  
Saturday 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION:

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



### Pope Francis'

*It means caring for one another in our families: husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents*

### Looking at the Readings:

The Lectionary for the Feast today provides a standard set comprising of readings before the Gospel: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14, Col 3:12-21 or optional sets for cycles B and C. Three Gospels are provided for each Sunday of the three cycles. We look at the optional readings for cycle B today. The miraculous birth of Isaac to Sarah and Abraham, as promised by the three messengers (angels) begins a series of promised births and the covenant culminating in the birth of Christ. The faith of Abraham and Sarah is praised in the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews. By God's initiative, promises and faithfulness to the covenant, Sarah and Abraham respond in faith and humility, Their acceptance is more than mere obedience, but communion with God and readiness to follow God's plan.

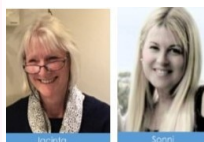
Four times the Holy Family are together in the Gospels: Birth of Jesus (Christmas), Flight into Egypt and return (Matt 2 - cycle A), Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40 cycle B) and Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Temple (Luke 2:41-50 cycle C). The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple includes Simeon's great Canticle that recounts God's promise of salvation to his people and a new concept of light to the pagan nations. Like Mary and Joseph we wonder with awe and faith at the prophecy and its implications, yet to be revealed to Jesus' parents. Today parents are invited to wonder and ponder the future with their children.

### Feast of the Holy Family

This feast was introduced at the end of the 1800's when marriage laws and family social life were increasingly losing their Christian character in the West. In 1893 this optional feast was introduced into dioceses that requested it. In 1914 it was moved from the third Sunday after Epiphany to 19 January then again in the universal calendar to the Sunday after Epiphany. In 1969 it was moved to Sunday after Christmas. In 1981 three sets of readings came available to both promote and celebrate family values and to recognise Christ's incarnation and life within a human family.

### Prayer for the Day

O God, you cradle us at the beginning of life, and embrace us at our journey's end, for you love us as your own. Bind our families together and deepen our faith, that, like the Holy Family of Nazareth, we may grow in wisdom, obedient to your word



### 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

<b>Recent Deaths:</b>	Stephen Pocza, Sister Philomene Fasoli
<b>Anniversaries:</b>	Vince Harangozo, Bishop Joe Grech, Anne Willcox, Esther Gullifer, Diego Ramirez
<b>Sick:</b>	Zak Oliver, Kath Twycross, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, John Radcliffe, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers

December 28th marks the 10th anniversary of the death of our beloved Bishop Joe Grech.

Joseph Angelo Grech (10 December 1948 – 28 December 2010) was a Roman Catholic bishop in Australia. Born in Balzan, Malta on 10 December 1948. After studies in the local schools, he moved to Melbourne, Australia, where he continued his studies. He was ordained a priest on 30th November 1974 in his home town, before returning to Melbourne to take up parish duties.

He became an auxiliary bishop of the Melbourne archdiocese in 1998.

On 8 March 2001, he was appointed the Bishop of Sandhurst, based in the regional Victorian city of Bendigo. He was installed on 27 April and served in that position until his death from a blood disorder on 28 December 2010.

*This year we will have Mass at Sacred Heart Church on **Monday the 28th of December – 9:15am** to remember Bishop Joe. We will also gather after this Mass for morning tea as our Parish priest Fr Junjun shares this day as his birthday. **Social distancing to be observed.***

## Liturgical Jottings Christmas Prefaces Part 2

With the three Christmas Prefaces we have another two for this Season: Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. Both feasts celebrate the manifestation of the Lord. The Epiphany: "For today your reveal the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, ..." The Baptism of the Lord: "For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders ... you Word dwelling among us." Each Preface includes a call to us: "You made us new" and a mission for us to share with Christ: "to bring the good news to the poor." Each expresses the mystery of the incarnation as a way of life with the Trinity. We give glory to God!

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### Gospel: Luke 2:22,39-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses,  
the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required,  
they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.  
Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom;  
and God's favour was with him.

**Readings this week**  
Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3  
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
Luke 2:22-40

**Readings next week:**  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, Alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son Alleluia,

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.