

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.

December 12th-2021 The Third Sunday of Advent

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Pope Francis:

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man. Pope Francis

Focus on the Readings

The Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, is so named from the first word (Latin) of the Liturgy: "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Entrance Antiphon) that sets the focus for today. There is a sense of joy and expectancy in the readings from Zephaniah: "Shout for Joy"; the Psalm Response "Cry out with joy and gladness", the Second Reading: "Always be happy in the Lord." The Gospel, containing John the Baptists teaching on charity, justice, harmony and contentment, admits a feeling of expectancy for the Messiah among the people. Christian joy is markedly different from simple or exaggerated pleasures and even happiness in its passing moments. Pleasures can be intrusive, noisy, contrived or merely external. Joy comes with serenity, harmony, interior peace. "Joy in the Lord" notes its origin and its final goal: in God. God wants our happiness (joy) and in turn we pray for his care, freedom and peace.

Advent Prayer:

Heavenly Father, This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or receive. Our joy comes from you. That same joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing. Lord, as we reflect on the good news of Jesus' birth, flood our hearts with joy this Advent season. Amen.

Advent Litany

Word of justice, Alleluia, Come to dwell here, Maranatha!

Word of mercy, Alleluia, Live among us. Maranatha!

Word of power, Alleluia, Live within us. Maranatha!

Word of freedom, Alleluia, Save your people. Maranatha!

Word of healing, Alleluia, Heal our sorrow. Maranatha!

Word of comfort, Alleluia, Bring us hope now. Maranatha!

Word of gladness, Alleluia, Fill our hearts now. Maranatha!

Word of wisdom, Alleluia, Come renew us. Maranatha!

Word we long for, Alleluia, Word we thirst for. Maranatha!

Key of David, Alleluia, Son of Mary, Maranatha!

Joy

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!

Philippians 4:4



WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

283 Beechworth Road

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OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Monday to Friday

PRESBYTERY

55 High Street Wodonga Vic

PARISH PRIEST

Father Junjun Amaya

0459-356-917

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Father Dean Bongat

0401 337 433

PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon

0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)

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 @ 11:00am

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

Recent Deaths: Jake Elkington, Jackie Darmody.

Anniversaries: Dan Ley, May Nevin, Neil Brown, Annette Smith, Sr Melita Burke

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

Notice: *Would you 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 the Parish Centre: **0260243366**.

Due to privacy laws we are unable to place names in the bulletin unless requested by a relative.

Advent Leaflets:

Following challenging times of COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, 'The Journey Onwards' is the theme of the Sandhurst Diocese Advent leaflets for 2021.

The leaflets are simple resources for individual or small group reflection and prayer, drawing upon Scripture readings for Advent, the insights of 'Fellow Travellers' from our faith tradition, and reflections on a movie about a famous pilgrimage - the Camino de Santiago, 'The Way': now available online at: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2049-advent-leaflets-2021-news> or in the foyer of our church.



The Third Sunday of Advent:

The third Sunday of Advent we are invited to reflect on the **joy** we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their *joyful demeanor*. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the **great joy** we have because of Jesus.

Tallangatta- Please note:

Mass will be celebrated at St Michaels Church, Tallangatta on Sunday December 26th at 9:00 am

Corryong, Walwa- Please note:

Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Corryong & Christ the King Church, Walwa, on Sunday January 9th at the usual times.

Applications are invited:

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons with Ministry and Parish experience for the position of Pastoral Associate in the Parishes of St Joseph's Quarry Hill and St Monica's Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo.

This a part-time position (0.5) of some 15 - 20 hours per week. The Pastoral Associate will be based at the Quarry Hill and will work in both Quarry Hill and Kangaroo Flat Parishes.

A working knowledge of Parish Ministry and life is essential.

Ideally the successful applicant will be able to commence work in early 2022.

A position description is available on the Diocesan and Cathedral websites.

Further enquires can be made to the Administrator, Fr Brian Boyle, by calling the Cathedral Parish Office on 5443 4400.

Rosters: Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:

Rosters for January to June are being prepared, if you are unavailable during this time please email Marilyn E: cdmaseiter@gmail.com



Just for Giggles:

Next Sunday, Mrs Benson will be soloist for the morning service. The Priest will then speak on "Hell on Earth"



The hand of Christ blesses the cup



The hand of love offers the cup



The hand of suffering receives the cup

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

St Michaels Tallangatta:

Our Christmas Appeal/Collection for the local branch of St Vincent de Paul will be taken up during our Christmas Mass.

Christmas Cards:

Christmas cards are available for purchase in the church this weekend.



Thank You!

We would like to extend our thanks to Frs. Junjun and Dean for their support of our local conference, Tallangatta, St Vincent de Paul

WODONGA ROSTERS 19TH DECEMBER 2021

SACRED HEART CLEANING: Frances Evans

SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers

MASS TIMES: 5:00 pm 8:30 am 10:30 am

Altar Servers: Volunteer	Altar Servers: Volunteer	Altar Servers: Volunteer
Lector 1: Fiona Barret	Lector 1: Marg Pallot	Lector 1: Ampy Clark
Lector 2: David Gill	Lector 2: Michael Iverson	Lector 2: Christian Bashimbe

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Meryl, Amilia & Juliana **8:30 am** Dave, John & Maureen **10:30 am** Christine, Phil & Jean

Children's Liturgy: TBA

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 12TH DECEMBER

THIS WEEK: TEAM 3: Bernie & Julie Jones, Gerard Peeters

NEXT WEEK: TEAM 4: Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kate McAlinden, Kath Didier

MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 19TH DECEMBER

LECTOR: Gail
Backup: Bruce
COMMENTATOR: Peter
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Peter
Mowing: TBA

DEDERANG ROSTERS: 25TH DECEMBER

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

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John.

'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?'

He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.'

Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?'

He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all,

'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Readings this week:

Zephaniah 3:14-18
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

Readings next week

Micah 5:1-4
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-44

Responsorial Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

WCP Christmas Mass Times - 2021

Communal Celebration of Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

Thursday December 16 - 7:00 pm

Filipino Christmas Novena Mass

December 15th to December 23rd - St Augustine's Church - 7:00 pm

Please Note: December 18th - Sacred Heart Church - 5:00 pm

Individual Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

Saturday December 18th - 9:00 -10:00 am

Christmas Eve Mass Times

Wodonga Sacred Heart Church 6:00 pm - Family Mass

Wodonga Sacred Heart Church 8:30 pm -

Wodonga St Augustine's Church 8:30 pm - Mass for "vaccination status is unknown"

Booking for this Mass Essential Ph: 60243366

Tangambalanga Our Lady Help of Christians Church - 6:00 pm

Tallangaatta Saint Michael's Catholic Church - 6:00 pm

Corryong, Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

Wodonga Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 8.30 am & 10:30 am

Please Note: The usual 5pm Saturday evening Mass will not take place this weekend.

Mt Beauty Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 8:30 am.

Dederang Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 10:30 am.

Mitta Mitta Saint Joseph's Catholic Church - 8:30 am

Sandy Creek Saint Michael's Catholic Church -11:00 am

Walwa Christ the King Catholic Church - 9:00 am

Please Note:

Due to covid restrictions, the collection baskets **CANNOT** be passed around during Mass.

Please place your offering in the baskets situated on the back pews in the centre of the church.
Thank you.

A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:

Our Parish Safety Officer is Sonia La Motte-Schubert Ph: 60243366

Towards Healing helpline
Ph: 1800 816 030 (free call)
Lifeline is a non-profit Organisation
FREE 24-hour Crisis Support Ph: 13 11 14

It's time to get social!

Find us on FaceBook -

<https://www.facebook.com/wodongacatholicparish/>

Morning Mass live streamed on our Facebook page :
need more information? Please call myself on Ph: 0459356917 or Sonni at the Parish Centre: Ph: 60243366 *Fr Tunjun Amaya*

SIMBANG GABI SA WODONGA 2021

9 Evening Masses in preparation for Christmas

HE WILL
GIVE LIGHT
TO ALL
THOSE IN
DARKNESS

AND
GUIDE US
IN THE
WAY OF
PEACE

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

15-23 DECEMBER 7:00 PM

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, WODONGA

Note: Sat, 18 Dec: Mass @ Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, 5 PM

500th Year of Christianity Celebration

WODONGA

gifted to give

500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Inviting Filipinos and friends

In Wodonga and surrounding districts

500TH YEAR OF CHRISTIANITY CELEBRATION

ON SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2021, FOLLOWING THE 5:00 PM MASS

AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, WODONGA

WEAR SOMETHING WITH A TOUCH

OF FILIPINIANA

PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION STATUS IS REQUIRED

FOR QUERIES & MORE INFO, CONTACT FR JUNJUN AMAYA OR GINA CLAVERIA ON MESSENGER