

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 generations. We also celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region.



Readings
Year B
Mark

Weekday Year 2



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.

THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (World Day of the Poor) – 18th November 2018

THE 2nd "WORLD DAY OF THE POOR"

At the end of the Year of Great Jubilee of Mercy 2016 Pope Francis established the 'World Day of the Poor'. This day is to be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, which falls on the 18th November this year. Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter 'Misericordia et Misera' established the day. Pope Francis states...

"We are told, in the first place, that the Lord listens to the poor who cry out; The Lord is good to those who seek refuge in him, whose hearts are broken by sadness, loneliness and exclusion. The Lord listens to those who, trampled in their dignity, still find the strength to look up to him for light and comfort. The Lord listens to those persecuted in the name of a false justice, oppressed by policies unworthy of the name, and terrified by violence, yet know that God is their Saviour. What emerges from this prayer is above all the sense of abandonment and trust in a Loving God who can hear and understand. Along these same lines, we can better appreciate the meaning of Jesus' words, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:3).

Pope Francis also said poverty "is not brought on by itself, but is caused by selfishness, pride, greed and injustice".

ST VINCENT de PAUL

As with previous years, the St Vincent de Paul Christmas tree will be in the Church waiting for your gifts to be placed under the branches.

The tree will be in the Church from the first week in Advent (1st-2nd December).

There will be envelopes hanging on the tree with the age and gender of the child for which a gift needs to be purchased.

Please be ready to take an envelope, purchase a gift and return it to the tree by the following weekend (8th-9th December)

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support for this very worthy cause.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD


November is a special time; besides the excitement of being not long before Christmas, it is a special time for Catholics to remember the dead. This is when we are really aware of what it means to be a part of a communion of saints.

All Saints Day – 1st November and All Souls Day 2nd November – we understand the link. All Saints – we ask them to look after us, and All Souls – we pray for them that they enjoy rewards of eternal life.

On All Saints Day this year, the whole school came to Mass to honour our saints. On All Souls Day the children could come to Mass with their family. Some children decided that they would like to go as some of them had lost a parent or someone very close. They discussed their reasons with their teachers.

When the children are so young maybe we underestimate the grief, pain, sorrow and loss that they can experience. But they do! I will share with you some of the thoughts the children had after the Mass.

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Jenny Barlow, Amelio Moro
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Antonio Ciavarella (one year),
	Our sick and their carers	Ebony Hamilton, Ben Warnett, Br Gerard O'Brien (Moira Anderson's brother NT) Bruce McLeod , Marli Kelly,

(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
24 th Nov Sat 6pm	Trish Miller	Steph Hicks	Ev Leahy	P Newman P Anderson	A Hicks D Turvey M Gale	Debbie & Lou Worm
25 th Nov Sun 9:30am	Debbie Worm	Rob Miller	Keith Stewart	Spedding Family	G LoPiccolo R Kelly K Gaffy	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	19 Nov	No Mass
Tuesday	20 Nov	No Mass
Wednesday	21 Nov	9:15 am 11.30am Funeral Mass
Thursday	22 Nov	9.15 am Mass
Friday	23 Nov	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	24 Nov	6 pm Mass
Sunday	18 Nov	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	25 Nov	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	19 Nov	
Tue	20 Nov	
Wed	21 Nov	Feast – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thur	22 Nov	12.00pm Deanery Mtg & Luncheon 7pm First Reconciliation
Fri	23 Nov	
Sat	24 Nov	6pm Mass
Sun	25 Nov	9.30am Mass
Mon	26 Nov	
Tues	27 Nov	
Wed	28 Nov	7.00pm School Board Mtg–Staff Room
Thurs	29 Nov	10.00am Professional Standards In-Service Shepparton (Fr. M)
Fri	30 Nov	
Sat	1 Dec	6.00 pm Mass
Sun	2 Dec	9.30 am Mass
Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869 Anne Hutchison 5824 3460; Debbie Worm 5824 1841		

Thoughts for the 2018/19 Year of Social Justice

Step 5 of 10 *continued from last week...*

'Make our parishes and communities welcoming places'

People experiencing poverty are never to be regarded as a 'problem' but as principal partners in the work of building up bonds of unity a social cohesion. Social Justice Statement 2018-2019, P.12

Start a conversation about how your parish can extend a welcome to everyone who comes to Church. How can people experiencing housing difficulties be protected from falling by the wayside?

- Are there ways your parish can identify those needing help?
- Is there someone in the parish who knows what resources are available for people with housing needs?
- Read a Handbook for Building Stronger Parishes, available from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference shop

www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop

*To be continued next week...
(From Ten Steps to Making a Home for everyone in our Land*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

On December 8th, we are once again taking gifts to our friends at Dhurringile Prison. For this to be a success, we need help from parishioners.

If you would like to come and help out, we will be leaving the St Vincent de Paul Centre at 9 am sharp. You will need to bring your driver's licence on the day.

Also you need to give your full name, address, Date of Birth and Drivers licence number to Denise Woodman ph 0429 899 698 by Wednesday 21st November at the very latest.

Thank you - St Vincent de Paul Conference Members



Executive Committee plans push to Ash Wednesday

Among the presentations to the Committee was an explanation of how people's stories, shared through their responses on the Plenary Council website, will shape the agenda for the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021.

Trudy Dantis and Stephen Reid from the National Centre for Pastoral Research described the quantitative and qualitative analysis that is being undertaken to assess the more than 1000 submissions that have already been received.

The Committee also heard that submissions have been evolving as more groups engage in the Listening and Dialogue encounter, with many of the responses being more focused on God when they have been shaped by the prayerful consideration that is outlined in the Listening and Dialogue process.

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STAYING MINDFUL (Taken from Jim Quillinan's "Along the Track")

During November, we remember those who have died and those who grieve for them.

When a loved one dies, a part of us dies too. Our life will never be quite the same. They remain part of us not just in our memories; we carry them with us daily in who we are and what we do and hope for. Sometimes we yearn for the day when we will be reunited. We hang onto that hope as it can help us to bear our pain and the fear of death.

We mourn their loss, we are saddened that we will not hear their voice or see them again in this life. While time can go some way in healing the pain of loss, we will always miss them. Our love for them doesn't end at death.

November is the time when we remember past times together, how much we loved them and they us. We take some time to recall how they live on in us and other loved ones - in their habits and memories and expressions and mannerisms, in the lessons they taught us, the expressions they gifted us. And during this month especially we are united in prayer. But it is not all about us. To be cont...

For Sale

Advent/Christmas Booklet - 'Saviour' \$5

**God's Word 2019
Daily Reflections \$15**

Columban Art Calendars \$9

Available in the Narthex

**Christmas Cards available in the Narthex
11 Cards for \$10 Honesty Box applies**

Pray for the Poor

There are so many people who need our prayers. If you are overwhelmed and not sure where to start, try praying with your newsfeed. As you see what's happening to people around the world, pause and pray for the people affected by those stories

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PRAY FOR THE DEAD

A teacher had a de-briefing session, which showed great sensitivity and compassion because the children needed that opportunity. Surprisingly, they said it was one of the best Masses they had been to! Their following comments would explain why.

The kids said:

- it felt personal
- we were able to think of loved ones
- We were able to pray
- We were able to cry and know it was OK
- It was the nicest Mass

The children who attended Mass wanted to be there, they had a reason. They were there for each other and to offer support to their friends. This support had a deep 'flow-on' effect when they went back to school. One student made the sensitive comment that there was great respect for everyone. And, they were happy that they had spent such a special time in the Church.

How special was that day! I thank the teacher for being so attuned to the spirit and the Spirit in those children.

We make comments about what the Mass means to our young ones and whether they will pray for the dead in the future. But moments and experiences like these will resonate with them for the rest of their lives.

We only need to give the Spirit the opportunity and great things can happen. A blessed moment.

Fr. Michael



Readings for this Sunday
 Daniel 12:1-3
 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
 Mark 13:24-32



Readings for next week:
 Daniel 7:13-14
 Apocalypse 1:5-8
 John 18:33-37



Liturgical Jottings Apocalyptic Writing

The liturgy provides several examples of scripture texts and prayers that speak of the future and the end times, especially at this time of the liturgical year as we come to the end of the Sundays of ordinary time and the last days of Jesus’ ministry in the Gospels. The last Sunday: the feast of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Universal King and the first Sunday of Advent also have the sense of the last days and the second coming of Christ.

The acclamation of faith in the Eucharistic Prayers proclaim Christ “until you come again,” and for us to take our place in the final supper of the Lamb (Ecce Agnus Dei) and to live with him eternally (Prayer after communion, Christ the King). Such expressions are less like warning of doom and more like hope-filled invitations to eternal life with God.

Focus on the Readings

Almost all cultures and religions address questions of the origins and ends of individuals, societies, and creation as a whole. At the end of the liturgical year, our readings focus on the end times. The first reading from Daniel describes that event with archangel Michael overseeing the judgment whereby some will move into everlasting life while others into everlasting disgrace (Dan 12:2). Two groups are given special attention-"the wise will shine brightly...and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever" (Dan 12:3).

The three Synoptic Gospels: Mathew, Mark and Luke, each have a section on the end of time or text with an “apocalyptic theme.” Each just precedes the Passion narratives and each emphasises that we do not know the day or hour. Or, for that matter the year or millennium. But, it hasn’t stopped people’s imaginations and attempts to interpret the signs. Soothsayers and prophets of doom come and go as often as their predicted dates of the end of the world come and go.

But, the Christian message from Christ himself is to stand confidently and hopefully for that glorious day. We examine our lives and discern our priorities and opportunities, Finally we must be encouraged that Christ has overcome evil and everything is ultimately in God’s hands.

Quote of the Week

I wish you to be without anxiety. He who is without anxiety waits without fear until his Lord comes. For what sort of love of Christ is it to fear his coming? *St Augustine commentary on Psalm 95.*

Words of Pope Francis

How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense. It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment. *Pope Francis, Gaudete Et Exsultate (2018) para 166*

On the Lighter Side

When I could not define Armageddon, the teacher acted like it was the end of the world.



People are making Apocalypse jokes like there's no tomorrow. If we learned anything from the Mayans, it is that if you do not finish something, it's not the end of the world.

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STRONGER RETREAT:

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Register now to confirm your place at the Stronger Retreat!

If you’re 15-26 years old and would like to join other young people from our diocese having fun, growing in discipleship and learning about your faith with Fr Rob Galea and special guests Sam Clear and Ashleigh Green.

Date: Nov 30-Dec 2

Venue: PGL Campaspe Downs, Kyneton

Cost: \$165 Register at strongeryouth.com. Transport and subsidies may be available.

For more info follow @StrongerYouth on Facebook or contact Sandhurst Youth Ministry at youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au