

# WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

## TATURA

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## KYABRAM

St Patrick's Tongala and St Sebastian's Merrigum

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Year of Luke

Weekdays – Cycle 1

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**As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land  
We commit ourselves to actively working alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion help create the just and compassionate world that God desires.

This week we meet Vannak, 17. In 2006, his family and thousands of others were driven from their homes and placed in Andong Village, the largest slum in Cambodia.

Battling illness and debt, Vannak's parents relied on him to provide income and food, so he gave up school to work; earning just \$3 a day. With help from Youth for Peace, Vannak is now receiving an education and learning livelihood skills.

**Please donate to Project Compassion today so partnerships like this can continue and grow.**



### SACRED HEART FETE

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Starting Time 5.30pm

Major Raffle draw 8.30pm

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Return your Raffle books immediately
- Help on a stall – there's still time
- Bake a cake, slice, biscuits for the CWL Stall (all ingredients to be listed on cakes etc.)
- Donate produce, jams, relishes, honey, eggs etc
- Add your name to a roster to help

**BEST OF ALL – TURN UP ON THE FETE EVENING  
AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

### “LENT – THE DESERT OF THE HEART”

A Regional Retreat Day for Lent

ALL MOST WELCOME.

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

St Augustine's Church, Kyabram

11.30am – 4.00 pm.

Lunch: BYO,

Morning & Afternoon tea provided.

Cost: \$20 or \$10 (pen'r/student) or donation as/if you can afford.

Bookings: [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)  
or telephone: (03) 5441 2544.

## We pray for



<b>Those who have died recently</b>	Lina Niglia; Maureen Dickens; Giuseppa De Pasquale (Italy)
<b>Those whose Anniversary occurs</b>	Bernie McNamara; Albert Scrimizzi; Tony Guinan; Jayne Mulcahy; Raphaela Rosa
<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Eileen Kirby; Brendan Shingles; Fr Chris Reay; Geraldine Sullivan; Colin Mason; Heather Carter; Lawrie Dwyer; Max Davies;*** Glen Spicer; Nancy Taylor; Carmel Rawlings; Tahlia Backman; Margaret Fox; Gerard Berry; Mary Kerlin

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 11-17 Mar 2013				PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE NARTHEX:
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	11	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	12	5:30pm (Int. Grace Howarth)	No Mass	
Wednesday	13	9:15am <i>Anointing Mass</i>	5.00pm (Int. Tony Guinan)	
Thursday	14	No Mass	9.15am (Int. Jayne Mulcahy)	
Friday	15	9.15am	No Mass	
Saturday	16	6.00pm	No Mass	
Sunday	17	8.00am	10.00am	
ROSARY		Tues 5.15pm Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		
RECONCILIATION	16	11:30am		

- Sandpiper (March edition)
- Australian Catholics
- Project Compassion Box
- Latest Caritas News
- Brochures

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sat 6pm 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Trish Warnett	Denice Bourke	Mandy McGrath	Sue McDonald Nell Noonan	D Woodman C Reilly J Scrimizzi	T Warnett D Woodman
Sun 8am 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Betty Curtis	Robert Miller	Trish Warnett	B & J Lowe	D Worm S Cowna C Coulston	

### Italian Rosary

Il s.Rosario sarà recitato nella Chiesa Martedì 12 Marzo alle ore 2pm.

#### All welcome

The Italian Rosary will be recited in the Church on 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

### PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless our two Parishes so that we may love you more.  
Help our parents to give good example to their children  
and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.  
Encircle our families with your loving care.  
To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy.  
May each parishioner grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.  
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### CWL ANNUAL RETREAT

The annual retreat for Catholic Women will be held at Feathertop Chalet, Harrierville 22nd - 24 April 2013. Cost \$150.00 includes all meals. Further information see the notice in the Narthex or contact Gwen on 58 241 251

### DIARY DATES

Day	Date	Event
Mon	11	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues	12	Italian Rosary 1.00pm Church 7.30pm Stations - Ky
Wed	13	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation – Rushworth – Fr Michael 7:00pm College Forum
Thurs	14	4-6pm Capital Planning Mtg, Ky – Fr Michael
Frid	15	
Sat	16	Wedding Tatura (Forde & Cortez)
Sun	17	Diocesan Retreat – Ky – Helen Carboon
Mon	18	
Tues	19	12noon send off for Judy Brown - Shepp 1.00pm Diocesan Fin Comm, Bgo – Fr Michael PPC Mtg. Tatura
Wed	20	11.00am Mass of the Oils – Fr Michael 3:45pm Fr M meeting with College Staff 7.30pm Reconciliation - Kyabram
Thurs	21	7:30pm Reconciliation - Tatura
Frid	22	St Augustine's School Fete 5-8pm Sacred Heart School Fete 5.30pm CWL Conference, Tatura
Sat	23	
Sun	24	Palm Sunday

**UPDATE ON FR. CHRIS REAY** Fr. Chris underwent surgery on Wednesday. He reported very little pain and expects to go to his sister Sue's home at the weekend to recuperate. Fr.Chris will return to the Alfred on Wednesday this week for a checkup. Please keep him in your prayers.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### NEW OFFICE BEARERS AND PASTORAL ROLES

Chair	Denice Bourke
Deputy Chair	John Ford
Secretary	Joyce Caiafa
<b>NEW CONTACT PEOPLE IN MINISTRY GROUPS ARE</b>	
Liturgy	Denice Bourke
Pastoral Care	Lou Worm , Connie Serra, Sheila Gregg, Teresa Muto
Social	Cath De Angelis
Education/Sacraments	Trish Miller & Anne Hutchison
Finance	Fr Morley
Youth	John Ford, Geraldine Pollard
Media/Local Paper, Sandpiper	Trish Miller

*We thank all these people for accepting the above roles and committing themselves to the wellbeing of their parish community.*

### FAREWELL LUNCHEON

Judy Brown who has been working in the Chancery in Bendigo for over twenty years has now retired. Many wouldn't know her, but her work in helping people seek annulments has been outstanding. Her warmth, compassion and understanding has helped many during their annulment process. The Goulburn Valley Deanery is having a luncheon on the 19<sup>th</sup> March at the Terminus Hotel in Shepparton starting at 12noon. Notify the parish office if wishing to attend.

### A SPACE FOR GRACE

*This son of mine was lost and is found ... and they began to celebrate. Luke 15:24*

The older I get, the more I love this parable of the Prodigal Son! The son – so NOT deserving of love from the father he had hurt. The father – so full of love and forgiveness!

*I know, Lord, that you love me.  
With all my frailties, my  
weaknesses, my  
thoughtlessness ... you love  
me. Help me to love – with  
no conditions attached.*



### COMMISSIONING MASS

On Thursday evening 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, the Bishop with Priests, Catholic Education staff, Principals and School Board Chairs from around the Diocese, gathered for the Induction and Commissioning Service at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Trish Miller as Principal and Lisa Wagner as School Board Chair, were welcomed by the Bishop and myself and presented with Bibles and a candle. There are photos on the notice board in the Narthex.

## Overflowing with love.....

This parable, traditionally known as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, is really about three characters. We can all identify with one of them. Many of us can identify with the younger brother. Many of us can identify with the older brother. Most of us can identify with both. Calling this gem of a story 'The Parable of the Prodigal Son' only emphasises the first half of the parable. It is as much about a compassionate father and an angry brother as it is about a wasteful son.

Highlighted in this story are two very different ways of receiving the 'lost'. What does it mean to be 'lost'? What does it mean to be 'found'? For one son in the story being found means his father goes running to meet him. He hugs him. He kisses him. "My son who was lost is found! Get him cleaned up and dressed up! Stop working! Stop everything! We're having a party!" This is how it is, when the lost return to God. Do we have two lost people in this parable? Do we finally end up with two found people — or only *one*? These are the questions we, as Christians really should ask ourselves. *All* of us need to return home. We need to claim the identity God has for us.

Can we identify with the 'father' in this story, the one who is always watching the horizon for our return? Our prodigal sisters, our prodigal brothers are out there on the road home. Let's get up and run to meet them. Let's have a party ready for them.

### menALIVE

St Brendan's parish is hosting the menAlive men's weekend on the 13th and 14th of April. The weekend gives men a chance to come together and talk and discuss their faith and how a relationship with their God can give them life, life to the full. Come along and join men from the region. Any enquires call Anthony Kilmartin on 0408269426.

Registration forms in the Narthex or the Parish office

### THE CENTRAL DEANERY REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Conference will be held at Mary's Hall Tatura on Friday 22nd March, commencing with Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Loretta Lilford 'Ugandan Experience'. All CWL members welcome to attend. For catering purposes please contact Pat on 58 241 137 or Gwen 58 241 251 by 15th March.





Readings for this week:  
 Joshua 5:9-12  
 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Readings for next Sunday  
 Isaiah 43:16-21  
 Philippians 3:8-14  
 John 8:1-11



**Liturgical Jottings**

The Season Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the sacrament of penance. Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God hear the solemn invitation, "Turn away from sin and believe the good news" It is therefore fitting to have several penitential services during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts (Rite of Penance 13).



**Prayer for the week**

Compassionate God, you know our failings, and yet you rejoice in our homecoming. Encourage us to be ministers of reconciliation and instruments of peace in our world.

**Looking at the Readings**

We are no doubt familiar with this parable of the Prodigal Son and its story that concludes with his joyful return to his father. However, today's Gospel provides further information regarding the ripple effects this return had upon the other key member of that family - the faithful brother - the brother who 'toiled like a slave' for his father 'never disobeyed' and never asked for reward. He was shocked and angry at the lavish outpouring of attention and expense upon the prodigal. This to him was both unwarranted and unfair when measured against his own behaviour and treatment. No doubt about it; this faithful son thought he deserved better! Perhaps we can relate to his feelings when we recall feeling treated unfairly and someone we consider less favourable is praised ahead of us.

It is worth considering the father's actions in all this. Does he love the 'faithful' son any less? It would appear not as he declares his love and that 'all he has is his'. Is it within the father's nature to have stopped loving the prodigal because of his actions (something his brother seems to have achieved)? It is the father's love that drives his actions and forgiveness not any sense of 'fair play' – no that is not the measure of this father. When the faithful son refuses to go into the feast, still true to his nature, the father patiently waits for this son to come 'home' to him in love.

God the Father waits patiently for us to join him not as a prodigal, or as an aggrieved but obedient slave, but in loving relationship as his child.

**Quotable Quote**

"I will simply be a pilgrim who is beginning the last part of his pilgrimage on earth." *Benedict, Pope Emeritus (1 March 2013),*

**On the Lighter Side**

A pragmatic elderly woman advised the priest that her ashes should be interred in the town's local pub. "But you never frequent the pub - why should you want that?" enquired the mystified pastor. "Well that way I can be assured my son will visit me regularly." said the woman.



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**QUOTE:**

'The real hero of the story of The Prodigal Son is the provident father. He loves both his sons, despite their flaws. In the boys, we see the extremes of human failure. In the father, we see God.'

- Fr Richard Lonsdale

