

Wodonga Parish Centre 283 Beechworth Road Wodonga Vic 3690: Phone: 02 6024 3366 E:wodcath@bigpond.net.au Office Hours 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Monday to Friday **Parish Priest** Father Junjun Amaya 0459-356-917 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 @11:00 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.

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.



February 6th - 2022 : Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Faith is not water that extinguishes flames, it is fire that burns; it is not a tranquilizer for people under stress, it is a love story for people in love! That is why Jesus above all else detests lukewarmness (cf. Rev 3:16).



Jackson Saunders Ordination:

Greetings all. After 7 years of study, I am pleased to advise that my priestly ordination will take place on Saturday, March 26, at 11am at Sacred Heart, Cathedral, Bendigo. I hope that many of you will be able to make it. The Bishop announced the news today after accepting my petition for priesthood on the advice of Corpus Christi College (the seminary) and the Consultors of the Sandhurst Diocese. All are welcome on March 26. The photograph here was taken at my recent ordination as a deacon. Cheers, Jackson.

Word of God Sunday

In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted Sunday of the Word of God encouraging the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. While most countries celebrate the day on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church in Australia celebrates it on the first Sunday in February each year since 2020.

The first Eucharistic Prayer of Masses for Various Needs would be particularly appropriate. It acknowledges the Word of Christ's Gospel calling us to unity across every people, tongue and nation, and asks that the Church be renewed by the light of the Gospel.

Other suggestions to celebrate, study and disseminate include: Procession and Enthronement of the Book of the Gospels, Brief Homily on the beauty of the Word in our daily lives, Scripturally based Prayers, Commissioning Readers. Bible Study groups, Gifts of the Bible or just a copy of Mark's Gospel for this year.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

This day is celebrated on the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, Friday 11th February, around the world. "A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2021

| WODONGA ROSTERS 13TH FEBRUARY 2022 | | | | | |
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| SACRED HEART CLEANING: Marg McEvoy, Brigita Hore | | Hore | SACRED HEART ALTAR: Volunteers | | |
| MASS TIMES: | 5:00 pm | 8:3 | 30 am | 10:30 am | |
| Altar Servers:VolumLector 1:DavidLector 2:Meryl | | Altar Servers: Lector 1: Lector 2: | Volunteer Kate Rotherham Jim Costelloe | Altar Servers: Lector 1: Lector 2: | Volunteer Ampy Clark Marga Dendiegp |
| EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS | | | | | |
| 5:00 pm Louise, Michaela, Caitlyn 8: | | 8:30 am Mick, Maureen, Michael 10:30 am Diane, Yves, P | | ne, Yves, Peter | |
| Children's Liturgy: TBA | | | | | |
| COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 6TH FEBRUARY | | | | | |
| THIS WEEK: TEAM 1:John Dwyer, Mick Bone, Greg & Maureen Baker, John FoleyNEXT WEEK: TEAM 2:Val Mulqueeney, Zennon McCarty, Rob Saric | | | | | |
| MT BEAUTY ROSTERS: 20TH FEBRUARY | | | DEDERANG ROSTERS: 6TH MARCH | | |
| Backup: | Rachel Mary-Anne, Gail Peter | | First / Second Reading: Welcome/Psalm/Prayer (PowerPoint: | OF FAITHFUL: | Sharon Coulston Alanna Kirley Harrison Fischer |
| Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him. | | | | | |
| Readings this week: Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11 Readings next week Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12,16 Luke 6:17,20-26 | (00 | <mark>:clamation</mark> : All ar | the sight of the ange eluia, alleluia! Com Id I will make you fish rd, hear our prayer. | ne follow me, s | says the Lord, |

What's happening in our Parish

<u>Recent Deaths</u>: Mila Setka, Lyn Robertson.

Anniversaries: Bob Jensen, Mary Patterson, Jean Sully, Bernadette Ford (Ley), Kevin Oates.

Sick: Robert Anderson, Pat Horne, 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.

Liturgical Jottings: Seraphim

The Prophet Isaiah introduces the angelic order of seraph to Judaism, Christianity and Islam. "Seraphim" means "those who are on fire, Today's first reading we learn that the Seraphim or seraphs give praise and glory to God in Heaven. Likewise angels in the Responsorial Psalm (137:1) accompany the psalmist to sing praise. In both testaments the Angels are depicted as messengers, defenders and generally agents of God's providence.

Seraphim also feature in our liturgy in four of the Roman Prefaces. In the Franciscan Missal St Francis is called the Seraphic Father and St Bonaventure the Seraphic Doctor. The Franciscans are called the Seraphic order. © Diocese of Sandhurst 2022

Parish Christmas Collection Information

Thank you to all who donated generously to our Christmas Collection. The total came to 3,475.95 Bishop Shane has sent a letter to all parishes recommending the collection be donated to the Philippines because of the typhoon they experienced. As a Finance Committee we have decided to give Fr. Junjun \$2000 for his relief work in his village and surrounding villages and \$1145.90 to the Caritas Philippines relief program. Some of you might have seen Junjun's posts on FB and the work he is doing. Again thank you very much. Dave Seiter/Chairperson Parish Finance Committee.



One of the questions that we're seeing a lot these days relates to how the Plenary Council and the international "Synod on Synodality" align, or how they might differ. In reading some of the foundational documents for the Synod on Synodality, the Australian Plenary Council experience is cited often as something of a model for how the Synod invites the People of God into a shared journey of dialogue, of discernment and of prayer.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge recently spoke about the two processes in this way: "So for us the process of the Plenary Council will interweave with the process of the global Synod, an interweaving of the local and the universal, each enriching the other. That's how the Catholic Church works."

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, the president of the Plenary Council, said this when the fruits of the first Council assembly were published late last year: "The complementary nature of the Plenary Council and this Synod of Bishops process is quite clear, and I encourage people to be as engaged with the Synod as they have been in the Plenary Council."

Read on for more information and updates, and news of related Church events. And please continue to pray for the Plenary Council.

Eparch expresses fears for Ukraine

In a letter to clergy and faithful of the Church issued on Australia Day, Bishop Mykola Bychok drew withering comparisons between the Mr Putin, who is accused of preparing to invade Ukraine after concentrating troops along the Ukrainian border, and King Herod, who massacred the innocent children of Bethlehem to prevent Jesus Christ from usurping his throne.

"Herod appears, a homicidal tyrant craving hegemony ... The Holy Infant, who bringing salvation to all, was a threat to a tyrant pathetically clinging to his self-importance," Bishop Bychok wrote.

Rhetoric over Ukraine has escalated in recent weeks, in the wake of unsuccessful conferences between Mr Putin, US President Joe Biden, and European leaders.

Mr Putin alleges that NATO is trying to encircle Russia and intrude into its traditional sphere of influence, while Mr Biden claims Russia is preparing to wage war on Ukraine and has threatened "massive consequences and severe economic costs" in return.

Ukrainians insist they have been at war with Russia since 2014, when in response to the occupation of Maidan Square in Kyiv and the toppling of the pro-Russia government of Viktor Yanukovych, Russia occupied the Crimean Peninsula.

"Ukrainian society has lived under a cloud of mourning and grief,"

since the 2014 invasion, Bishop Bychok wrote.

He concluded his appeal with exhortations to pray, give humanitarian support and remain informed

"in a public debate being warped by Russian disinformation".

FULL STORY

<u>Putin a 'modern Herod', Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of Australia says</u> (By Adam Wesselinoff, *The Catholic Weekly*

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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 Juniun Amaya

<u>Religious leaders call for release of</u> <u>asylum-seekers</u>

The #SetThemFree campaign picks up on the international attention drawn to the plight of Australia's detained asylum-seekers by the saga of Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic, who was detained in Melbourne's Park Hotel after his visa to enter Australia was cancelled. Sister Brigid Arthur, coordinator of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, said: "The Prime Minister and Opposition Leader have the power to set them free. It is a question of whether they will open their hearts and act, not a question of what to do." FULL STORY:<u>Religious</u> <u>leaders campaign to end indefinite detention</u> in wake of Djokovic saga (*Eternity News*)

<u>A Safe Parish Is a Shared Responsibility:</u> 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