



Wodonga Catholic Parish



February 21st - 2021 The 1st Sunday of Lent

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Monday to Friday

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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:

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 9.00am to 9.30am

Country Churches: Before Mass

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



QR 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 Covid19 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 First Sunday of Lent in the three cycles: A, B & C have the Gospel account of Jesus 40 days in the wilderness and the temptation by the Devil. Mark's account, which we hear today, is very brief. The number and kind of temptations are not given. So brief is the account the next verses about the beginning of his Galilean ministry are added. These added verses provide the connection between fasting, prayer and the proclamation of the Good News. The exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are our preparation for hearing the Good News and proclaiming the Easter mysteries.

Unlike Ordinary time, the first readings and the gospels, which are connected in themes, are not connected during the Sundays of Lent. Rather the first readings form a sequence over the five Sundays. In Cycle B the first readings recall the events of God's Covenant (Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jeremiah and Cyrus). The Gospels, third to fifth Sundays of Lent, focus on the forthcoming death and resurrection of Christ. The five "Second Readings" from three New Testament authors recount our salvation achieved by life in Christ. May we take up the opportunity this Lent to meditate on the rich selection of scripture passages.

Weekday Mass Readings

Unlike Ordinary Time, the Lenten First Reading and the Gospel Reading each day are connected to each other. Like Advent, there is one cycle, not two as in Ordinary Time. During the five weeks of Lent the readings give us a way to contemplate on conversion penance, confession, and the mercy and wonderful works of God. Thus enabling us in the active, conscious and fruitful participation in the mystery of faith and the day-to-day living of faith.

Recent Deaths: Pauline Chalkley (sister of Lorraine Gill)

Anniversaries: Cliff Robinson, Denis & Maureen Mahony, Bill Mahony.

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.

WORLD Day of Prayer:

This annual ecumenical service will be held at 10 am on Friday March 5th at St Stephens Church Cnr of Nilmar Ave & Beechworth Rd. Guest Speaker Nurse Edna Iavro, who works with the Vanuatu Public Health Dept. Edna is the coordinator of the TB & HIV Program for the Vanuatu and will be speaking with us via video. Everyone is warmly invited to attend the service. Followed by a covid safe morning tea.

Octogenarians 2021

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— 10:00 am. Huon Hill**, as we celebrate the year away. Please phone : 0458 327 554 or 0458 031 903

Please Note: Covid Restrictions to be Observed

Gospel Mark 1:12:15

**The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days,
and was tempted by Satan.**

He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee.

There he proclaimed the Good News from God.

**'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent,
and believe the Good News.'**

Readings this week:

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Reading next week

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18
Romans 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless
glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

JAMILA'S STORY Week 1



"Aspire not to have more, but to be more" – Saint Oscar Romero

Twenty-two-year-old, Jamila, is a single mother, living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. A Rohingya woman, she fled the armed conflict in Myanmar's Rakhine State to save herself, her elderly mother and eight-month-old baby daughter. Having been abandoned by her husband, she faced life in the camp on her own.

Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya people, have crossed into Bangladesh since August 2017. Over 1.3 million people remain in the densely populated camps, in desperate need of humanitarian assistance.

Thanks to the generosity of Caritas Australia's supporters and through our partnership with Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila had access to emergency food and shelter. Then, as her stay in the camp stretched on, Jamila joined the Women Friendly Spaces project where she received counselling and emotional support. She learnt about health and hygiene, participated in a parenting program and learnt sewing skills, to help her to earn an income.

Jamila now has a sense of community around her and feels less alone and more supported - and she is able to 'Be More' to her family.



"I want to offer my thankful greetings to those who are kindly thinking of us from overseas", Jamila says. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas 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. 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 TODAY 21st February. Di Goonan 0418 114 751

Please BEWARE: A Message From Fr Junjun

A few friends notified me that they received a 'text/flushed' message apparently from me asking them to call me for an urgent matter. It's on WhatsApp with the number 0488- 875-092.

THIS IS NOT MY NUMBER. Block this number if you received a message from this.

And I am not using WhatsApp.

The strange thing is that it just flashed on their screen and they could not find to retrieve the message afterwards.

Please note, IT WAS NOT from me.

By the grace of God, I am not in need of urgent attention.

DO NOT ENTERTAIN or engage with them. Do not click the link in there if any, it might be a hacker.

Do not give them any of your personal information.

Do not do something for the likes of these, unless you can be so sure it is legit.

Please be careful!



First Reconciliation Enrolment:

Enrolments are now open for the Wodonga Catholic Parish First Reconciliation Program. An enrolment form can be found on our website via email wodcath@bigpond.net.au or via our CEW Schools. Your form must be completed and returned to the Parish Centre – no later than Monday the 19th April. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Centre PH: 60243366

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.

An Invitation to Journey through Lent together as a Parish Community.

Frs, Junjun and Dean will be presenting talks over the next 6 weeks leading up to Easter, as an opportunity to renew our faith in Jesus and strengthen our parish community.

When: Wednesday nights starting **24 Feb through to the 31 March, 2021.**

Where: Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga:

Arrive from 7:00 p.m. for a cuppa, Talk to begin at 7.30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Please if possible RSVP to Parish Centre - 02 6024 3366 - to cater for COVID Safety/Restrictions.