



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 30th - 2022: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Looking at the Readings:

Last week's Gospel described Jesus reading scripture in the synagogue at Nazareth. He, as was the custom at that time and even now, added a commentary to the reading from Isaiah. It is helpful that last verse of the Gospel last week is repeated as the first verse of the Gospel today (Luke 4:21). This gives the context for the following three reactions from the assembly, the townspeople of Nazareth.

A commentator suggests that Jesus visited the synagogue three times. This may explain the three different reactions: astonishment and approval, doubt and questioning and eventually anger and rejection. Luke has collated these visits into one account. Jeremiah suffered rejection (First Reading) but he was sustained by his Lord. Jesus, aware of the fate of Jeremiah and other prophets, was prepared for both acclaim and ridicule and was able to slip through the crowd to safety. Trusting in the Lord we, too, find both strength and wisdom to counter our adversaries.

The second reading is Paul's great poem on Christian love favoured by families preparing for weddings and funerals and students preparing for retreat Masses and other special occasions. Its appeal goes beyond Christian contexts and well accepted into secular settings. We, therefore, can confidently be the bearers of the gifts of faith, hope and love.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Feast of the Week (2 February)

Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, also called Candlemas Day, the day we bless candles for use in churches and homes.

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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, John Gill, Ivy Rooney Jack Goonan

Sick:

Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister)
Marie Morgan, Salome Ramirez, Ricky Ellul,
Zak Oliver, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock,
Kerstin Lancaster 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.

Quote of the Week:

Finally I have found peace. Regarding the
mystical body of the Church, I had not seen
myself as one of the members described by
St. Paul, or rather I did not wish to see myself
in the whole. Charity gave me the key to my
vocation. I understand that if the church had
a body composed of different members, all
necessary and noble, the Church must have
a heart. A heart burning with love. I cried out:
"O Jesus, my love; I have finally found my
vocation and it is love". *St Therese of Lisieux,*
Letter to Sister Marie 1896.

Readings this week:

Jeremiah 1:4-4, 17-19

1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13

Luke 4:21-30

Reading next week

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

ROSTERS: 6th February 2022

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Frances Evans

Sacred Heart Altar : Volunteers

Lector 1

5.00pm Fiona Barret

8.30am Des Lonergan

10.30am Jean Tabra

Lector 2

Rosanna Jackson

Maureen Lonergan

Christian Bashimbe

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 10

John Dunstan, Frank Hanrahan, Gloria Humpage,
Mavis Hyndman

NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 1:

John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker,
John Foley

Mt Beauty - 6th February - 8.30 am

Lector: Mary-Anne

Back up: Jenny

Eucharistic Ministers: Roseanna

Commentator: Peter

DEDERANG - 6th February- 10.30am

First Reading/Second Reading: Alanna

Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful: Sharon

PowerPoint: Madison

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing of your salvation.

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.