WODONGA PARISH CENTRE 283 Beechworth Road Wodonga Vic 3690: Phone: 02 6024 3366 E-mail Address: wodonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au wodonga@tholicparish.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

Tallangatta

<u>St Michael's Church</u> Sunday - **9.00 am**

Corryong:

<u>Sacred Heart Church</u> <u>Sunday - **11.30 am** 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday.</u>

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:**

RECONCILIATION: Sacred Heart Church Saturday 9.00am to 9.30am Country Churches before Mass

Tallangatta & Corryong

April 25th - 2021 4th 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.

<u>QR CODE UPDATE:</u>

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TO USE THE QR CODE: 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 details

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:

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said:

'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone.

For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

| Readings this week: | Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has |
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| Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 | become the corner stone |
| John 10:11-18 | Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says |
| <u>Readings next week</u> | the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia! |
| Acts 9:26-31 | |
| 1 John 3:18-24 | Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer. |
| John 15:1-8 | |

Recent Deaths: Tom Sheather, Hayden Bruce

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:

Jesus is that good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Let us pray to the Father, remembering the selfless love of his beloved Son.

Our Prayer: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader:

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he may continue to be shepherd who guides us into the ways of righteousness: Lord hear us.

For those who have served our country in all defence forces. May we understand the sacrifice of the first ANZACs and pray for all those who have lost their lives in war, those who have lost loved ones and those who continue to be traumatised by the effects of war. **Lord hear us.**

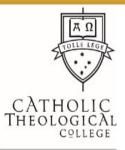
For those who live in loneliness, that they may find friendship and happiness in the community of the Church: Lord hear us.

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, especially **TOM SHEATHER & HAYDEN BRUCE** and those whose anniversaries we now remember that they may see God as he really is: Lord hear us

Celebrant:

Most loving Father, our help and our salvation, accept the prayers of your children, the flock gathered in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**



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Shey shall grow not old As we that are left grow old Age shall not weavy them Not the years condemn At the going down of the sun, and in the morning We will remember them Lest we forget

...The First Anzac Day

In 1916 the first Anzac Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them "the knights of Gallipoli". Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney march convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war Anzac Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns,

and parades of serving members of the AIF were held in most cities.

....What it means today

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. anniversary of the first major military action fought by It marks the Australian Zealand forces First World and New during the War. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day. Australians recognise 25 April as a day of National Remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in



many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

...Why is this day special to Australians? When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany. The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war. Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the "Anzac legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.



Anzac Day 2021 This ANZAC Day Victorians will come together to honour and commemorate the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the Australian Defence force.



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