



Wodonga Catholic Parish

INCORPORATING

SACRED HEART CHURCH, Beechworth Rd Wodonga, ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, High St Wodonga,
ST FRANCIS, Bethanga, OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Tangambalanga, ST. JOSEPH'S Dederang, ST. JOSEPH'S Mt. Beauty
& Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong.



January 2nd - 2022 The Epiphany of The Lord

Epiphany:

Epiphany is the earliest Christmas feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth century. A celebration of the divine "coming," or "manifestation" in the East it commemorates the baptism of the Lord and in the West the visit of the Magi (wise men). Epiphany is the customary time for the blessing of homes.

Looking At The Readings

Each year we have the same readings for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord - no cycle A, B or C. An obvious reason is the account of the wise men coming to Bethlehem is only recorded in one gospel, the Gospel according to Matthew. This evangelist is keen to make the link between Christ and the royal line of David. David was a born in Bethlehem, began as a shepherd and became a king to guide the people Israel. The identity of wise men are hidden from the reader purposefully to emphasise the new king born for us is for all nations. The Child Jesus is not just shown to a select group but to ones representing the peoples of the world. And indeed the whole world holds this feast as a celebration of Christ coming among them.

The Prophet Isaiah, as with the other prophets contemplates on present events and give visions of new quasi-events when retribution, new order, salvation or re-creation will take place. Here Isaiah speaks of the glory of God becoming manifest in a new age. St Paul in the second reading speaks of the promises of God revealed in Christ are for all generations and all believers and those yet to come to faith.

What Matthew omits from his Gospels future generations of believers have imagined: Let us imagine not the titbits of minutia but the importance for us today to find, celebrate God our salvation

Pope Francis on the Christmas Crib III

On the feast of Epiphany we place the statues of the Three Kings in the Christmas crib. Observing the star, those wise men from the East set out for Bethlehem, in order to find Jesus and to offer him their gifts. As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel. Each of us is called to bear glad tidings to all, testifying by our practical works of mercy to the joy of knowing Jesus and his love. The Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route. Men of wealth, sages from afar, athirst for the infinite, they set out on the long and perilous journey that would lead them to Bethlehem (cf. Mt 2:1-12). Great joy comes over them in the presence of the Infant King. They are not scandalized by the poor surroundings, but immediately fall to their knees to worship him.

Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis "On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene, 1 Dec 2019 para 9

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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:

Anniversaries:

Mary Murray, Allan Crothers, Eileen O'Reilly,
Anthony Horne, Frank Reardon,

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:

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

Reconciliation

During Fr Junjun's absence, Reconciliation on
Saturdays, from **4th January to 8th February**
inclusive, will be at St Augustine's Church at
9.00 am prior to Mass at 9.30 am.

THANK YOU

A Big thank you to all those involved in
preparing our Christmas Liturgies: our priests, the
musicians and choirs, Lectors and
Eucharist Ministers, cleaners, church
decorators, powerpoint operators, door
marshals, collectors, people taking up the
Offertory Procession, and all in our
congregations.
We thank also our group or counters, bankers,
gardeners, office staff and volunteers for their
good work during the year. Again **"Well done"**.
We wish all a Happy New Year and good health
through 2022.

Readings this week:

Isaiah 60-0:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Reading next week

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Titus 2:11-13; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

ROSTERS: 9th January 2022

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Peter & Trish Kellow

Sacred Heart Altar : Volunteers

Lector 1

5.00pm Rosanna

8.30am John Barrat

10.30am Christian Bashimbe

Lector 2

David Gill

Marg Pallot

Ampy Clark

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 6:

Marg Whitehead, Irene & Geoff Agnew,
John Barrat, Des Lonergan

NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 7:

Damien Hunt, Peter Murray, Michael McCormick

Mt Beauty - 16th January - 8.30am

Lector: Peter

Back up: Fran

Eucharistic Ministers: Peter

Commentator: Gail

DEDERANG - 6th February- 10.30am

First Reading/Second Reading: Alanna

Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful: Sharon

PowerPoint: Madison

Offertory: TBA

Cleaning: TBA

Responsorial Psalm: Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star
in the East; and have come to adore
the Lord. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.