

Wodonga Catholic Parish

April 4th - 2021 Easter Sunday



HE IS
RISEN!

An Easter Message Fr Junjun:

CHRIST: The Risen Lord is a reason for us to rejoice.

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Parishioners in Wodonga, Mt Beauty, Dederang, Tangambalanga, Corryong, Tallangatta, Walwa, Sandy Creek and Mitta Mitta:

This time last year we were all in lockdown and not allowed to celebrate our Easter Ceremonies because of the Coronavirus Pandemic that hit our land.

Yet thanks be to God, this year, we can resume our beautiful and solemn observance of Holy Week once again.

This is a reason to rejoice. However, we still have to abide with the health and safety protocols in place to keep us all safe.

On the other hand, let us be mindful and praying still for the many people in other parts of the world who are greatly affected by the Pandemic.

Let us pray for those places that still need to be in lockdown, those who have to be isolated from their families and friends because they are being sick with Covid-19, those whose Easter Ceremonies are being suspended again because of the rising cases, those who have lost their jobs and whose business are badly affected, those who are working in the frontlines and those who are also affected by natural-disasters and calamities.

Let us continue in hope and in confidence that this suffering we are experiencing doesn't have the final say in our lives.

The Resurrection does. That is why Easter is a time to rejoice and be glad.

"On this day, through His only Begotten Son, God has conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity."

Today is a day of rejoicing because we are assured that despite the Friday of suffering, pain, isolation, and of being abandoned, and even death, the Risen Lord of glory has the final say of it all. This is the essence of the message of the angel to the first witnesses of the resurrection in the gospel of Mark (16:1-8). The angel said to the scared witnesses: *'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here.'*

Jesus has risen from the dead to pave the way for us that we can also rise from the ashes through him. Yet as human as we are, we may still be afraid, anxious, uncertain of what the future holds, but trust this, Jesus has risen from the dead to show us and assure us that there is more to life than pain and suffering, there is crown beyond the cross, there is throne beyond the thorns, there is life even beyond death.

This is our God. And I hope and pray that we may grow even closer to him and to one another especially this time.

When we were in lockdown and only allowed to go out to do the essentials, have we realized how much we need God?

Have we realized how much we need faith to sustain us and keep our sanity this extraordinary time of our life?

How's our Hope?

God is here with us, assuring us that **Christ Overcomes Viruses, Infections and Disease (COVID).**

The many readings in the Church's liturgies this Holy Week also assure us that God is always present in our lives no matter what.

In Genesis, our Creator-God breathes in us the gift of life and showers us with his many blessings. In Exodus, He saves us from our oppressors, sets us free from the slavery and protects us from all our enemies.

In the Prophet Isaiah, He provides us with good things to eat and rich food to enjoy for free.

In the Letter of St Paul to the Romans, He destroyed for us all power of sin and freed us from all slavery of sin.

In the gospels, he suffered, died and was buried for us so that we can rise with him in glory.

In this confidence, we may be strengthened in our hope and be firm in our faith as we continue in our journey through this life. May the resurrection of Christ reassure us that with Christ, death has not the final say, the Easter glory is. I hope and pray, you are all well and safe, you have a happy Easter and a grace-filled Easter season. *Fr Junjun*

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OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Monday to Friday

PRESBYTERY

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PARISH PRIEST

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Father Dean Bongat

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Sister Eileen Reardon

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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

Recent Deaths: Ingeborg Husz (Di Goonan's Mother)

Anniversaries: Sr Imelda Gain, David Sinnott

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

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Readings this week:

Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Readings next week

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

Responsorial Psalm : This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.



First Reconciliation Enrolment:

Enrolments are now open for the Wodonga Catholic Parish First Reconciliation Program. An enrolment form can be found on our website

<https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-RECONCILIATION-ENROLMENT-FORM-.pdf>

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.



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.

Assistant Accountant Position Vacant.

An exceptional opportunity exists to be an integral member of the Diocesan Finance Team.

For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply go to the Employment Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst website or www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/assistant-accountant

YEAR 12 PRAYER CARDS



The tradition of the Year 12 Prayer cards has been in operation at Sacred Heart Parish Wodonga since the early 2000s. Over this time parishioners have been invited to take a prayer card and pray for the students over the course of the year.

In 2021 we are extending this invitation to our wider Catholic community and inviting parishioners from Beechworth, Chiltern, Rutherglen, Corryong, Mt Beauty, Dederang, Tangambalanga and Tallangatta. This extension reflects the connection that our students have with the broader North East area.

Each year the Parishioners and students come together for a Breakfast – this provides an opportunity for them to get to know each other. The tradition has been growing strongly each year and the Breakfast has become an integral way to bring the communities together.

We appreciate the prayers from the Parish Community and the students are always keen to meet the person who is praying for them (if they don't already know them). We encourage parishioners to pray for students they may not know rather than family members (we assume you will be praying for them anyway). Please record your name and details on the sheet provided so that we will be able to let the students know who is praying for them.

God bless you for your concern for and support of our young people.

Chris Telford

Catholic Identity Leader



FROM Pope Francis

Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, has arisen!" (Easter Sequence). This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope:

Please Note: There will be no Morning Mass from Tuesday 7th to Friday 9th of April

WODONGA ROSTERS 18TH APRIL 2021

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Bernie & Frances Evans

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Dot Larkin & Carmel Gannon

MASS TIMES: 6.00 pm 8.30 am 10.30 am

ALTAR SERVERS

Lector 1: Michael McLinden
Lector 2: Fiona Barret

ALTAR SERVERS

Lector 1: Des Lonergan
Lector 2: Maureen Lonergan

ALTAR SERVERS

Lector 1: Judy D' Astoli
Lector 2: Kath Sartori

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—NOT AT PRESENT

Children's Liturgy:

8.30 am Mass: Not at present 10.30 Mass: Not at present

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 4TH APRIL

THIS WEEK: TEAM 7: Don Cameron, Damien Hunt, Peter Murray, Michael McCormick

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 18TH APRIL

LECTOR: TBA
Backup: TBA
COMMENTATOR: TBA
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: YBA & Volunteer
Mowing: TBA

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 18TH APRIL

FIRST / SECOND READING: Madison Coulston
WELCOME/PSALM/PRAYER OF FAITHFUL: Sharon Coulston
POWERPOINT: Diane Goonan
OFFERTORY: Volunteer
CLEANING ROSTER: Volunteer

Parish Centre Outdoor Improvements

Parishioners are currently working to improve the appearance of the quadrangle outdoor area at the Parish Centre and make it a more usable space.

It is intended that this area be developed with a view to permitting small Parish groups to utilise the area for social activities/ meetings when weather conditions permit.

A BBQ is available with access to the Parish Centre's kitchen and toilet facilities.

To enhance the appearance and ambience of the quadrangle, it is hoped to furnish the area with a number of leafy pot plants.

We are seeking donations of any sizable pot plants from our parishioners to assist with the landscaping.

Alternatively, small cash donations towards the purchase of pots and plants would also be appreciated.

If you are able to contribute, please contact Sonni Ph: 60243366 or E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au



CALLING ALL KEYS

Do you have a Key to our Church?
If so please return it asap to Sonni at the Parish Centre.
Thank you



Baptism Preparation Evening:

Please Note:

Our next Preparation evening is Tuesday April 6th at 6:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church. Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents and other family are also welcome. *For information or to register*
Contact: The Parish Centre:
PH: 6024 3366 OR
E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au.