



Baby Jesus by
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Age 7 years

Wodonga Catholic Parish

..... *Unto us a child is born*

December 25th 2021 The Nativity of The Lord

A Christmas Message:

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Merry Christmas.

I pray that our Christmas celebration this year is indeed a happy one, as we can now freely celebrate with our family and friends, without the stress and the anxiety of breaking any restrictions.

But our Christmas would even be more meaningful if we start at the real reason for this season.

Christmas is about someone, and this someone has a name, Jesus - 'the Christ', 'the Messiah', the Emmanuel, the God-with-us, the God who humbly came down from his throne in heaven, and chose to be born in a lowly manger - from a poor family - a saviour who has been born to us (Lk 2:11), the 'true light that enlightens all people' (Jn 1:9).

Christmas means that God loves us so much so that he chose to be born like one of us not to put himself lower but to lift us up higher and not to interfere with our human story but to provide us an entry into the Divine story.

Christmas is God remembering us as his special loved ones by visiting us individually in our hearts.

He may come through the thoughts and Christmas greetings from our families and friends. He may come through the gifts and presents we may be given. He may come through the beautiful Christmas message from someone we care about. He may come through the beautiful Christmas carols we would hear around. He may come through the beautiful Christmas Mass we attend. He may come through the guise of someone who is coming at our door asking for help and support.

Let us open our hearts to this God's visitation to us this Christmas.

Let us remember in our prayers this time, those our brothers and sisters in many parts of the world, whose Christmas is not as joyous as they'd hope it to be and are suffering by reason of war and conflicts, by persecution and violence, and by the persistent threat and presence of Coronavirus.

Let us pray for those who have lost someone in death because of Covid19 or other illnesses, especially in this time of the year, when family get together is always something worth looking forward to and wonderful to have.

Let us pray for those countries still struggling to cope up with this Covid19 Pandemic.

Let us pray for those who are being displaced and seeking asylum that world leaders and countries may offer them a space in the inn of their hearts.

Let us pray for those who are to bear the effects of natural disasters and man-made violence in many parts of the world.

Let us pray for our families that we may all stay safe and well and ready to face the new year with confidence, hope and optimism. May our families welcome Christ into our homes and be given a space in the inn of our hearts, so as to honour Jesus who is the real reason for this season.

Let us altogether pray and work for peace, starting in our own lives by forgiving those who have wronged us, by being generous with our time, talent and resources to those in need, and by bringing Christ and his message of peace, joy and love to others.

Let all these be our Christmas present for the birthday celebration this season.

That being said, on behalf of Fr Dean, I thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for your love, support, understanding and care for us, your priests here at Wodonga Catholic Parish, as well as parishioners of Corryong and Tallangatta.

With Fr Dean and myself, and with the blessings of Christ Jesus, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a grace-filled new year!

Fr Junjun

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Weekend Masses
Wodonga
Sacred Heart Church
Saturday @ 5:00 pm.
Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10.30 am

Tangambalanga
Our Lady Help of Christians
3rd Sunday @10:30 am

Dederang
St Joseph's
1st Sunday @10.30am Mass

Mt Beauty
St Joseph's
1st & 3rd Sunday @ 8.30am
5th Sunday @ 8:30am Liturgy of The
Word and Communion

Tallangatta
St Michael's Church
2nd & 4th Sunday - @ 11:00am

Corryong:
Sacred Heart Church
2nd & 4th Sunday @ 8:30am

Walwa: Christ The King
2nd & 4th Saturday @ 4:00pm

Sandy Creek St Michaels
5th Sunday @ 8:30am

Mitta St Joseph's Church
5th Sunday @ 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am
Saturday
St Augustine's Church
Saturday 9.30am

Reconciliation:
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Saturday 9:00am to 9:30am
Country Churches:
Before Mass.

~ Parish News ~

Recent Deaths: Neville John Yea

Anniversaries: Esther Gullifer, Alan McKenzie, Bob, Genevieve Maggie (Margaret) & Joe Glasby, Sue & Lisa Moore, Vince Harangozo, Tom Carroll Neil Brown, Ian Boys,

Sick: Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister) Marie Morgan, Salome Ramirez, Ricky Ellul, Zak Oliver, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.

PLEASE Note For The Month of January

The Parish Centre will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am to Midday during the month of January.



PHILIPPINES TYPHOON APPEAL :

Our prayers and thoughts are with the people of The Philippines after Typhoon Rai, particularly the people of Cebu, which is home to many of the Filipino priests and seminarians who serve in our Diocese. To date 375 people have died and a further 780,000 impacted. Caritas Australia's partner Caritas Philippines is currently assessing needs on the ground in the affected areas. Caritas Australia has pledged to support the emergency response and rebuilding efforts after Typhoon Rai. There is an immediate and urgent need on the ground for shelter, food, clean water and medicine. To donate: use the Special Appeal envelopes in your parish; call 1800 024 413; visit www.caritas.org.au or post to PO Box 130, Numurkah 3636.

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Join us at Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
On New Year's Eve, as we gather to spend time in adoration for 1 hour, 'praying in' the year 2022-from 11.30-12.30.

Readings Christmas Eve:

VIGIL MASS:

Isaiah 9:1-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Mass During the Evening 8.30 pm:

Isaiah 9:1-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Reading for Christmas Day:

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Responsorial Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A Holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

○ Come let us adore him!

ROSTERS: 2nd January 2022

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Volunteers

Sacred Heart Altar : Volunteers

Lector 1

5.00pm Volunteer

8.30am Volunteer

10.30am Volunteer

Lector 2

Volunteer

Volunteer

Volunteer

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 5:

Margo Keat, Marion Fitzpatrick

NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 6:

Marg Whitehead, Irene & Geoff Agnew

John Barrat, Des Lonergan

Mt Beauty - 2nd - January - 8.30 am

Lector: Fran

Back up: Roseanna

Commentator: Gail

Eucharistic Ministers: Roseanna

DEDERANG 2nd January - 10 :30 am

First Reading/Second Reading: Madison Coulston

Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful: Alana Kirley

PowerPoint: Harrison Fischer

Offertory: Fischer

Cleaning: Kerry Kirley