

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th July 2019 (Sea-farers Sunday)

SEA-FARERS SUNDAY

Today is Sea-farers Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living.

The appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

For more information about its work, visit www.aos-australia.org

Please be generous when we take up the 2nd collection for Seafarers tonight/today.

HELPING HAND

I will be helping out in the parish of Kyabram for the weeks of 21 & 28 July and 4 & 11 August while Fr. Jinjo is on holidays. This will also include Liturgies such as grandparent Masses and Baptisms.

HOMELESS PEOPLE

Last Saturday I attended the Forum in Shepparton to address the growing problem of homeless people in the Shepparton area.

It was very well attended – I would think there were about 70 people there.

Who do we call the homeless? There are 372 people experiencing homelessness in this electorate.

Shepparton has the single highest level of homelessness in regional Victoria.

About 12% are rough sleeping, 30% are in supported accommodation for the homeless, 18% are couch surfing, about 3% in other temporary lodging and 35% in severely over-crowded dwellings.

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PLEASE READ AND RESPOND!

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has not functioned since last year. This is not a good sign of a lively parish. I have real concerns for the future after I have retired that that Parish will not have a voice or input into its operation and pastoral activities.

So, I am asking parishioners to share my concern and do something. I want younger members, school families etc. to heed this request. People who want to make sure that we continue as a viable, active and faith filled community.

This needs to happen in record time so we can have several meetings before I leave. Even if someone is happy to give 12 months – just to get us back on track and moving ahead.


If you are interested or have any ideas – then speak directly to me.

Fr. Michael

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Tommy Deane who reached the grand old age of 97 years last Monday. Winning the Stawell Gift again is probably beyond Tommy these days! Anyway, from all of your Parish friends – we hope you had a great day!



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Lui Pegoraro, Jim Hamilton
	Our sick and their carers	Peter Anderson, Laurie Noonan, Harley Jones, Ebony Hamilton, Brendan Steele

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Sat 20 th July 6.00 pm	Mary Gale	Judith Steele	Seth Hutchison	J Caiafa D Hamilton	A Hutchison T Miller J Webster	Debbie Worm
Sunday 21 th July 9.30 am	Simon Cowan	Debbie Turvey	Carmel White	M Sgammotta T Palmeri	L Cowan D Worm A Basile	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Day	Date	
Monday	15 July	
Tuesday	16 July	
Wednesday	17 July	9:15 am Intention: Jim Hamilton
Thursday	18 July	9:15 am Mass
Friday	19 July	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	20 July	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	21 July	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	20 July	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

JULY DIARY DATES		
Day	Date	Event
Mon	15 July	3 rd Term - School Resumes
Tue	16 July	Feast: Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Wed	17 July	11 am Mass Moyola Lodge
Thur	18 July	
Fri	19 July	SYM Wine and Cheese St Brendan's 6.00pm. (Stronger Youth)
Sat	20 July	Cooked Brekky St Brendan's 7.30am. Mass 6.00 pm
Sun	21 July	Baptism – Isabella Davidson (During 9.30 am Mass) Fr. Michael - Mass Kyabram 11.00 am
Mon	22 July	Feast: St Mary Magdalene
Tue	23 July	Feast: St Bridget
Wed	24 July	School Board Mtg. 7.00 pm
Thur	25 July	Feast: St James the Apostle
Fri	26 July	Feast: St Joachim & St. Anne
Sat	27 July	Mass 6.00 pm
Sun	28 July	Mass 9.30 am SVPD Meeting after Mass in the Parish Hall

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH – Men's Group

On Saturday 20th July there will be a "Cooked Brekky" (by Damien Sullivan and Tony Kelly) in the Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre at 7.30 am. There will be a guest speaker – TBA.

SYM Wine and Cheese Night Shepparton

Sandhurst Youth Ministry invite young people aged 18-35 to gather in the Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre at St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton, for a night of food, drink and conversation. Friday 19th July 2019 6pm to 8:30pm. We are pleased to welcome Sandhurst Seminarian, Adi Indra, to speak as part of the evening, do not miss out on this fantastic opportunity.

Please RSVP for catering purposes.

For more info follow @SandhurstYouth on Facebook or contact Sandhurst Youth Ministry at youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or call Ruth or Samuel (03) 5441 2544.

Please ensure you have a look at the notice board in the Narthex to see notices which may not be in the Bulletin or which may provide you with further information. **Current notices include:** Wheel of Prayer Day, Plenary Council – Position Vacant, Stronger Retreat 23 -25th August, Ten Steps for Making a Home for Everyone in our Land etc.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Jesus' answer to that question has, as Fr **Brendan Byrne SJ says in his homily notes**, a profound effect on what it means to be Christian. Our neighbours are not just the people who look or think like us. They may be poor, marginalised, different races or faiths. They may vote differently or make choices with which we don't agree. We don't have to 'become good friends' with all our neighbours as the famous TV show lyrics would have us, but we need to show care, compassion and respect to all.

RESPONDING TO MODERN HUMAN SLAVERY

It is not difficult to find sources in the Church which condemn slavery and human trafficking. The Catholic Church has condemned human trafficking and has developed social service programs to serve and protect its survivors. During Vatican II (1962-65) the Catholic Church reaffirmed its historic concern about forced labour, stating that 'slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children and disgraceful working conditions where people are treated as instruments of gain rather than free and responsible persons' are 'infirmities' and 'an affront to fundamental values.... Values rooted in the very nature of a human person' To be continued.....



This week on the Journey, we hear Luke's Gospel 10:38-42. Mother Hilda from the Abbey shares with us Good News, we have the ever-talented Trish McCarthy with her God spot, and you will hear from some of our other favorites. With amazing Christian Music artists, we are blessed to bring you this week's edition of the Journey Catholic Radio Program. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for free

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About 40% of prisoners are homeless on release. Something like 1,500 return service men (Iraq etc.) are rough living along the banks of the Murray.

There is a handout in the Narthex "Ten Steps to Making a Home for Everyone in our Land.

This month's edition of 'Catholic Health Australia' says, "But there is one alarming statistic which now deserves our attention: **older single female households are among the fastest growing cohort of people experiencing homelessness in Australia.** The ABS's definition of homelessness states that when a person does not have suitable accommodation alternatives, they are considered homeless if their current living arrangement:

- is in a dwelling that is inadequate; or
- has no tenure, or if their initial tenure is short and not extendable; or
- does not allow them to have control of and access to space for social relations".



The question for today is...

Why are we having a Plenary Council in 2020?

There are many reasons for having a Plenary Council for the Catholic Church in Australia. Those reasons include: Pope Francis has invited the local Church to dialogue; the contemporary society of Australia has changed significantly; and the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse has been a significant and influential event that requires deep consideration and response.

When the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference announced the decision to hold a Plenary Council, Archbishop of Brisbane Mark Coleridge said that "the Church is not the presence in our society it once was. We need to take a measure of that and make decisions accordingly. The culture in which we have to proclaim the Gospel is very different to what it was even 20 or 30 years ago."

The Council is being held in 2020 in order to give the Catholic community in Australia time to listen, dialogue and discern with one another and, guided by the Holy Spirit, about the future, the role and relevance of the Catholic Church in Australia.

2019 Corpus Christi College Raffle

The 2019 Corpus Christi College Seminary Parents and Friends Auxiliary raffle tickets are now on sale. **Tickets are \$10 each**

1st prize:

\$15,000 travel award through Ashmore & James
Travel valid until August 2020

2nd prize:

\$1,000 Gift Voucher from Coles Myer

3rd prize:

\$400 Gift Voucher from Coles Myer

4th prize:

\$200 Gift Voucher from Coles Myer

Raffle Draw, Friday 30th August 2019, commencing at 7:30 pm at Corpus Christi College

Please place your name and phone number and how many tickets you would like on the clipboard in the Narthex and we will do a group purchase.

We will send in the request for tickets on 25 July so please have your details in by this date.

Just a brief reminder – If you can't fulfil your roster duties please contact Trish Warnett on

5824 1083 or mob. 0410 094 323 and let her know. Thank you



Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37



Readings for next Sunday

Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42



Liturgical Jottings

Letter to the Colossians

From the Fifteenth to the Eighteenth Sundays in Ordinary Time we read from St Paul's letter to the Colossians. It was a prosperous city in Asia Minor but a community that Paul had not visited. It is the only Church he had written to without being with them and the only letter in which he does not reprimand its Christians for wrongdoing, though he does warn them about such and gives them great encouragement. It is a short letter and the four passages in the Sunday Lectionary give us 37% of the full text. The Passage today is a hymn to Christ. The Letter has inspired a few hymns including: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (several versions) Spirit Friend (Tom Colvin), Fullness of God (Frank Andersen) and Where There is Charity and Love (Richard Connelly).

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Looking at the Readings

The dilemmas in the readings today abound. The first reading is the fourth reflection on the Law of God in the book of Deuteronomy given by Moses just prior to his death. The Law is an expression of God's covenant, his love for us and in which the people find their life and identity. Not a burden, not remote but life-giving! The problems came later when men's interpretations and additions made Law so difficult.

So the lawyer's question to Christ reflects that dilemma between Law and Life. Jesus response comes from one of those four reflections on the Law in Deuteronomy. In fact he quotes a prayer that he, his parents and any religious person pray morning and evening: "The Shema" see below.

Next question: "Who is my neighbour?" More dilemmas! Would the Temple priest and the Levite "break the law" to help a fellow countryman in need and become unclean to perform their legal duties? Can Samaritans be Good? Is not the term "Good Samaritan an oxymoron – a contradiction in terms. Even the lawyer could not say "Samaritan" but "the one who took pity." Yet this parable has been universally accepted, promoted and loved. We describe anyone who comes to a stranger's aid as a "Good Samaritan." We are challenged, like the lawyer to consider our response to those in need, to reflect on the Law of Love and to act with compassion and love above all. It is not beyond our strength or beyond our reach. God is very near to us.

The Shema Prayer

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Quote of the Week

"If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But by the very nature of his concern, the good Samaritan reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

Martin Luther King Jr

On the Lighter Side: Irish Proverbs II



Lose an hour in the morning and you will be looking for it all day. It's as easy to catch a cold in a king's castle as in a shepherd's hut. You're got to do your own growing no matter how tall your father was. May you live to be 100 years with one extra year to repent.

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