

# Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church  
Victory Lutheran College



*Committed to Sharing Jesus*

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 7:24-37 – More Signs!



**Sign #1** Delivering a demon-bound little girl (vv. 24-30)

**Sign #2** Healing of a deaf man (vv. 31-37)

## 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Welcome to members, friends & visitors.**

We pray that you feel at home as you worship our Lord Jesus with us today.  
At the end of the Service we invite you to please join us for a cuppa and a chat. Our Lord's love and peace be with you.

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### KEVIN DRAPER THANK YOU

Kevin would like to thank Parish members for their prayers and phone calls. He is recuperating well at home.

### JESUS JUKE BOX (12 Sept)

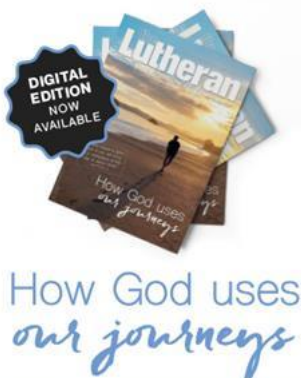
Please be advised that **Jesus Juke Box (12 Sept)** is being postponed to a date to be advised. This is due to the COVID lockdowns and the inability of the band to be able to practise

### CALL MEETING BALLOT PAPERS

Please be advised that the Call Meeting Ballot papers were posted out to members on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. If members have not received them within seven days, please let the Parish Chairperson (Jenny Simboras) know. If there are any questions please contact the Chairperson, preferably by email [jenssimb@outlook.com](mailto:jenssimb@outlook.com), but if that is not possible then by phone 02 6040 4494. All questions and answers will be published in the weekly bulletin. **Ballot Papers to be back to Jenny Simboras by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

### VLC "VOICE OF VICTORY" NEWSLETTER

<https://www.vlc.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/newsletters>



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## Growing FAITH at home

5 September 2021

FIFTEENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

### Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share about a time when you were in need. Who helped you?

2

The apostle James reminds us that having faith means that we are concerned with the needs of others (James 2:14-17). Can you see any needs in the people around you? (What are they?)

3

How are you involved in helping to provide for the needs of others? (Look at the service idea this week).

### Devotions



#### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Mark 7:24-37	Jesus heals the Gentiles
<b>M</b>	Isaiah 35:4-7a	The return of the exiled
<b>T</b>	James 2:1-17	Faith without works is dead
<b>W</b>	Luke 18:1-8	The widow and the unjust judge
<b>T</b>	Hosea 12:2-6	Return to your God
<b>F</b>	Mark 9:14-29	Jesus gives a boy speech
<b>S</b>	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
<b>S</b>	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

### Rituals and Traditions



#### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who comes to bring mercy and healing for our daily lives. Amen.

#### BLESSING

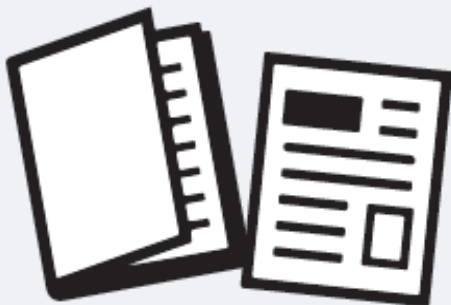
May the Lord lift you up, watch over you, and uphold you now and always.

God cares for the needy.

## Creative Response

Gather stories from the newspaper, magazines or the internet which describe people in need.

Place them on a poster, pinboard or in your family prayer book. Pray for these situations and people in need as you gather together this week. Close by praying the Lord's Prayer.



### mealtime prayer

Lord, as we thank you for all that you give us, bless those who have little. Give us hearts that care and hands that share. Amen.

verse for the week

say to those who hearts are afraid, 'Be strong. Do not fear. Your God will come'.

ISAIAH 35:4

## Service



Create a permanent category on your shopping list entitled 'items for those in need'.

Whenever you shop for groceries, purchase non-perishable items, toiletries etc to contribute to your church community outreach food box.

Involve different people in your household to choose items for purchase.

Pray together for God to bless those who will receive your donations.



## VICTORIAN/TASMANIAN DISTRICT eVOICES

Read the latest Vic/Tas District eVoices here:

<https://lutheranchurchofaustralia.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/t/FDD3F9A294392E282540EF23F30FEDED/5068D6C3513CC68E2018F019E6F15D33>

### THIS WEEK:

Sunday	5 Sept	9:30am	LAY Service of the Word <b>(PE)</b>
Tuesday	7 Sept	11am-3pm pm	Church Office OPEN Band Practice
Wednesday	8 Sept	9am-1pm 7:00pm	Church Office OPEN Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	9 Sept	11am-3pm	Church Office OPEN
Sunday	12 Sept	9:30am	5SOF HC Service <b>(GZ)</b>

### LAST WEEK: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's – 9:30am			NO Service due to snap COVID lockdown
<b>Total Attendance:</b>			

### NEXT WEEKEND: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### READINGS

Sun 9:30am Wod Five Songs of Faith **(GZ)**

Proverbs 1:20-33 **OR**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

### ROSTER FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND (12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER)

Communion/Altar	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Phill Edwards
Reader	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Roger & Jan Farrell
PowerPoint	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Jason Zweck
Usher/Counters	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Rhonda Keller
Morning Tea	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	after service Not until advised it is OK to resume
Church Cleaning	Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> - Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	P & S Edwards A Uhrhane
Mowers	Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> - Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Lade & Adrian Gutsche

♥ Happy Father's Day to ♥  
♥ all the fathers out there ♥