

#### 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 0459-356-917

#### **ASSISTANT PRIEST**

Father Dean Bongat 0401 337 433

#### PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon 0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)

#### WEEKEND MASSES WODONGA

Sacred Heart Church Saturday 5:00 pm. Sunday 8:30 am 10.30 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:

St Augustine's Church Saturday 9.00am to 9.30am Country Churches: Before Mass

# a Catholic Parish



# February 14th - 2021 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Note: Face coverings are required to be worn again indoors, this includes churches



## OR CODE:

You may notice next to the sign in sheet in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church and various places around the church this QR Code:

This code is used for contact tracing in regards to Covid 19 which is a government requirement.

**TO USE:** Simply use the camera in your phone, hold it over the code. A link will appear - hit the link - this will take you to a form where you can record your name and phone number. If you are having trouble

with this code our priests are happy to help you.

If you do not have a smart phone please print your details on the sign-in sheet in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your understanding it is very much appreciated.

## **Looking At the Readings**

The unfortunate leper in today's Gospel must obey the instructions given hundreds of years ago in the Book of Leviticus (the first reading today). Perhaps the worst regulation was isolation, even worse than the isolation and social distancing we have experienced over the last 12 months. Yet we are able to empathise with those afflicted by a most contagious disease.

Jesus' compassion and empathy brought healing to the leper, the healing brought abundant joy to the former leper that he could not stop expressing it to everyone. Jesus' compassion brings a corresponding passion to him to reach out to others. We see Jesus' passion in his ministry to the sick and to the sinner. On the other hand the publicity of the miracle brought isolation to the healer. "Jesus could no longer go openly into any town but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived." (Mark 1:45). Not only did Jesus take on the "isolation" of the Leper but also he takes on the effects of sin of the Sinner. We are invited to take up the compassion of Jesus and embrace his ministry to the poor on this Sunday "Project Compassion Sunday"

# Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

# Our Parish team invites you to Come and See!

- \*If you are interested in becoming a Catholic.
- \*If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic.
- \*If you are already a Catholic and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- \*If you are a baptised adult and haven't received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and would like to do so.

What: An information Session.

When: Sunday, February 21st at 9:30 after 8:30 Mass Where: The Sacred Heart Church meeting room.

For further information contact: Marg Ph: 0458 031 903.

## **Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Mary Kalc, Marcelina & Andre Afonso.

Sick: Zak Oliver, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, John Radcliffe, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers

## Catherine "Kit" Teresa Ley (nee Kelly)

20 Nov 1917 - 15 April 2020

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service for Catherine "Kit" to be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Beechworth Rd, Wodonga,

> Saturday-February 27th Commencing at 11.00am

No flowers by request, donations to Women's Life Centre

Envelopes available at the Church.

## Mt Beauty Parishioners

After the Ash Wednesday Mass we invite you to WEST PEAK for dinner, as a Church community, after Mass for those that would like to join in. It's been a long time since we did this, time to do it again!!.

# <u>Octogenarians 2021</u>

We have become aware that a number of our parishioners are turning 80 in 2021. Let's get together each month to celebrate this marvellous time in our lives. We would love anyone interested to join us on the 4th Friday of each month as we celebrate the year away.

Please phone: 0458 327 554 or 0458 031 903

Please Note: Covid Restrictions to be Observed

# Gospel Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.'

Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him.

'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!'

And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him,

'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'

The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

## Readings this week:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

## Reading next week

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** 

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you

fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.



Shrove Tuesday

Frs. Junjun and Dean invite you to attend Shrove Tuesday morning Mass <a href="mailto:@9:30am">@9:30am</a> & Morning Tea.

Please join us for morning Mass @9:30am & afterwards enjoy a morning tea of pancakes on the lawn of Sacred Heart Church:

This will be a lovely time for reconnection of the state of the state

All warmly welcome!

## PROJECT COMPASSION



## THIS SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY is PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY:

Project Compassion Sunday is when Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are distributed in Catholic parishes across Australia.

In challenging times, it is often our instinct to pull back and withdraw into ourselves. It can feel especially hard to help others when we are struggling to satisfy our own needs, unsure what tomorrow might hold.

The COVID-19 pandemic has stirred this feeling of unease in many of us and we hope for a more stable and positive 2021.

However, it is when life is toughest and most demanding that the gospel calls us to "dig deeper" and to go further. In Matthew 5, Jesus says "if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles."

Your support allows Caritas to step out into the neediest communities, expressing love and compassion for the most vulnerable on your behalf. The theme this year is BE MORE.

It challenges us to venture into a new experience of compassion and is taken from the invitation of Saint Oscar Romero, to "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." This message invites us to step up and step out for those who do not have the essential.

resources they need for their survival. Those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours.

Across the six weeks of Lent, we share stories of resilient souls trying to 'be more' for their families and communities. Read their inspiring tales in our bulletins each week, and see how your generosity makes a difference. Please collect your project compassion envelope before leaving Mass today or donate to https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate

## St Joseph's Dederang:

Notice to Parishioners of St Joseph's Dederang A Church meeting will be held at Dederang after Mass on the 21st February. Di Goonan 0418 114 751

## **New Rosters:**

## **Readers & Eucharist Ministers:**

New rosters for **March to July** are being prepared. Please advise the Parish Centre staff if you are unavailable for any time during this period **OR** are you newly trained and would you like to be included on our roster? **Please email: wodcath@bigpond.net.au OR Ph: 60243366.** 

