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Monday to Friday

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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: St Augustine's, Wodonga Saturday 9:00am :Before Mass 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 20th - 2022: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Pope Francis Tweets: 8.8 M followers https://twitter.com/Pontifex



Faith is born and reborn: not from a duty, not from something to be done, but from a gaze of love to be welcomed......

Christian life thus becomes beautiful, if it is not based on our abilities and our plans, but rather on God's gaze.

## Looking at the Readings:

Continuing the Sermon on the Plain this Sunday. the Gospel (6:27-38) loosely parallels the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel, (5:38-48). We cannot escape the emphasis Luke places on Jesus' command: "Love your enemies (6:27) and repeated in verse 35 and extended in his teaching on the fourth beatitude and on compassion and forgiveness. We also have an example to observe this very command in the first reading where David shows respect and mercy to his aggressor Saul.

"Love Your Enemies" is a distinctive Christian principle and way of being. People notice how a faithful Christian lives this out. In a fast and pluralistic society this teaching is more difficult to promote and practice. Our church seeks both personal and public expressions of this beatitude and command of Jesus. Jesus forgave his persecutors on the cross, Stephen likewise at his stoning (Act 7:60). More than a moral teaching, it is God's self-revelation and our basis to be like our God.

### Quote of the Week

Mercy is the image of God, and the merciful are in fact, a God dwelling on the earth. As God is merciful to all, without distinction, so the merciful must share benefits equally. My child, be merciful and share your goods with all, so that you may be elevated to divinity: for, as I have told you, the merciful person is another God on the Earth. Rabban Youssef Bousnaya, 10th century Syrian monk.

#### Feast of the Week: St Polycarp, 23 February:

He was bishop of Smyrna, disciple of Saint John the Apostle and friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. Revered during the second century, Polycarp was recognised as a Christian leader by all Christians in Asia Minor — a strong fortress of faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. His own strength emerged from his trust in God, even when events contradicted this trust. Living among pagans and under a government opposed to the new religion, he led and fed his flock boldly and faithfully. He was martyred in 155.

#### WODONGA ROSTERS 27th February 2022

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Peter & Trish Kellow Sacred Heart Altar: Mary Harkness, Jennifer Flower

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

Altar Servers: Volunteer Altar Servers: Volunteer Altar Servers: Volunteer

Lector 1: Luci Saric Lector 1: Christine Gannon

Lector 2:Ha NgoLector 2:John BarratLector 2:Gerard Moore

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00 pm Meryl, Amilia & Juliana 8:30 am Dave, Anne & Mick 10:30 am Gerri, Lucette & Ampy

## Children's Liturgy: TBA

#### COUNTERS: THIS WEEK 20TH FEBRUARY

<u>THIS WEEK: TEAM 3:</u>
Bernard & Julie Jones, Gerard Peeters
MEXT WEEK: TEAM 4:
Margo Dare, Pauline Acott, Kath Didier

#### Mt Beauty Rosters: 6th March Dederang Rosters: 6th March

LECTOR: Deb First / Second Reading: Sharon Coulston

Backup: Rachel
Commentator: Bruce

Rachel
Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful: Alanna Kirley

POWERPOINT: Harrison Fischer

Eucharistic Ministers: bruce

#### Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

#### Readings this week:

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

Readings next week

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment;

love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Recent Deaths: Kevin Worrall (Kath Duggan's brother) Amedeo Saltalamacchia,

Joan Reeves (Corryong), Neil McDermott.

**Anniversaries:** Cliff Robinson, Marcelina & Andre Afonso.

<u>Sick:</u> Annette Young, Kerstin Lancaster, Robert Anderson, Kevin Oates, Pat Horne, Marie Morgan, Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister), Salome Ramirez, Ricky Ellul, Zak Oliver, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Kerstin Lancaster parishioners who are ill, their families

## What's happening in our Parish



#### Altar Servers

Wodonga Catholic Parish invite all school aged children who have received the sacrament of Eucharist to come and learn more about being Altar Servers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come to a fuller understanding of the Mass by participating more closely in service at the Altar. It is also an important ministry in the church that is especially fitting for our children.

An information session will be arranged once we know who is wanting to be involved.

If you would like to register your interest or require further information please contact Sonni at The Parish Centre (6024 3366) or Fr Dean 0401337433.

### **Upcoming Dates**

## **Parish Morning Tea!**



Please Join us for morning tea in the Parish centre each Tuesday after morning Mass.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your Priests and Parish Centre staff.

We hope to see vou there

All are most Welcome!

1 March: Shrove Tuesday

2 March: Ash Wednesday

6 March: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

13 March: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

20 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

27 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

3 April: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.

10 April: PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)

11 April: Monday of Holy Week

12 April: Tuesday of Holy Week

13 April: Wednesday of Holy Week

## Mt Beauty Kiewa Valley: World Day of Prayer

#### Refresh Church, Mongan's Bridge

Wednesday March 2nd - 10:00 am.

All welcome

<u>Parishioners please Note</u>: From February 19th 2022 until further notice <u>Reconciliation</u> will take place at St Augustine's on Saturday Mornings at 9:00 am, prior to 9:30 am Mass.



## World Day of Prayer 2022

## Wodonga

March 4th @ 10:00 am

Emmanuel Church, Emerald Ave, Wodonga.

Wodonga Catholic Parish will be participating in this service.

We are seeking two volunteers interested in doing a short reading: Are you interested? If so please contact Anne Tremethick at the

Parish Centre Ph: 60243366 **All welcome** 

"I Know the Mans I

Have for You

declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

### On the Lighter Side

True Story: Years ago in a Victorian Football Tribunal hall several reported players were lining up for their cases to be heard. A few were talking about the new team in the league: "Corpus Christi College" One said: "The team is made up of trainee priests".

Another asked: "What are they like?" A third replied, quoting today's scripture: "Well when you hit them

scripture: well when you nit then they just turn the other cheek!"

# Preparation evening is Tuesday March 1st at 6:00 pm. Parents of children to be baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a

attend a Baptism Preparation Evening, as it is a pre-requisite in our Parish. Godparents are also welcome. For information or to register **Contact:** 

Baptism Preparation Evening

Preparation evenings are held on the first

Tuesday of every second month. Our next

Sonni at The Parish Centre: 6024 3366 or E: wodonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

# **Liturgical Jottings:**

#### **Anointing Kings**

Samuel had anointed Saul as King of Israel (1 Sam 10:1). David was anointed king at Hebron (2 Sam 2:1-4) and Solomon anointed king by Zadok, the priest, at Gihon (1Kgs 1:39). It was a ceremonial marking the start of a king's reign. David did not raise his hand [with spear] against Saul because he recognised that he was the anointed one of God (1 Sam 26:23). In this present age European monarchs at the start of their reign are anointed with the oil of Chrism.

The rite of Baptism contains an anointing before baptism for strengthening and one after as a symbol of holiness: "He [God] now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation, so that you may remain members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King, unto eternal life. Amen. OBC 2020

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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