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Weekend Masses Wodonga Sacred Heart Church Saturday @ 5:00 pm. Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10.30 am

Sonia La Motte-Schubert:

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Tangambalanga
Our Lady Help of Christians
2nd & 4th Sunday @ 10:30 am

Dederang St Joseph's 1st & 3rd Sunday @ 10.30 am Mass

Mt Beauty St Joseph's Sunday @ 8.30 am 5th Sunday - No Mass

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

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

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

Sandy Creek St Michaels 5th Sunday @ 8:30 am

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 9.30 am
Reconciliation:
St Augustine's Church, Wodonga
Saturday 8:45 AM to 9:10 AMam:
Country Churches:
Before Mass.

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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 & Parishes of ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH Tallangatta, SACRED HEART CHURCH Corryong.

December 25th - 2024: Nativity of The Lord

A Christmas Message from Fr Andrew.

Christmas, among many things, is a time of remembering. We remember people whom we were close to us and have died since last Christmas, or several years ago. We remember the events of the last twelve months of global, national or local calamities or celebrations, We remember Christmases of the past, with nostalgia, with affection or with disappointment. Today I ponder on the Aussie Christmas: in the summer heat, at the end of the school, business and trade year, and the summer holidays, cricket and BBQ's. I enjoyed Christmas in the northern hemisphere with its wassailing (carolling), winter snow, early sunsets. But I like the Aussie Christmas best.

Yet we can get caught up in memories and see Christmas coming around again and all so quickly. But it is not like that. We should not go round in a circle and finishing at the same spot each year. Life, especially Christian life is not like that, we move forward each year and come to a new point.

Our journey through life is more of an upward spiral, building on the earlier events, relationships and experiences to attain a better position of new growth and insights especially in our relationships with one another and with our God. These aspects of faith and life, life and society are very human and very divine - bringing home the real meaning of Christmas: God entering our world with his gifts for us.

Happy and Holy Christmas,

Fr Andrew



Catholic Mission thanks the parish of Sacred Heart for your generous support of this year's World Mission Day Appeal. Through your contribution of \$1,409.00, you have empowered Church workers

across 1047 mission dioceses to share a message of hope and compassion with communities around the world.

Your partnership with Catholic Mission makes an incredible difference. Thanks to you, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo and Brother Andrew in Mongolia can continue delivering life-saving care, essential resources, and educational support. Your gift not only uplifts individuals but also strengthens global mission programs, reaching countless others who need our support.

Thank you for being a light of hope to those in need!

..... John 1:1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word:

the Word was with God and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men;

and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God,

to all who believe in the name of him who was born

not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us,

and we saw his glory,

the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,

full of grace and truth.

Readings Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:1-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

Readings Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18 or John 1:1-5,9-14

Responsorial Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving

power of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

A Christmas Blessing:

May there be harmony in all your relationships.

May you give and receive love generously.

May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ.

May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul.

May the wonder and Awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened within you.

May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment.

May you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasures it contains.

May you often go to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit One who offers you peace.

May you bring this peace into our world.

A Christmas Collection:

A Special Collection will be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

CHRISTMAS is a time of sharing our Blessings.

Our Second Collection at all Christmas Masses will be donated to Caritas Australia/Caritas Bangladesh.

This Christmas, families are facing the devastating risk of disease due to a severe lack of clean water and proper sanitation in the world's largest refugee camp.

But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. As part of the second-largest humanitarian network in the world, Caritas Australia and our partner Caritas Bangladesh are on the ground, ready to act. Together, we can improve access to clean water, provide better sanitation, and help reduce the spread of deadly waterborne diseases this Christmas.

Donate today at caritas.org.au/Christmas

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." ~2Corinthians 9:7