

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE 283 Beechworth Road Wodonga Vic 3690: Phone: 02 6024 3366 E-mail Address: wodonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au wodongacatholicparish.com.au **OFFICE HOURS** 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Monday to Friday PARISH PRIEST Father Junjun Amaya 0459-356-917 **ASSISTANT PRIEST** Father Dean Bongat 0401 337 433

Weekend Masses

Every weekend

Tallangatta

<u>St Michael's Church</u> Sunday - **9.00 am**

Corryong:

Sacred Heart Church Sunday - **11.30 am** 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday.

Walwa. Christ The King , 1st & 3rd Sunday - 11:30am

<u>Mitta North, St Joseph's</u> <u>Sandy Creek, St Michael's</u> No Masses

TANGAMBALANGA Our Lady Help of Christians 2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am

BETHANGA St Francis No Masses

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<u>St Joseph's</u> 1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30 Mass 5th Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy of The Word and Communion

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<u>St Joseph's</u> 1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am 5th Sunday 8.30am Liturgy of The Word and Communion <u>WEEKDAY MASS</u>: 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



February 7th - 2021 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Looking at The Readings:

"The" is the most common word in written English. It appears nine times in the Gospel passage today. But there is another word appearing 15 times in the same passage. Computers allow scholars to quickly analyse and compare original texts to assist in recognising patterns, sources and special words with relevant meanings. Mark uses the word "and" more than any other evangelist and biblical writer: 15 times in this passage. This Sabbath day races along in high activity; the scenes are connected by "and". "[Jesus] went to [Peter's mother-in-law], took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them." Mark compresses this encounter into a few words but at the same time packs a lot of meaning. After a big day out Jesus went home, out of concern and compassion, healed the woman thus enabling her to be the courteous hostess for the visitors. Hospitality is very important in that culture and time. Moreover Jesus "Messianic healing" manifests his authority and gives the person the opportunity to respond to the call to believe in the Good News of the Kingdom of God. "After Sunset" is another expression of economy of words. The Sabbath Day restrictions are over: the Sabbath is from one sunset to the next. People may resume their tasks and go visiting one another. Also under the cover of darkness the guarantined and isolated may get out of their dwellings in order to come and seek help from Jesus. They do that in large numbers and we hear many are cured. Everywhere the Good News is proclaimed.

Pope Francis: World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Jesus' words, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28) point to the mysterious path of grace that is revealed to the simple and gives new strength to those who are weary and tired. These words of Christ express the solidarity of the Son of Man with all those who are hurt and afflicted. How many people suffer in both body and soul! Jesus urges everyone to draw near to him – "Come to me!" – and he promises them comfort and repose. "When Jesus says this, he has before him the people who are marginalised by the burden of the law and the oppressive social system... Jesus' words always give hope!" *Pope's Message 2020 para. 1*

Prayer for the Sick

Thursday 11 February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The ministry of Jesus included healing and prayers for the disabled and sick, as seen in today's Gospel. Healing is both a ministry of Jesus' compassion and a sign of the coming of the Kingdom of God. The miracle of Lourdes is healing of the sick, encouragement of faith and spiritual well-being and conversion of the world. Our liturgy contains many prayers for the sick and the dying, Mass of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and more recently Mass in time of pandemic.

"O God, only support of our human weakness, show the power of your protection over your servants who are sick, that, sustained by your merciful help, they may be restored to your Church in good health." *Prayer after Communion, Mass for the Sick*

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries January & February:

Tallangatta: February 5th: William Kevin Griffiths

Corryong:

Prayers of Intercession:

Celebrant:

The Father sends his only Son to heal us. We are confident that he can heal the whole person, body and soul. So we pray to our gentle Father through his Son.

Our Prayer: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader:

That the Church may be continually healed in its human weakness, division and sinfulness:

Lord hear us

That the world may be raised up beyond the violence, pride and hatred of our fallen race:

Lord hear us

Lord hear us

That those looking for Jesus may find him:

That we may show active charity in visiting the sick and lonely people in our neighbourhood Lord hear us.

For all the sick in our community, those suffering from COVID19 throughout the world, those care for them and those who have asked for our prayers: Lord hear us.

For the members of our faith community who have died recently and those whose anniversaries we now remember that Christ may cleanse them and bring them to glory: Lord hear us

Celebrant:

Almighty God, we bring our intercessions to you, through your healing Son, who bore our sickness and endured our suffering, leading us to glory as the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Readings this week:

Job 7:1-4,6-7

1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39 Reading next week Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45 **<u>Responsorial Psalm</u>**: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

<u>Prayers of the Faithful:</u> Lord, hear our prayer.

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? *Aid to the Church in Need* is recruiting for a number of **Diocesan Outreach Assistants** who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit www.aidtochurch.org/work



The need is acute!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to <u>enquire now</u>.

Find out more: Ross House, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE Saturday 20 February @ 10:00am palms.org.au February 17th 2021 \$ Wodongo Catholic Parist

Ash Wednesday-17th of February 2021 Parish Mass Times:

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WEDNESDAY

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Sacred Heart Church Wodonga 9:15 am & 6:00 pm

St Augustine's Primary School -10:15 amSt Michael's Church - Tallangatta -9:30 amSt Monica's Primary School -12 NoonSacred Heart Church - Corryong -12:30 pm

St Francis of Assisi Primary School – 2:15 pm