

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

Meet on the first Wednesday of the month

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.

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th September 2019

GOOD NEWS FOR OUR PARISH

A question that has been asked for many years around the parish, "What is happening to the Convent?" We have had many many possibilities presented over many years, but nothing eventuated. The Finance Committee has pursued all the options at great cost of time and inconvenience.

In the early part of last year, negotiations commenced again with the CEO – Catholic Education Office – Sandhurst to look again at what the Convent had to offer them. It has progressed from there to the announcement that the CEO will move into the Convent about the middle of next year after extensive works have been undertaken. A lease of ten years.

The negotiations between ourselves and the CEO have been most harmonious, with both parties working together to make sure it happened.

- Fr Michael

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

Sunday 8th September marks the observance of Child Protection Sunday.

This is a wonderful opportunity to remember our precious children and the need to ensure they are always safe and feel safe in our communities.

Prominent in our Church buildings are the posters about the Seven Standards of Child Safety and the practical steps we all need to follow to ensure they are safe.

Let's all work together to make our communities safe and nurturing places for us all!

INDUCTION OF THE NEW PPC

This weekend we are inducting our new Parish Pastoral Council. We have been meeting already but now is the time to present them to the parish.

I am delighted that this group is operating again because their role is so important for the pastoral needs and welfare of the parish.

The new members are: Debbie Worm, Matt Cameron, Jasmine De Lai, Ryerson De Lai, Anne-Marie Gray, Liza Saddler and Matt Nihill.

The mix of this group with youth and what they all individually have to offer is very exciting for the parish.

- Fr Michael

Cuppa after Sunday Mass

There will be a Cuppa after our Children's Mass this Sunday – please stay and enjoy the fellowship





Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving

For those whose anniversary occurs at this time

Our sick and their carers

Margot Kerrins, Venerianda (Anna) Poppa

Saveria Muto, Terry White

Harry McCullagh, Peter Anderson, Harley Jones, Brendan Steele

| Date | Commentator | Reader | Gospel Procession | Presentation of the Gifts | Special Ministers | Counter |
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| Saturday 14 th Sept 6.00 pm | Sacha Finlayson | Carol Coulston | Ev Leahy | P Moroney D Corrigan | E Worm L McGrath M Gale | Debbie Worm |
| Sunday 15 th Sept 9.30 am | Simon Cowan | Debbie Worm | Ella Kerrins | M Sgammotta T Palmeri | Lou & Paul Kerrins Lisa Cowan | |

| MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK | | |
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| Day | Date | |
| Monday | 9 Sept | |
| Tuesday | 10 Sept | |
| Wednesday | 11 Sept | 9:15 am Anointing Mass 6.30 pm Confirmation |
| Thursday | 12 Sept | 9:15 am Mass |
| Friday | 13 Sept | No Mass |
| Saturday | 14 Sept | 6:00 pm Mass |
| Sunday | 15 Sept | 9:30 am Mass |
| Saturday Reconciliation | 14 Sept | 11:30 am |
| Rosary | 15 minutes Before Weekday Mass | |

| SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES | | |
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| Day | Date | |
| Mon | 9 Sept | |
| Tues | 10 Sept | Italian Rosary 2.00 pm |
| Wed | 11 Sept | Anointing Mass 9.15 am Reconciliation 11.40 am (Year 5) Funeral Mass (Anna Poppa) 1.00 pm Finance Meeting 5.30 pm Confirmation 6.30 pm |
| Thur | 12 Sept | Feast: Holy Name of Mary PRF meeting, Bendigo 2 pm – Fr Michael |
| Fri | 13 Sept | Feast: St John Chrysostom Funeral Mass (Margot Kerrins) 11 am |
| Sat | 14 Sept | |
| Sun | 15 Sept | Retired Priest Collection |
| Mon | 16 Sept | |
| Tues | 17 Sept | |
| Wed | 18 Sept | Reconciliation 11.40 am (Year 6) |
| Thur | 19 Sept | School Concert |
| Fri | 20 Sept | End of Term 3 |
| Sat | 21 Sept | Feast: St Matthew |
| Sun | 22 Sept | |

PASTORAL CARE

Debbie Worm 5824 1841

Pauline Hindson 5824 1841

Anne Hutchison 5824 3460

RESPONDING TO MODERN HUMAN SLAVERY (continued)

Pope Francis in his Declaration on International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, Dec 2, 2014 said:

“... we declare on each and every one of our creeds that modern slavery, in terms of human trafficking, forced labour and prostitution, and organ trafficking, is a crime against humanity. Its victims are from all walks of life, but are most frequently among the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. On behalf of all of them, our communities of faith are called to reject, without exception, any systematic deprivation of individual freedom for the purposes of personal or commercial exploitation; in their name, we make this declaration.”

The commitment to anti-slavery is therefore at the heart of our mission in Catholic organisations.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:33)

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

The Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal will be taken up **next weekend** (14th and 15th September) for the Retired Priests of the Sandhurst Diocese. The Diocese has 14 retired priests who depend on the support from the diocese, which means the support of the people of the diocese.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10, please use the envelopes provided in the Narthex.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

On Wednesday 16th October there will be an Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay, will take place.

When: Wednesday 16th October 2019
Where: Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo
Time: 12 noon

Could you please let Mary in the Parish office know if you are interested in attending.

- Fr Michael

DIARY DATE

FR MICHAEL'S FARWELL

Please make a note in your diary for Sunday 20th October. This will be Fr Michael's last Sunday Mass as our Parish Priest. The Mass will be held at 10:30 am and followed by a finger food type luncheon at the Italian Club. More information will be coming out in the coming weeks.

If you would like more information please contact Mary in the Office.

SANDHURST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Fan into flame the Gift of God which is in you..." 2 Tim 1:6.

The Sandhurst Catholic Charismatic Renewal Annual Conference is being held on 18th, 19th and 20th October 2019 in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre at St Brendan's Parish, Knight St, Shepparton. Enquiries to Brigita Hore (mobile 0412 042 196). For further details, please see the noticeboard in the Narthex.

THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

When she was only ten weeks old, Ebony Hamilton was rushed to hospital in Adelaide. Once her condition was understood to be critical she was flown to Melbourne to the Royal Children's Hospital.

Her parents, Carlie and Brian, were told of the seriousness of Ebony's condition and that she would not leave hospital because she required a heart transplant.

Our prayers for her over many months was that she would, somehow, receive a new heart. This meant for her to survive that someone else would die.

Her response to the gift of a new heart has been amazing (answer to prayer); the family have now returned to Adelaide in time for her first birthday.

Carlie and Brian are so convinced that the power of prayer has supported their little girl and thank us for our prayers.

They seek our continued prayers for a sad and grieving family who have lost a loved one who has given life to save another.

SEASON OF CREATION 2019 (1st Sept to 4 Oct)

A Prayer for Our Earth – Pope Francis, Laudato Si

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe

and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. AMEN



Readings for this week:

Wisdom 9:13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33



Readings for next Sunday

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32



Liturgical Jottings

Gestures and Posture 3

This column in the past two weeks describes the unity of postures and gestures, and meanings and times of standing and sitting. The third posture is kneeling. In Australia the assembly knee for the Eucharistic Prayer and then at the Communion Rite from the end of the Lamb of God to the procession to receive Communion. The revised General Instruction includes the following exceptions for kneeling: "when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, of the large number of people present, or for another reasonable cause." [to be continued] GIRM 43

Quote of the Week

Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things. *Pope Francis Laudato Si' #77*

Looking at the Readings

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken asserts that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and give us the courage to remain faithful to them. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Season of Creation

Today's Readings remind us that God creates all life on earth over eons, even the air we breathe. Have we taken these gifts of God for granted and the people around us? From www.columban.org.au Also visit seasonofcreation.org

On the Lighter Side

An accountant parked his brand new Lexus in front of his office but a passing truck completely tore off the driver's door. A police car pulled up behind the Lexus. Before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the accountant started raving hysterically about his "completely ruined" Lexus. Finally the cop shook his head in disbelief and said: "I can't believe how materialistic you bean counters are, You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life." "How can you say such a thing?" asked the accountant. The cop replied, "Don't you realise that your left arm is missing? It was severed when the truck hit you!" "Oh, my God! " screamed the accountant: "My Rolex!"



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The strongest people are not those who show strength in front of us,
but those who win battles we know nothing about.

- Unknown