



Wodonga Catholic Parish

INCORPORATING
SACRED HEART CHURCH, Beechworth Rd Wodonga, ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, High St Wodonga,
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Tangambalanga, ST. JOSEPH'S Dederang,
ST. JOSEPH'S Mt. Beauty & The Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong.

January 7th - 2024 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Acknowledgement of Country

We, Wodonga Catholic Parish, acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land where our churches, schools and buildings are located. We pay our respect to the Aboriginal people and Elders past and present whose spirits dwell in this land. May the spirit of this ancient land be always with us.

Pope Francis:



' Faith, if it is to grow, has to begin ever anew. It needs to be sparked by desire, to take up the challenge of entering into a living and lively relationship with God.'

Looking at the Readings . . .

Isaiah passage today gives a few "epiphany moments": Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come; Lift up your eyes and look round; your heart throbbing and full. The words of the prophet are not just words of Salvation for God's chosen people but for all peoples, nations and rulers. Extending the insights from this Old Testament text to our present day we are able to confess: "Christ brings salvation not just to us, to those who come to our church, but to the whole world – to all those grumpy, depressed, selfish, worried, suffering, disadvantaged people we meet in the street, most directly to Christians of every kind, but also to those who have not yet found Jesus. The Epiphany is the time when Jesus 'went public', symbolised by the coming of the Wise Men from the East." (Henry Wansbrough, *Universalis commentary*)

A second prophet is quoted in today's Gospel by Matthew. The Prophet Micah, born in Bethlehem, spoke well of his birthplace and added: "for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel." Though Micah's actual words were not *shepherd my people* but "rule over Israel" (Micah 5:2). Matthew has "updated" the prophet's words and interpreted them to describe Jesus' mission for all peoples.

Definitions of Epiphany

This Greek word means manifestation applied particularly to the event in Matthew's Gospel of the visit of the Magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus. Christ is revealed to the Gentiles as Lord and Saviour. Some dictionaries include epiphany in a figurative sense meaning a sudden revelation, an "Aha!" moment.

Liturgical Jottings: Feast of the Holy Family

The Epiphany celebrates, in the Western churches, the adoration of the Magi from the East as the story of the revelation of the mystery of God's saving will (Eph 1:9) as embracing Gentiles as well as Jews. In the Eastern churches Christmas (January 6, an ancient date for the winter solstice) commemorates the birth of Christ and the homage of the Magi, while Epiphany marks Christ's baptism. The mystery of Christ as one sent by the Father in the Spirit to all nations and races and the essentially missionary character of the church are found in this feast. The Magi's following of the star to Christ has always expressed the longing of sages and philosophers for the fullness of truth, which only is found in full surrender to God in Christ, the Wisdom of God. The feast for Western Christians is a reminder as well a fount of the riches of worship, theology and spirituality which the Eastern churches bring to the *catholica*.

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Weekend Masses
Wodonga
Sacred Heart
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 @ 10.30 am Mass

Mt Beauty
St Joseph's
1st & 3rd Sunday @ 8.30 am
5th Sunday - No Mass

Tallangatta
St Michael's
2nd & 4th Sunday - @ 11:00 am

Corryong:
Sacred Heart
2nd & 4th Sunday @ 8:30 am

Walwa Christ The King
2nd & 4th Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sandy Creek St Michael's
5th Sunday @ 8:30 am

Mitta Mitta St Joseph's
5th Sunday @ 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:
Sacred Heart Church,
Tuesday to Friday @ 9:15 am
Saturday
St Augustine's Church
Saturday 9:30 am
Reconciliation:
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Saturday 9:00 am

Country Churches:
Before Mass.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI,
Margaret Miller Fr Ted Harte, Fr Frank Hart,
Sr Kath Grant, Mark Raine, Patricia Packer,
Gerald Tanner, Allan Crothers, Mary Ronan.

Those Who Are Unwell:

Sr Eileen Reardon, John Saric, Genevieve Govers,
John Hodson, Mary Shaddock Ricky Ellul, Eloise Hill,
Salome Ramirez, Kerstin Lancaster, Robert Anderson,
Leigh-Anne McKinley, parishioners who are ill, their
families & carers.

PLEASE NOTE: Monday 8th January, Feast Day of the Baptism of the Lord

Morning Mass will be celebrated at Sacred
Heart Church at 9.15am.

PLEASE NOTE:

**The Parish Centre will be opened Mondays,
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30
am to Midday during the month of January.**

Reconciliation

**During the month of January, Reconciliation
on Saturdays, will be at St Augustine's Church
at 9.00 am prior to Mass at 9.30 am.**

Prayer of The Day

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,
always and everywhere, that we may
perceive with clear sight and revere with true
affection the mystery in which you have willed us
to participate. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Prayer after Communion)

Quotes for the Day

Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to
encounter everyday epiphanies. ~ John Milton

Love is the epiphany of God in our poverty.
~Thomas Merton

Readings this week:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Reading next week

1 Samuel 3:3—10,19

1 Corinthian 6:13-15,17-20

John 1:35-42

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the
East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rosters:- Wodonga 13th & 14th January

Sacred Heart Cleaning:	Peter Kellow
Sacred Heart Altar :	Volunteers
Lector 1	Lector 2
5.00 pm Matt Ley	Christine Stewart
8.30 am Ross Black	Marg Pallot
10.30am Don Cameron	Marinela Jaculbia
Eucharistic Ministers	
5.00 pm: David, Helen & Michael	
8.30 am: Anne K, John B & Eris	
10.30 am: Nina, Ampy & Diane	
COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 2:	
Val Mulqueeney, Rob Saric, Zennon McCarty	
NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 3: Bernie & Julie Jones	

Rosters:- Mt Beauty 21st January

Lector:	TBA
Back up:	TBA
Commentator:	TBA

Rosters:- Dederang 4th February

First Reading/Second Reading:	Harrison
Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful:	Sharon
PowerPoint:	Diane

Thank You to all who made our Christmas
Celebrations such joyful occasions, our priests,
Fr Junjun, Fr Uday and Fr Adi, the organisers,
musicians, choirs, and readers.
To our collectors, counters, bankers, cleaners,
gardeners, volunteers, for all your generous help
during the past year. The Parish would not function
without you. May God bless you all.