

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH TATURA

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We acknowledge the Yorta Yorta nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, as they have occupied and cared for this country for many years.

We also celebrate their continuing contributions to the region.



Sacred Heart Parish
TATURA

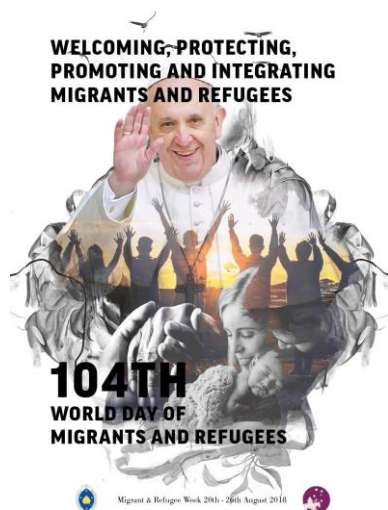
Parish Pastoral Council
In recess until further notice 2018

As Christ's disciples our mission is:

- * to be inspired by Christ
- * to actively live out Christ's message and the Gospel values by respecting, celebrating and honouring our Catholic traditions
- * to provide welcome and sanctuary for all
- * to foster a sense of social justice and to protect, nurture and support our Catholic community and the wider community by respecting life, self, others and the environment.

Readings -
Year B
Mark
Weekday Year 2

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY 26th AUGUST 2018



REFUGEE & MIGRANT SUNDAY

“You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God” (Leviticus 19:34).

This year is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It is important to remember all the wonderful benefits migrants have added to the Catholic community. Increased membership, active practice, new symbols, new practices and devotions and a sense of openness and inclusiveness of many people and cultures.

Of concern is the lamentable situation of many migrants and refugees fleeing from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty. Please remember them in your prayers. A prayer for refugees and migrants is on the right.

There's some wonderful information on the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office site for parishioners to read:
<https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au>

LETTER TO THE 'PEOPLE OF GOD'

We have heard much this week regarding the letter from Pope Francis. There has been debate as to whether it says enough and could Pope Francis have taken more decisive action against perpetrators.

The full letter is available for you today in the Narthex. So take a copy and read for yourself and discuss it with others.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Australian Bishops Commission has produced a pamphlet on these guidelines. It mentions those who are Ministers of distributing Communion, guidelines for those receiving and our understanding of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

Copies are available in the Narthex.

PRAYER FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Compassionate God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. Watch over those who are separated from their loved ones and homeland; those who fear persecution and hope for a better life in our community. May we reach out in welcome to all those who arrive as refugees, embracing one another so that together your hope O God will be our future we make this prayer through Christ our Lord Amen.

FINAL MASS AT UNDERA

The final Mass is today - Sunday 26th August at 1:00pm. Following the Mass there will be refreshments in the Undera Hotel.

We pray
for



Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Joan Hill (Wangaratta)
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Edna Krahe
Our sick and their carers	Adrian Houlihan, Denise Woodman, Ben Warnett

(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office.)

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
1 st Sep Sat 6pm	Carol Coulston	Sheila Gregg	Doreen Corrigan	Hutchison family	J Webster L McGrath G Lo Piccolo	Gwen Ranson
2 nd Sep Sun 9.30am	Rob Miller	AM Nihill	Bernie Maher	M Normington SMcCann	G Ranson S De Lai J De Lai	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	27 Aug	No Mass
Tuesday	28 Aug	No Mass
Wednesday	29 Aug	9.15am Mass
Thursday	30 Aug	9.15am Mass
Friday	31 Aug	9.15am Mass
Saturday	1 Sep	Mass 6pm
Sunday	2 Sep	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	1 Sep	11.30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

Mon	27 Aug	Spirituality in the Pub – Terminus Hotel 7.30pm
Tues	28 Aug	St Augustine
Wed	29 Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist
Thurs	30 Aug	10am Deanery Meeting Shepparton
Fri	31 Aug	7:30am Blokes' Breakfast 9:15am Father's Day Mass
Sat	1 Sep	6pm Mass Baptism Allegra Minutoli
Sun	2 Sep	9.30am Father's Day Mass
Mon	3 Sep	St Gregory the Great
Tues	4 Sep	
Wed	5 Sep	St Teresa of Calcutta 2pm C.W. L
Thurs	6 Sep	
Fri	7 Sept	10.30am Lone Pine Recommissioning Service
Sat	8 Sep	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Leslie
Sun	9 Sep	9.30am Children's Mass – Child Protection Sunday Cuppa after Mass

PASTORAL CARE

- Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869
- Anne Hutchison 5824 3460 Debbie Worm 5824 1841

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

This month's Spirituality in the Pub will be focusing on the 'PLENARY COUNCIL 2020'

This is a unique opportunity to make a contribution and to take your learnings back to small groups & parishes. More information on fliers at back of church.

Date: Monday 27th August

Time: 7.30-9.30pm

Venue: Terminus Hotel, Shepparton

Enq: Kerry 0408 579904

Frank 5821 4362

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Creative Arts Exhibition in Victory Hall

The Country Women's Association - Goulburn Valley West Group is holding a Creative Arts Exhibition in Victory Hall, Sunday 25th. Open to the public 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Admission \$5.00, Devonshire tea available \$5.00. Handcrafts, cooking, art and photography on display as well as spinning demonstrations and much more. All welcome.

SEPTEMBER ROSTERS

The September Rosters are in the folder in the Narthex please take one as you leave.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The Spring edition is in the Narthex.

FOUND

Has anyone lost this relic it was found in the Church by the cleaner. Please contact the Parish Office if this is yours.



FATHER'S DAY MASS & BLOKES' BREAKFAST

The Blokes' Breakfast takes place on Friday, August 31st. All dads, grandfathers and special blokes or friends are invited to join us for brekky and cuppa before heading off to work. It will start at 7:30am in front of the Mercy Centre and is a great opportunity for children and their special blokes to get together. We need numbers for catering and helpers on the day. Please add your name to the list in the foyer or phone the school office. Breakfast will be followed by our special Father's Day Mass. Everyone is very welcome to join us in the church at 9.15am if you can. Following the Mass will be a morning tea and classroom tour.

SACREMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Following our very beautiful Eucharist Mass on Sunday 12th of this month, our candidates are now beginning to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 8th September. Part of their preparation requires them to choose a Saint's name to take on as a guide in their faith journey. We wish each candidate all the very best as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next month. Please keep each of our candidates in your prayers during this time.

PRIVATE ROBERT MACTIER 100 YEARS

On the 1st September 1918, north of Peronne, Robert Mactier won his battalion's only Victoria Cross. On Saturday 1st September this year it will be 100 years since Mactier's heroic efforts on the battlefields of France. Originally planted on Monday 1st September 2008 to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the highest medal for Valour, the Victoria Cross to Private Robert Mactier, born and raised in the Tatura area, the Lone Pine is a living memorial to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in times of war.

LONE PINE RECOMMISSIONING

All families, friends and visitors are warmly welcome to attend our Lone Pine Recommissioning Service, held at the Lone Pine in Sacred Heart Church garden on Friday 7th September 2018, starting at 10:30am. Morning Tea will follow in the Mercy Centre at 11am.



WE NEED A MISSIONARY CHURCH, RATHER THAN A PERFECT CHURCH

As I travel around Australia promoting the Plenary Council, I encounter both scepticism and hope. The most frequent question is "will the bishops listen?" At the same time there is a reservoir of hope in people. They love the Church and want to be part of its future. They want to talk and they want to be listened to.

My hope is that we can build a Church in which lay men and especially women can play their rightful role in the ministry and governance of the Church, and where we can learn to trust one another – bishops and all the people of God.

But in recent weeks I have been giving more thought to the question posed for the Council: "What do you think God is asking for us in *Australia* at this time?" The question refers to Australia, not to the Church. The Plenary Council is not just for our Church, but for our country. Even if we were to come up with a transformed Church, if the country does not benefit, we will have 'failed'. We will have failed because we will have failed to be Church.

Fr Noel Connolly SSC Plenary Council Facilitaiton Team

Leaning on the Heart of God - Companioning the Dying:

'Leaning on the Heart of God - Companioning the Dying' Saturday Morning 'Coffee & Conversation' with Sr Helen Glasheen RSM & Mrs Loretta Lilford.

What might we expect, and what can we do, when someone we care about is dying? How may we accompany them on during this precious final journey?

When: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Date: Saturday 22 Sept - Mercy Centre

RSVP: (for catering): Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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These sessions have taken place in other parish areas around the diocese but not in the Goulburn Valley. I asked Lyn Breen about the possibilities of making this available to us.

You will find this session very informative and a great help in any decision making you need to make in the future.

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CONFESSIONAL OR PRIEST – PENITENT PRIVILEGE:

Over the last five weeks we have been placing articles about this document by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

There are now copies of the full document available for you in the Narthex.

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8



Readings
for this
Sunday

Ephesians 5:21-32



Readings for
next week:

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

John 6:60-69

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Liturgical Jottings

Baptismal Candle

After Crism and the White Garment, the child receives his/her Baptismal candle. One of the godparents lights it from the Paschal Candle and presents it to the parents and child. It symbolises the new light of faith in baptism and the resurrection and life of Christ in which the person is baptised. The celebrant leads the prayer: "Receive the light of Christ. Parents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. [Names] have been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as children of the light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet Christ with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom." (Rite n 64)

Text for the day

To whom should we go, Lord?
You have the words of eternal life.

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Focus on the Readings

Why do we support a particular football team? Do you believe in their policies and training programs? Do you believe they will win the Grand Final this year? No! Normally supporters have deeper and even implicit reasons for choosing their club. I know brides or grooms who change the allegiance after the wedding day so that they may be united in following the same team at the weekends. Others may have geographic domestic, traditional or other poignant considerations. In today's first reading Joshua, the successor of Moses, asked the people which gods they want to serve (follow). The gods beyond the River, the gods of the Amorites, or the one true Lord? Their reply was an emphatic: "We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods!"

Their faithfulness and service were based not simply on tenets, commandments or winning but on a long enduring relationship with their God. Covenant, Saving Actions, Revelations, Prophets, Moses and their Ancestors and communal and personal experiences and affections were all in the mix. This passage from Joshua dovetails very well into today's Gospel in which a similar scenario presents itself. Jesus has finished speaking on the "doctrine" of the Son of Man, his Body and Blood and food and drink for Eternal Life. Many of his followers refused to accept and stopped going with him. Jesus asked his apostles: "What about you?" Peter spoke up for all of them "To whom shall we go, Lord? You have the words of eternal life."

Faithfulness, service and following Jesus are more than understanding doctrines and obeying laws. Faith and Service are about belonging and meaningful relationships, awareness of God and self, life and destiny!

Words of Pope Francis

In effect, doctrine, or better, our understanding and expression of it, is not a closed system, devoid of the dynamic capacity to pose questions, doubts, inquiries... The questions of our people, their suffering, their struggles, their dreams, their trials and their worries, all possess an interpretational value ... Their wondering helps us to wonder, their questions question us. *Pope Francis, Gaudete Et Exsultate (2018) para 44.*

On the Lighter Side

Some confusion over using technology in biblical times

After the barley loaves and fishes miracle 4,000 unfriended on Facebook, and only 12 followers remained on Twitter.

Joshua first tried using Trumpware to hack the Firewall of Jericho, then realised that Trumpets were the way to go "No! Billy", the teacher said, "Your sins cannot be erased using Photoshop."



Psalm 5:3 (NIV) "In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly." ...