# WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

# **TATURA**

### Fr Michael Morley - Parish Priest

# **KYABRAM**

St Patrick's Tongala and St Sebastian's Merrigum

Sacred Heart - Tatura

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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.

### EASTER SUNDAY

# 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2013



Thank you all for your support and generosity towards Project Compassion this Lent. Project Compassion and the many inspiring stories we hear through Lent, is a constant reminder that we should never take the gifts that God gives us for granted.

May we all be blessed this Easter, and may it be a special time for all of us with hearts united in the Risen Lord.

- Fr Michael

### **ITALIAN ROSARY**

Il s.rosario sarā recitato nella chiesa Martedi 9 Aprile alle ore 2.00pm.

The Italian Rosary will be recited in the Church on 9<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm. All welcome

#### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

At the end of term one, may all the teachers, staff, students and families have a safe and enjoyable break over the school holidays.

### WELCOME

Welcome and thank you to *Fr Brendan Byrne SJ* who is assisting with Kyabram and Tatura Easter Ceremonies.

# FR. DOYLE'S 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY (and retirement)

Fr Owen Doyle, parish priest of St Mary's Parish, Rushworth, will be celebrating 25 years of ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (and his retirement shortly after).

His parishioners, family and friends are planning a celebratory lunch in Rushworth that day – you might like to circle that date if you would like to join us to mark the occasion.

More information closer to the event. St Mary's Pastoral Council, Rushworth

### **MASS TIMES NEXT SUNDAY**

Please note that next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, so Mass times will be 6.00pm on Saturday night and 8.00am on Sunday for Tatura.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

There will <u>not</u> be a Finance Committee meeting this Tuesday (2<sup>nd</sup> April). The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

DEAR God
Thank you for all
the things you have
made.
You must have spent
hours on flowers.

Amen



We pray for



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Those who have	Ken Gray; Niki Duca; Matt Walsh
died recently	
Those whose	Colleen and Gabrielle Feehan; Michele and Carolina Pietropoalo; Vincenzo &
Anniversary	Guisepina Casuscelli; Serafina & Michele Pietropoalo; Bernie Wearden;
occurs	Luigi Leocata; Jack Pola;
Our sick and	Brendan Shingles (Nan Lawlor's son-in-law); Pat Kerrins; Eileen Kirby; Geraldine
their carers	Sullivan; Fr Chris Reay; 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: APRIL 1 - 7				
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	1	No Mass	No Mass	Please collect:
Tuesday	2	No Mass	No Mass	<ul> <li>Australian Catholics</li> </ul>
Wednesday	3	9.15am	5.00pm Int. Bernie Wearden	<ul> <li>"Along the Track "The</li> </ul>
Thursday	4	No Mass	No Mass	Wrong Message"
Friday	5	9.15am	No Mass	Sandpiper
Saturday	6	6.00pm	No Mass	
Sunday	7	8.00am	10.00am 11.30am Tongala	
ROSARY		Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		
RECONCILIATION	6	11:30am		

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sat 6pm April 6th	Peter Kerrins	Sacha Finlayson	Lou Kerrins	M Corrigan	G Ranson D Worm D Bourke	T Warnett D Woodman
Sun 8am April 7th	Coral Reilly	Simon Cowan	B Miller	K & M Grumley	R Kelly B Curtis T Warnett	

### **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.

APRIL DIARY DATES				
Mon	1	Easter Monday		
Tues	2			
Wed	3	CWL Meeting 2.00pm Parish Hall		
Thurs	4	Prof Standards, Melbourne – Fr Michael		
Frid	5			
Sat	6			
Sun	7			
Mon	8	SVDP Meeting 9.30am at the Centre		
Tues	9	Italian Rosary 2.00pm Church		
		9.30am Kyabram Ministers meeting		
Wed	10			
Thurs	11			

#### **PLANNED GIVING**

IMPORTANT: Please write clearly the amount you have enclosed in your Planned Giving envelope. This helps the counters and ensures accuracy in recording. We would not like your donation to be misrecorded.

## **FETE RAFFLE RESULTS**

1st PrizeJoan Webster- \$1000 donated by Tatura Milk Industries2nd PrizePaul Newman \$500 voucher donated by Hunter Rural Tatura3rd PrizeN & M Lagozzino2 nights accommodation donated

by Feathertop Chalet

4th PrizePat Kerrins\$200 voucher donated by Tatura Pharmacy5th PrizeIan Baker\$100 voucher donated by Tatura Newsagency6th PrizeTenille Kerrins\$90 Hamper donated by Unilever TaturaBook Sellers PrizeMs Mikala Mestrom (Fair Trade Chocolate Hamper)

CWL Raffle

**1st Prize** Groceries- Dorothy Bock

2nd Prize Fair Trade Chocolates - Lyn Harris3rd Prize Easter Basket - Diana Mercuri



# **Liturgical Jottings**

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast, or better, one great Sunday (St Athan-asius). These above all others are days for singing the Alleluia. The paschal candle is placed near the lectern or the centre of the sanct-uary. It is lit for all celebrations from the Easter Vigil to Pentecost Sunday. After Pentecost the candle is placed near the baptismal font.



Prayer for the week

God, our Father, may the power of Christ's Resurrection transform our lives. May we live each day as witnesses to the Good News of salvation. Amen.

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# Looking at the Readings

Today's Gospel opens with Mary Magdalene at the tomb while it is still dark. Peter and John run to the tomb and find it empty. If we go back a few days to Holy Thursday and the Last Supper Jesus takes bread (unleavened) and wine and in a most unprecedented and dramatic way declares, "This is my body, this is my blood." On the first Good Friday, while he hung across the cross, a soldier cut his side with a lance and blood and water flowed. The Bread and Wine, the Cross, the Blood and Water, the Darkness and the Empty Tomb are both real and symbolic.

Darkness and the traditional Easter 'dawn of a new day' highlight the light/darkness symbolism: lack of faith is a life in darkness, a life of sin, isolation, fear, corruption, and selfishness. Light, the new dawn, the light of Christ dispels the darkness, sin and old life of self. A new creation begins. The empty tomb also testifies and brings forth faith in the Risen Lord. Peter and John's experience of the empty tomb, not an appearance of the risen Lord, causes them to believe.

St Cyril and St John of Jerusalem were bishops of Jerusalem in the fourth century. Their teachings to the newly baptised (neophytes) at Easter are wonderful examples of catechesis. Prior to Baptism the catechumens are instructed on the Christian way of life. After Baptism they are instructed on the mysteries of faith - the sacraments and the creed. The neophytes were asked What did you see? What happened? What did you receive? Starting from their experiences of darkness, light, water, bread and wine, fear and delight, Cyril, and later John, opened their minds to their symbolic meanings. Like Peter and John, they saw, felt, tasted and they believed in Christ risen. Our celebration of Easter Sacraments brings us to see and believe the risen Lord in our world and in our lives.

### **Quotable Quote**

"Sing Alleluia!" St Augustine says rightly, "Singing for one who loves." There is also the ancient proverb, "One who sings well prays twice."

### On the Lighter Side - Easter Riddles

Q: How does Easter end? A: With the letter R!



A: Because they just finished a "long March".

Q: What do you call Easter when you are hopping around?

A: Hoppy Easter!

Q: What's the difference between a counterfeit \$100 and a crazy rabbit? A: One is bad money, the other is a mad bunny!

### **World Youth Day**

Young people are being invited to take part in the Victorian pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2013 to be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from July 23-28. **Registrations** for World Youth Day **close this Sunday, March 31**. For more information on the pilgrimages available or to register, visit <a href="https://www.wydtours.com/wyd-pilgrimages/vic/victoria/">www.wydtours.com/wyd-pilgrimages/vic/victoria/</a>

<u>Australian Catholic Youth Festival</u>
The inaugural Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held in Melbourne from December 5-7. More information on the Festival, including details on costs and registrations, will be publicised soon. The website for the event is <a href="www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au">www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au</a>
Stronger Retreat

This year's Stronger Retreat for young people aged 16-26 will be held from Friday, September 20 until Sunday, September 22 at Feathertop Chalet, Harrietville. Registrations are now open. **\$140- Earlybird- until this, Sunday, March 31,** \$165- Discounted-April 1 to July 15, \$180- Regular- July 16 to September 9

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity to Project Compassion continues aid and



development work reflective of the life of Jesus Christ, and shaped by the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching principles, in over 35 countries around the world. You have offered new life to your brothers and sisters struggling with poverty and injustice.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2013 appeal.



#### A SPACE FOR GRACE

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 227

The Lord is risen! Today is the greatest feast of the Church year. We need to celebrate! The Lord is risen and lives amongst

us ... he is forever present in our lives.

Let us give thanks: for the Lord is with us .... now and forever. Nothing can take him away. He is here. Let's celebrate!



HARRIETVILLE WEEKEND "SPIRITUALITY FOR A PILGRIM CHURCH" Fri (eve) 26 — Sun (lunch) 28 April, with Mons Tony Doherty, Ailsa Piper, Br Michael Herry. Our lives are like a pilgrimage, with difficult stretches, wounds needing healing, unexpected new life and happiness, walking, stopping places, sharing meals, memories, stories, music.

Brochures in parishes or contact Lyn at adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or ph (03) 5441 2544.

### **EASTER SONG**

 My Lord, he died for a Kingdom To redeem the hearts of men, Now my people don't you weep, He lives again He has risen from his sleep

Refrain: Alleluia, sing alleluia,

The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed, alleluia

2. My Lord came forth like the morning With the splendour of the sun, Came triumphant from the womb, From the darkness of the tomb, The vict'ry won.

#### Refrain

3. My Lord renewed all creation That had waited late and long. Now we all with one accord Live and love the Risen Lord. This is our song.

Refrain

### LIVES OF GRACE AND SERVICE

#### **EASTER**

For the Christian there is no defeat, because Christ is risen and lives in us, and Christ has overcome all that seeks to destroy us or to block our human and spiritual growth. (Thomas Merton)

At the crucifixion, the disciples are desolate and defeated. After the Resurrection of Christ their lives are full of hope and purpose. Sometimes we can be paralysed by the enormity and difficulty of a situation. However, the paralysis can be overcome by simply beginning with a small action of compassion. Where can you start? Who can you support?

# A Today Reality.....

I have risen, and am with you still, alleluia. So begins the entrance antiphon for Sunday. Our Lord is risen! Everything about this morning testifies to that fact: the music, the scripture readings, the floral displays, the general excitement of this very special day. Easter is more than a celebration of something that happened nearly 2,000 years ago, wonderful as that was. And Easter is more than a memorial occasion, recalling that morning when Peter and John stared into an empty tomb, and when Mary Magdalene wept in lost loneliness until her risen Lord called her by name. Nor does it mean that there is no more trouble in the world. Easter is today, always in the now and therefore there is no sickness, no sorrow, no injustice or ugliness or defeat that can ever win permanently. In all of history, all of its irregular paths and dark nights and lost causes, all of its injustices and crucifixions — all of it came to its conclusion in Easter. Easter is a whole new way of looking at history. We do not deny or turn away from the evils that surround us. We do not deny these miseries, but we refuse to surrender to their power because of our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the same way, Easter is a whole new way of looking at our own lives. Everyone from pre-schooler to centenarian, knows what it is to be afraid, knows what it is to fail, knows what it is to feel all alone. We believe sickness is not the end, nor loneliness, nor defeat, nor death; no, no! Because there is Easter. Easter is not an event past; Easter is a today reality ours is an Easter religion.

# AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

Just how does our experience of art reflect our experience of God? The Easter edition of Australian Catholics is out now... reflecting on the relationship between art, religion and spiritual development.

### Features include:

Australian Catholics in the classroom meaning behind famous artworks Explorations: Why art matters in church

Ann Rennie: Art that moves us

The Ecce homo meme: How should we really go about

restoring religious art?

Design feature: Restoring the Bunbury Cathedral
- Plus – Remembering Pope Benedict XVI's legacy.

### **HOLY LAND TOUR 2013**

Bookings close for this pilgrimage at the end of next week. Tour price: only \$6,499 per person twin share with economy class return airfares. Spots are strictly limited! To make your booking call Carolyn McLean on 1300 248 724 (option 3)

or e-mail cmclean@cr.org.au.

