RISEN!

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

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Weekend Masses

Every weekend

<u>Tallangatta</u>

<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 DEDERANG St Joseph's 1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30 Mass MT BEAUTY <u>St Joseph's</u> 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

Tallangatta & Corryong

April18th - 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter



FROM Pope Francis

Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We have to encourage people to move towards what they think is

good.....Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them. That would be enough to make the world a better place.

Looking at the Readings:

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Quotes for the Day

Now, brothers and sister, how does the joy of your heart witness to your love for Christ? If you have ever loved Jesus, living, dead, raised to life, on this day when the messages of resurrection are proclaimed over and over again in the Church, your heart rejoices within you and says: "It has been told to me; Jesus, my God, is alive! *Homily of Blessed Guerric of Igny (1070-1157)*

From Today's Text

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as every-thing they owned was held in common. Acts 4:32. © 2021 Diocese of Sandhurst

Recent Death: Anniversaries:

Parishioners please note: If you would like your loved ones recent death, anniversary or ill health acknowledged in this bulletin for prayers to be offered.

Please pass this information on to the Priest or email Sonni at : wodcath@bigpond.net.au. OR phone Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre **Ph: 0260243366**. Due to privacy laws we are unable to place names in the bulletin unless requested by a relative.

Sick: For parishioners who are ill, their families and carers.

Prayers of Intercession:

Celebrant:

As we hear his word in the scriptures, our hearts burn within us, with a longing for God's presence. With this Easter hope, let us express our needs in prayer.

Our Prayer: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader:

That those who teach in the Church will remain faithful to the Gospel of repentance and forgiveness: Lord hear us.

That leaders of government and industry will co-operate to give people food and justice: Lord hear us.

For people around the world who are risking their lives by standing up for fundamental human rights: Lord hear us.

That we may understand why Christ had to suffer and on the third day rose from the dead: 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 "our advocate with the Father," will bring them to eternal glory: Lord hear us

Celebrant:

Almighty God and Father, we know that you hear our prayers, and we ask you to grant them, through your Son, the prince of life, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Readings this week:

Acts 3:13-15 17-19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

Readings next week

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

<u>Responsorial Psalm :</u>

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgical Jottings: Easter Prefaces

The first part of the Eucharistic Prayer is the Preface, preceding the "Sanctus" or Holy, Holy, Holy. The Roman Missal provide five Easter Prefaces, the first is used from the Easter Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter and may be used at other Masses during the Easter Season. The celebrant may choose one of the Easter Prefaces 2-5 during the rest of the season. The feast of Ascension has two Prefaces and Pentecost has its own.

Easter Preface 111

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. He never ceases to offer himself for us but defends us and ever pleads our cause before you [Lord]. He is the sacrificial Victim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives forever. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise. ...

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what You are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ tour Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop Pray for us.



On the Lighter Side

Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room.

After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer.

"Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you to behave, He will answer your prayer."



"Oho, I didn't ask Him to help me," said Billy, "I asked God to help you to put up with me."

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