



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 23rd - 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Looking at the Readings:

As we begin a new year, the third Sunday in Ordinary time presents us with readings we may use to set our path for the new year. The first reading and the gospel give not so much a sense of the new year but a proclamation of a new era. For the returning exiles to Jerusalem Ezra had public reading of the Torah as a way of reconnecting the shattered people to their homeland and to their God. It was a new beginning. Nehemiah, the governor, said to the assembly in the square: "This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold."

The Gospel, comprising a paragraph from the first four verses of Chapter One and middle verses of Chapter Four also gives a sense of new beginnings. First, the introduction to Luke's Gospel state his reason to record the events and teachings which bring a new era in relationship to God: the revelation of Jesus Christ .

Secondly, skipping quickly to chapter four, we hear Jesus, beginning his mission in his home synagogue in Nazareth, quoting the prophecy of Isaiah (61:1-2). He declares a year of favour of the Lord. He is issuing in a new era between God and God's people.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. lie has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.'

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

Prayer of the Day:

Lord God, whose compassion embraces all peoples, whose law is wisdom, freedom, and joy for the poor, fulfil in our midst your promise of favour, that we may receive the gospel of salvation with faith and, anointed by the Spirit, freely proclaim it. Amen.

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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.

Greetings from the Mountain of Cebu, Philippines.

I pray you are all well.

Thanks for your thoughts and prayers.

Thankfully, I escaped home quarantine in the dark and went to a high mountain to give you updates.

I am able to climb a mountain tonight and find a network reception and internet signal.

I have arrived safely in the Philippines last Tuesday. I stayed at the hotel for 6 days quarantine.

Now I am at home with my family.

They are happy with my surprised arrival. And we had few family parties already.

I had a personal look at some houses totally and partially damaged by the typhoon in my village. There would be a third at least of my neighbours' houses that are either totally or partially damaged.

Many are living in makeshift dwellings and

The sight is heartbreaking.

Yet I am consoled by the faith, hope and resilience of the people.

With the donated money from Wodonga, about 10 houses can be helped to rebuild.

The two generators I have purchased from

Donations served my neighbours well.

Some houses in my neighbourhood are lit by this generator.

While the other generator is being used to charge mobile phones, power banks, and rechargeable lamps.

There are as many 20-30 mobile phones and other gadgets being charged at the same time.

The power here is predicted to come back in about 2-3 months.

Many powerlines and electric posts need replacing.

I have also planned to give relief of rice and other food in another place, by next week when my home quarantine is finished.

Thanks also for your continuous prayers for My sister Antonia.

She will have her last chemo for the first cycle next week.

After that she will have a couple of weeks rest and then another cycle of 4.

She is picking up well. Not much pain she said.

She is still losing weight. No appetite. But she tried her best.

She is here in my village at the moment. We gather as family for this Sunday to celebrate all the 13 people in our family who are celebrating their birthdays this month of January.

I hope to give you some updates in the next days again.

Blessing and regards to all in the Parish.

Fr Junjun



Parish News

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Helen Jackson-Leahy,
Kath Twycross, Marie McGowan, Peter McGowan

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.

Australia Day, Wednesday 26th January

Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church
at 9.15 am. Please note that the Parish Office will
be open from 10.00 am to noon.



Congratulations

Sister Eileen Reardon

*Sr Eileen celebrates the Diamond
Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy.*

*We congratulate Sr Eileen and thank her for her
dedicated and generous care of our
communities.*

*We plan to celebrate with
Sr Eileen's milestone at a date to be advised.*

Readings this week:

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Reading next week

Jeremih 1:4-5, 17-19
Corinthians 13:4-13
Luke 4:21-30

Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring
Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Rosters - 30th January 2022

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Frank & Rosanna

Sacred Heart Altar : Jennifer & Mary

Lector 1

5.00pm Juliana Vaughan

8.30am Michael Iverson

10.30am Gerard Moore

Lector 2

Marg Ware

Barry Jackson

Natalie Sobolewski

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 9:

Peter & Pam Stewart, Lucette & Lloyd Brown

NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 10:

John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage,
Mavis Hyndman

Mt Beauty - 30th January-8.30 am

Lector: Jenny

Back up: Peter

Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce

Commentator: Peter

Dederang - 6th February 10.30 am

First Reading/Second Reading: Alanna

Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful: Sharon

PowerPoint: Madison

Australia Day



Australia Day Prayer

Lord we thank you for the diversity of this land and its people; for its contrasts of landscape and climate,
for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

Our history, with all its struggle in adversity, its courage and hope.

For the first Australians, who knew and loved this continent with an intimate, sensitivity;
for the courage and sacrifice of the early settlers
and the many peoples who now call Australia home.

Lord, in our diversity give us respect and tolerance for one another
and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Amen.

By Bruce Prewer from his book, 'Australian Prayers'

The Aussie Flag:

The Australian flag uses three prominent symbols: [The Union Flag](#):

The combined crosses of St George, St Andrew and St Patrick. The union of crosses being the Union Jack. The Union Jack symbolises Australia's early settlers also our history as six British colonies and the principles upon which the Australian Federation is based.

[The Commonwealth Star](#): (also the Federation Star): The Commonwealth Star with its seven points represents the unity of the six Australian states and the seventh point stands for all Australian Territories. *Note: the 7th point was not added until 1908.*

[The Southern Cross](#): (or *Crux*). This is one of the most distinctive constellations visible in the Southern Hemisphere, and has been used to represent Australia since the early days of British settlement. Ivor Evans, one of the flag's designers, a 14 yr old schoolboy from Melbourne, intended the Southern Cross to represent the four moral virtues as portrayed by *Dante*: *justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude.* (four main stars)



Australia Day is about celebrating what we have become as a nation, not how we started as one, and in acknowledging our indigenous communities and their welcoming nature.

In Wodonga:

Celebrate what's great about the nation this Australia Day by joining in a morning of activities and family fun.

Wodonga will welcome its new citizens and congratulate its worthy winners of Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Organisation of the Year.

Celebrations at Les Stone Park include a free barbecue breakfast, music and lots of activities for the kids.

Commencing with breakfast—served from 7am to 8.30am, the ceremony will commence at 8.30am.

