

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 C
Luke

Weekday Year 1



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.

5th Sunday of Easter – 19th May 2019



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Patroness of
Australia

The feast day of Our Lady (Mary) Help of Christians is celebrated on May 24 and has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800s.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau, France.

The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary.

The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on May 24, 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome.

Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant Church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. In those early and mostly priestless days, it was largely the Rosary that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary, and was the first nation to choose her, under the title of Help of Christians, as Principal Patron.

<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/articles/reflections/2018/reflection-our-lady-help-of-christians-patron-of-australia>

WHEN LIFE IS ENDING...

There were 26 attending the talk led by Dr. Caroline Ong RSM. She spoke about the dignity and respect each person deserves from conception to death. Life is a gift given to us by our Creator.

Through life we all experience ups and downs. We all suffer at times and have doubts, but through it all, life is what it is, and we have no explanation for it.

So with our faith – God is with us through it all – another beautiful gift. When the time comes to dying – it is a time to let go, to reconcile if need be, to accept care and love from those around us, and go happily to meet our Creator.

Then she spoke about the need for us to plan ahead if we want to. Don't leave it to others if you have wishes you want for your final years.

There are new laws in place now, so read about them and make your own decisions while you can. Lots of books and guides for families are available.

Trish Warnett




Baptism

KARA BILLIE FORD

Congratulations to Kara Billie Ford who is both being baptised today.

We welcome her into our faith family

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Felice Caraffa
	Our sick and their carers	Harley Jones, Ebony Hamilton

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Sat: 25 th May	Mary Gale	Steph Hicks	Judith Steele	E Leahy J Cummins	J Webster A Ciavarella A Hicks	Debbie Worm
Sun: 26 th May	Robert Miller	Sacha Finlayson	Seth Hutchison	Spedding Family	D Worm A Hutchison E Worm	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Day	Date	
Monday	20 May	
Tuesday	21 May	
Wednesday	22 May	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	23 May	9:15 am Mass
Friday	24 May	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	25 May	6:00 am Mass
Sunday	26 May	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	25 May	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

MAY/JUNE DIARY DATES		
Mon	20 May	
Tue	21 May	
Wed	22 May	School Board Mtg. 7.00pm
Thur	23 May	
Fri	24 May	Feast: Our Lady Help of Christians (Patroness of Aust.)
Sat	25 May	
Sun	26 May	
Mon	27 May	
Tue	28 May	
Wed	29 May	
Thur	30 May	
Fri	31 May	
Sat	1 June	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	2 June	Mass 9.30am CUPPA AFTER MASS

PASTORAL CARE

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

HOUSEKEEPERS AND SECRETARIES DAY

H & S Day was held on Tuesday 14th May. Bishop Leslie welcomes the H & S to a special celebration beginning with Mass held at St Brendan's. This was followed by luncheon at the Connection. It was the 20th year of recognising the ladies assisting their priests and parishes. There were about 60 H & S's present and 6 priests concelebrating the Mass.

Parish Visitor's Reflection Day

When: Thursday May 23rd. 10.00am – 12.30pm

Where: St Brendan's Parish Centre.

Mary Murphy will lead the day.

Lunch provided.

Mary Murphy has extensive experience in guiding retreat and reflection days. Mary is a spiritual director who is always keen to help people know more deeply God's dynamic love within and beyond. Mary words in planning the day: 'I will be working on people's own & collective spirituality'.

Mary will seek to help people to uncover the beauty within, and to uncover the gift we bring when visiting others and finally, to give thanks for God's wondrous gifts.

Jesus encourages us and leads us by these words:

'I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'
(Mt.25:36)

This is living the good news this is what you do through your visiting ministry.



RSVP: anthypastoral@bigpond.com May 13th or call Anthony Thursday's or Friday's, on 58212633, and leave your name.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2019 Melbourne weekend dates: 31 May-2 June 2019, 23-25 August 2019, and 15-17 November, 2019

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.
Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Mercy and James 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website:www.wwme.org.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM –

Airs 26 May 2019

All Journey Catholic Radio information is a week in advance.

This week on The Journey, our Gospel is John 14:23-29 encourages our belief in the Lord.

Mother Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with reminder of the great companionship that was Guido and Pope St John XXIII, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, talks openly about Testing Our Faith and Trish McCarthy urges us to Look Deeper in her Milk and Honey God spot. We are truly lucky to have some wonderfully talented Christian Music artists on our show.

Tune into LIFE 105.1 FM Sunday 11am, repeated Wednesday 3pm or go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



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.

Marriage and the Family

- The changes as set out by Pope Francis in 2015 to the process and conditions of annulment need to be put into practice.
- There is an urgent and ongoing need to consider the issue of divorce in the Catholic Church.
- Need to give serious consideration to marriage in the context of the modern world.
- Persons in aged care need support, inclusion and reassurance.

Liturgy

- It is time to revisit our liturgies and worship places.
- Young people find the Mass and Catholic liturgy boring and uninteresting.
- Liturgical language needs updating and modernising.
- A modern understanding of values and sin in relation to lifestyle choices is needed.
- The Third Rite of Reconciliation needs greater use and acceptance.
- More singing in Mass with joy and passion.
- Particular attention to the styles and forms of music that will speak to and attract young people.
- Some young people are looking for more awe and reverence in liturgy
- Wider use could be made of the RCIA forum for knowledge of the faith.
- Charisms in the Church to be encouraged.
- A call to live the faith meaningfully, to remain true and strong to our faith.
- A clearer explanation of Catholic belief.
- The Gospels are the centre of all that we do and say.

To be continued next week



Readings for this week: Acts 14:21-27
Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 13:31-35



Readings for next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23
John 14:23-29



Liturgical Jottings
The Cross

Either on the altar or near it, there is to be a cross, with the figure of Christ crucified upon it, a cross clearly visible to the assembled people. It is desirable that such a cross should remain near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations, so as to call to mind for the faithful the saving Passion of the Lord. The cross, ..., is carried in procession at the beginning of Mass and may be placed next to the altar to serve as the altar cross. cf GIRM 308 122

Particularly during the Easter Season the passages read from John's Gospel often refer to the cross as the sign of victory and that it is by the Cross that Christ is glorified. At the Last Supper Jesus instructs the disciples that "The Son of Man will be glorified by the Father very soon." John 13:31-33

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Looking at the Readings

Unlike most people, Jesus was not caught off guard by his death: it was constantly before his eyes and he freely gave himself up to it when the "hour" had come. This is why before his death he wanted to gather his disciples for one last supper when in leisurely fashion he could speak to them heart to heart. Today we read the beginning of this testament. The style of this initial declaration fits in with other sayings of Jesus in John's Gospel where the Lord's Passion is always bound up with his glory. And it is only faith that is able to perceive this mystery. (Days of the Lord vol 3 p174)

Several elderly people, and even young people, faced with imminent death are able to express in similar words or even no words at all but in their quiet ways this same mystery of life. To know that at the end of their earthly life they feel the time to go to the Father with their life complete is a graced moment. The gospel reading today concludes with the command to love. May we embrace this mystery and experience the love of God and his welcome to eternal life.

A Prayer for Elections

O God, who assigned Saint Matthias a place in the college of Apostles, grant us, through his intercession, that, rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us, we may merit to be numbered among the elect. (St Matthias was elected an apostle by the other eleven apostles who drew his name by lot after prayer to the Lord)

The Saints on Easter

Addressed to the Christian disciple: "You fought day and night for the whole fraternity that the number of God's elect might be saved with mercy and a good conscience. You were sincere and uncorrupted, and forgetful of injuries between one another. Every kind of faction and schism was abominable in your sight. You mourned over the transgressions of your neighbours: their deficiencies you deemed your own. You never grudged any act of kindness, being 'ready to every good work.'...The commandments and ordinances of the Lord were written upon the tablets of your hearts." (Clement of Rome, letter to the Corinthians Ch 2)

On the Lighter Side

Religion is generally a verboten topic for politicians, except for Larry. Recently, after he steered yet another conversation toward the topic, a colleague whispered, "That Larry — he always has to put his two saints worth in."



Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Mon 3rd June 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional) Come and join the conversation about **RESPONDING TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION - National & Local perspectives**. Speakers are **Sheree Limbrick**, inaugural CEO of **Catholic Professional Standards Limited**, the new independent company established by the Church to develop, audit & report on compliance with professional standards across Catholic entities. And **Kathy Hunt**, St Brendans Parish Council Chair & member of their Child Safe Team. More information on fliers at back of church. Enq: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362 Fran 5829 0301