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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

Wodonga Catholic Parish



February 28 - 2021 The 2nd Sunday of Lent

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:

Life has its ups and downs. This was true, literally and figuratively for Peter, James and John in the gospel today. They climbed a high mountain and while on the mountaintop had the experience of their lives. They saw Christ in his glory accompanied with two great figures from the past and most influential in their faith tradition: Moses and Elijah. Peter, James and John wanted to stay there. They are the same three that accompanied Christ into the Garden of Gethsemane. They witnessed his glory and his agony. They had to continue the journey with Christ by going down to the valley and the plain and going back to the lows of ordinary life, work, criticism and hardship.

We need highs and lows. We cannot always be high, just as we cannot always be low. In our Christian faith we have feasts and fasts, dry times and rich times in prayer, great community gatherings and quiet and sometimes lonely periods. The challenge is to find and listen to God in all these times and situations, especially the grey and ordinary times. There are times of testing as with Abraham in the first reading and times of delight with Christ by our side and who rescues us.

Autumn Ember Day Prayer Friday 5 March

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. *2 Corinthians 9:10-11*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the fruits that earth has given to benefit the human family and, we pray that, as the working of your supreme providence has produced them, so you may cause the seed of justice and the fruits of charity to spring up in our hearts.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Pat Larkin, Luisa Cariag.

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

Pray for Vanuatu

World Day of Prayer Service 2021



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 people 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 9:2:10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them.

Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

He did not know what to say; they were so frightened.

And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean

Readings this week:

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

Reading next week

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-35

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

MARGARET'S STORY Week 2

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love." – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages for about half the year. Staff and students would walk for up to half an hour to collect water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Then in April 2020, amidst the threat of COVID-19, Tropical Cyclone Harold struck, damaging school buildings and its vegetable garden.

With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed eight large water tanks and provided cyclone-proof materials to repair the damage. It also helped the school to implement COVID-19 prevention measures, providing fabric for students to make face masks.

Margret's school now has enough safe water to supply the school's population of 150 and has the capacity to cater for more students. It plans to boost food security, by increasing its agricultural production. This will improve nutrition and boost the school's income, while building resilience to future disasters.

Margret hopes that the school can aspire to 'Be More'.



"I am proud that our school community works together with Caritas Australia as our partner in ensuring that we live in a healthier environment," Margret says.

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>

On the Lighter Side

Advent, Christmastide, Lent and Eastertide walk into a pub and order an eggnog, a shiraz, a glass of water and a sparkling pinot, respectively. The Barman says: "That's very Seasonal; nothing Ordinary about you lot!"

Director, Mission and Pastoral Life, Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst, Bendigo

An exciting opportunity exists to become part of the senior leadership of the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst. This is a full-time role reporting to the Bishop.

Some of the key responsibilities will include:

- Supervise the missionary and evangelising staff of the Diocese.
- Build and effectively lead an agile and innovative team that will facilitate the missionary orientation of Diocesan and Parish life.
- Strategically implement directions within the vision for the missionary footing for the Diocese of Sandhurst.
- Build effective relationships with all stakeholders working in the mission and formation areas throughout the Diocese.
- Identify areas of need for support for mission, evangelisation and formation in parishes and develop strategies to provide this support.

Engage and build strong relationships with the Chancery staff, Clergy and Parishes throughout the Diocese.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: 12 March, 2021

CONTACT PERSON: Garry Dewhirst hr@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply.



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 mornings 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.

We will also live stream this for parishioners who are unable to attend.

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