

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.



*Parish Pastoral Council
In recess until further notice*

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 C
Luke

Weekday Year 1

3rd Sunday of Lent – 24th March 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

24TH March 2019

Sixteen-year-old Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands, which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability.

With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. Students like Peter are now in better health and can fully commit to their studies - and work towards a hopeful future.

While most Australians access clean water by simply turning on a tap, for Peter who was born in the Lau region of Malaita Island, in the Solomon Islands, water is something he never takes for granted. "Water is part of our culture, a sym-bol in our dancing and our drumming. Lau means people who live in the is-lands," says Peter.

Peter's childhood has been challenging. His mother left the family when he was little and has since passed away. As he grew older, Peter developed a musculoskeletal disorder, and now walks with the aid of a stick. Faced with limited employment prospects and violence in the community, Peter's father decided to move to Honiara, in or-der to better provide for his family. Cont.....



Sacred Heart School

Holy Week Liturgies 2019


Mon 1 April	2:50 pm	Palm Sunday	Fs
Wed 3 April	2:50 pm	Holy Thursday	¾
Thurs 4 April	2:50 pm	Good Friday	5/6s
Friday 5 April	1:00 pm	Easter Sunday	1/2s



CUPPA AFTER SUNDAY MASS 14th - APRIL.

Don't forget to come and have a coffee/tea, a chat and some yummy morning tea!!



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Silvano Sgammotta, Lisa Malone
	Our sick and their carers	Brian Morley, Harley Jones, Diane Mulcahy, Ebony Hamilton

(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
Sat 30th Mar 6:00 pm	Mary Gale	Sheila Gregg	Pat Anderson	Anne and Seth Hutchison	Joan Webster Leo McGrath Gwen Ranson	Carol Coulston
Sun – 31st Mar 9:30 am	Denice Bourke	Debbie Turvey	Bernie Maher	Karen Nihill Marg Normington	Anne-Maree Nihill Connie Serra Debbie Worm	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	25 Mar	No Mass
Tuesday	26 Mar	No Mass
Wednesday	27 Mar	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	28 Mar	No Mass
Friday	29 Mar	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	30 Mar	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	31 Mar	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	30 Mar	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	
MARCH/APRIL DIARY DATES		
Mon	25 Mar	Feast – Annunciation of Our Lord
Tues	26 Mar	
Wed	27 Mar	CWL Retreat 9.00am – Heathcote
Thurs	28 Mar	
Fri	29 Mar	
Sat	30 Mar	Wedding 2.30pm Angela Sullivan
Sun	31 Mar	4 th Sunday of Lent
Mon	1 April	
Tues	2 Apr	Feast: St Francis of Paola -R
Wed	3 Apr	School Board Mtg. 7.00pm
Thurs	4 Apr	Feast: St Isadore
Fri	5 Apr	Feast: St Vincent Ferrer – W (Day of Penance)
Sat	6 Apr	
Sun	7 Apr	5 th Sunday of Lent / Baptism

PASTORAL CARE

Debbie Worm 5824 1841 Pauline Hindson 5824 1841;
Anne Hutchison 5824 3460

SPENCER LEVI BAKER

We welcome Spencer Levi Baker into our Parish Family. Spencer is being baptised this weekend



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM –

Airs 31 March 2019

This week on The Journey, our Gospel is Luke: 15: 1-3, 11-32, and is reflected on by Fr Sean Cullen, Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy encourages us to Share our Faith and Fr Dave Callaghan, in his God spot talks about 'Doubt is God'. Some of our music highlights during Lent will be the Responsorial Psalm from our very own Lenten program, TRUST, this week it is Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord

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Easter Timetable 2019 Sacred Heart Tatura

16 th	April	Tuesday 11.00 am Chrism Mass Bendigo
17 th	April	Wednesday 7.30 pm Parish Reconciliation
18 th	April	Holy Thurs 6.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
19 th	April	Good Friday 10.00 am Stations of the Cross
19 th	April	Good Friday 3.00 pm The Passion of Our Lord
20 th	April	Easter Sat 6.00 pm Easter Vigil
21 st	April	Easter Sun 9.30 am Mass



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

DIOCESE OF SANDHURST

Report on the first stage of the Council.

What follows is an attempt to synthesise the hundreds of submissions by people in the Sandhurst Diocese to the Plenary Council to some fifteen themes. These themes are not necessarily presented here in order of importance nor does this report attempt to identify every theme or suggestion received. What follows is an attempted summary of the principal areas raised.

“Hierarchy”

- A call to uphold the faith, strengthen the faith, and so promote Church life.
- Plenary Council to hear, understand and act on what is being asked.
- Call out leaders for their behaviour, especially their focus on rules instead of faith.
- Better communication between leaders and the faithful, specifically in relation to secrecy and decision-making, consultation, and acceptance of responsibility.
- Church too busy protecting its assets instead of listening to grass roots people.
- Need for all to be involved and informed in relation to the administration and decision-making in the Parish and in particular the Diocese.
- A Pastoral plan for the Diocese be formed by all members of the Diocese and not just the Clergy.
- Reconstitution of such bodies as the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Liturgical Committee.
- Introduction of a Diocesan Youth Commission.
- Lay people involved in Clergy Life Ministry aspects of the Church.
- Those who have leadership positions within the Church seem not to be capable of being present to people and appear to be out of touch.
- There appears to be little sense of the urgency among the Church's leaders in relation to the various crisis facing the Catholic Church.
- The structure and hierarchy of the Church has too much focus on maintaining status, ego, power and wealth.
- Some of our Church leaders have been great at addressing the shortcomings of the Church, while others have been appalling and have left people angry and despondent.
- We, the flock, are clear that more of the same is not an option in Australia

Next week -Theme 3 – Seminary and Training
To be cont....

BEARING THE BURDEN OF WRONGS

“Do not repay evil with evil. 1 Peter 3:9

On January 30, 2018, almost 38 years after his conviction, Malcolm Alexander walked out of prison a free man. DNA evidence cleared Alexander, who had steadfastly maintained his innocence amid a myriad of court proceedings that were tragically unjust. An incompetent attorney (later disbarred), shoddy evidence and dubious investigative tactics all put an innocent man in prison for nearly 4 decades. When he was finally released, however, Alexander showed immense grace. “You cannot be angry,” he said. “There’s not enough time to be angry”.

Alexander’s words evidence a deep grace. If injustice robbed us of 38 years of our lives and destroyed our reputations, we would likely be angry, furious! Though Alexander spent many long, heartbreaking years bearing the burden of wrongs inflicted upon him, he wasn’t undone by the evil. Rather than exerting his energy trying to get revenge, he exhibited the posture Peter instructs: “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult” (Peter 3:9)

The Scriptures go a step further: rather than seeking vengeance, the apostle Peter tells us we are to *bless* (V.9). We extend forgiveness, the hope of well-being, for those who have unjustly wronged us. Without excusing their evil actions, we can meet them with God’s scandalous mercy. On the cross, Jesus bore the burden of our wrongs, that we might receive grace and extend it to others – even those who have wronged us.

Without excusing their actions, how can you extend mercy to others who have wronged you? What will it mean for you to bless them?

How does this sit with any of us in the light of what ‘we’ as church are experiencing at the moment and the outcomes of the Royal Commission?

NOTRE DAME COLLEGE

Notre Dame College will be holding its **Open Day** on Friday 3 May 2019.

Tours commence from the front of the Administration Building. Prospective 2020 students and parents are invited to attend. Visitors are also welcome

For further information, please phone the College on **5822 8400**.



Readings for this week: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9



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



Liturgical Jottings
Season of Lent III

The Gospels of Year C present one of the themes of Lent: Repentance and God’s invitation for forgiveness of sins. We begin this series with Jesus’ call for conversion and the parable of the fig tree (Luke 13:1-9); next Sunday the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) and on the fifth Sunday of Lent, the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11). The first readings recall God’s covenant with his people and the second reading are rich in Christian spirituality and would require rereading and meditation.

Prayer for the Week

Father, you have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting and works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in your love.

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Looking at the Readings

Visions, Dreams and Change: they all seem complex and risky yet that are what Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and St Paul had to experience as faithful believers in God. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all had dreams in which God spoke to them. God revealed his plan, showed them the way and made a Covenant with them and the people. Today in Moses’ vision of the Burning Bush God reveals his purpose, his name, and thus his very being. The Lenten first readings recall the great Covenant as preparation of the New Covenant which is achieved by Jesus Christ’s life, passion, cross, death and resurrection.

Preparation for the Easter mysteries demands conversion. In the Gospel, today, Jesus mentioned natural disasters and human catastrophes but we are not to blame God or innocent people for them. We must look at our own behaviours, our own sins and our own responsibilities. Like the barren fig tree we have the time and the means to change. We are asked to repent, and God is patient.

The Divine Tetragrammon

The four letters of God’s Name YHWH was always written without the vowels, for it was so holy it should not be pronounced or spoken. It was the name God revealed to Moses who asked whom shall I say spoke to me. God spoke “I Am Who Am”. Now His Son speaks like God when he says “I Am ...” the Bread of Life (John 6:35), the Light of the world (8:12), the Good Shepherd (10:11) and the Resurrection (11:25) and ultimately: “before Abraham came to be I Am” (8:24ff).

Lenten Quote from the Saints

Here I am before you with my firmness and my infirmity. Preserve the first and heal the second. Here I am before you with my strength and my ignorance. Where you have opened the door to me, welcome me at the entrance; where you have closed the door to me, open to my cry; enable me to remember you, to understand you, and to love you. Amen. *Prayer of St Augustine of Hippo*

Lighter Side

- Q. Why couldn’t the fig tree get back in shape?
A. It couldn’t stick to a root-ine.
- Q. How did the elm tree know the fig tree wasn’t looking for anything serious?
A. It asked for no twigs attached.
- Q. Why do you never want to invite fig trees to your party?
A. Because they think it’s a date and they never want to leaf.



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Action: When you go to your local supermarket, look for chocolate that has one of these three symbols.

