

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.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th November 2019

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 21

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Saviour, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead.

She replied 'yes' to the angel's announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus, and the Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say 'yes' to the Messiah, the Church has declared her to be the Mother of the Church.

The Feast of the Presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th Century in the East and the 15th Century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3 years old and dedicated to God.



What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to his grace and dedicate yourself to him, as Mary did.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/presentation-of-mary>;

from [Saints and Feast Days](#), by Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Once again St Vincent de Paul members are taking gifts to the men at Dhurringile Prison on **Saturday, 14th December.**


If you are able to come and help distribute these gifts, please contact Denise Woodman on 0429 899 698 or fill in the forms on the clipboard in the Narthex no later than next Sunday, 24th November. You will need to provide your full name, address, date of birth and driver's licence number.

CHRISTMAS TREE

We are having our Christmas tree again in the church from the 1st Sunday in Advent.

As per usual, if you want to purchase a gift, please take an envelope, buy an appropriate present for the gender and age of the child and place it under the tree by **Sunday, 15th December.**

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

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Corey Vraca, Pellegrino Mercuri
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Marie Jenkins, Kath Flanagan
	Our sick and their carers	Gail Pollerd, Cory Vraca, Cecilia Bannan, Harry McCullagh, Peter Anderson, Harley Jones, Brendan Steele

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 23 rd November 6.00 pm	Steph Hicks	Sacha Finlayson	Judith Steele	E Leahy S Gregg	A Hicks L McGrath J Webster	Bill Woods
Sunday 24 th November 9.30 am	Paul Kerrins	Maria Spedding	Ella Kerrins	M Normington C White	R Kelly K Gaffey L Kerrins	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Day	Date	
Monday	18 Nov	
Tuesday	19 Nov	5:30 pm Mass
Wednesday	20 Nov	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	21 Nov	9:15 am Mass
Friday	22 Nov	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	23 Nov	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	24 Nov	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	23 Nov	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES		
Day	Date	
Mon	18 Nov	
Tues	19 Nov	
Wed	20 Nov	
Thur	21 Nov	Feast: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:30 pm First Reconciliation Year 3
Fri	22 Nov	Feast: St Cecilia
Sat	23 Nov	Feast: St Columban
Sun	24 Nov	Feast: Christ the King
Mon	25 Nov	
Tues	26 Nov	
Wed	27 Nov	7:00 pm School Board meeting
Thur	28 Nov	
Fri	29 Nov	
Sat	30 Nov	Feast: St Andrew
Sun	1 Dec	

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOLARSHIPS

Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir Scholarships. Auditions take place **Saturday 14th December**. If you enjoy singing then join this vibrant and famous choir.

Full details on the Cathedral website or the Diocese of Sandhurst website or from John Hogan, 5443 0363 or jfo@bigpond.com. Each scholarship is worth \$1,200.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 25th November** from 7.30 – 9pm (meals from 6pm optional).

Come and join the conversation about the recently released Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement **MAKING IT REAL – Genuine Human Encounter In Our Digital World**.

Speaker is Matthew Howard, co-author of the Statement. Matthew is also the brains behind the Redemptorists Prayer App - Bread 4 Today - taking the Church to the world, rather than waiting for the world to come to church!

More information on fliers in the Narthex.

Enquiries to:
Kerry 0408 579904,
Frank 5821 4362, or
Fran 5829 0301.



FOR SALE

We have the following items available for sale in the Narthex.

Christmas Cards - \$10/pack
Columbian Art Calendar - \$9
God's Word 2020, Daily Reflections - \$15.





ALONG THE TRACK "One Thing Only I Ask"

"Death is always a touchy subject, but strangely what we want done after death is often not. Buried or cremated? Or will it be a funeral service in a church or celebration of a life in a non-religious setting, which seems to be becoming the more popular option?"

This is the first paragraph of Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article. For the full article online visit

http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along_the_Tracks.aspx

Copies of Along the Track are in the Narthex.

TEN STEPS TOWARDS GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD

The title of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019-2020 is "Making it Real: genuine human encounter in our digital world."

Pope Francis is calling us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. Over the next few bulletins, we will give ten steps we can take towards making our online presence one that fosters genuine human encounter.

One: make your online presence one of dignity and respect

We must always remember that each person we communicate with on social media is a real person – made in the image and likeness of God.

- Be careful not to access or post anything that is demeaning, inappropriate or exploitative. Do not be dismissive, judgemental or aggressive in your conversation.
- Read Pope Francis' World Communications Day messages, which show us how the online world can help foster human dignity. <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications.index.html>
- Access the book by Beth Doherty. Tweet others as you would wish to be tweeted, at the Bishops' online store: <http://www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop>

Sacred Heart School Tatura

Advent Liturgies

2:50pm in the Mercy Centre

**Thurs 28th Nov
Thurs 5th Dec
Tues 10th Dec
Tues 17th Dec**

All visitors welcome!



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NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT

The Catholic Church in Australia is dedicating the month of November 2019 as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain.

Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are being encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought, which also invites people to provide assistance to those most in need. The month of prayer is an additional response to the local work being done in affected communities.

See the website for further information <https://www.catholic.org.au/drought>.

PASTORAL CARE

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



Readings for this week:

Malachi 3:19-20
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19



Readings for next Sunday

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43



Plenary Council Theme 4

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is **humble, healing and merciful**? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. It identified the need for relationship and reconciliation among many within the Catholic community, and with the wider Australian society, particularly with Australia's First Peoples and with all of creation. A desire was expressed for stronger prayer and sacramental life and more effective outreach to those who seek healing, as a renewed openness to and sign of God's mercy. plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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Looking at the Readings

This Sunday is the penultimate Sunday of the Liturgical Year. It has the sense of the last days: The day is coming ... but the [faithful] will shine out like the sun of righteousness" (Prophet Malachi). But the Lord Jesus warns us not to be deceived if false voices say: "the time is nigh!" (Gospel) We have a dilemma: the end is coming but not yet - we must be prepared for the Lord's coming but keep on "working quietly at our tasks earning the food we need" (Second Reading). The early disciples were perplexed about the second coming of Christ: Will it be in their lifetime or in another generation or two or a hundred?

For Australians Christmas coincides with the end of the school year and winding down for the summer holidays. People in northern countries have a day's break for Christmas then back to work the next day.

The Thessalonians downed their tools and abandoned their fields because they thought the end of the world was near. Us Australians may have a similar attitude. We are reluctant to start any new project or even make plans in December, we rather wait for the New Year. More alarmingly the escalation of natural disasters, the uncertain economic outlook, the political turmoil may be interpreted as collapse of society and the world. Why bother about anything? Jesus, in today's Gospel passage, warns us not to be deceived. These things happen but stand firm in faith and know your God is near.

Feast of the Week

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 21 November

The feast originated with the dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary near the ruined Temple, Jerusalem in 543. Celebrated by Catholics and Orthodox the feast commemorates Sts Joachim and Anne presenting Mary in the temple. St Peter's Basilica, contains the Chapel of the Presentation. The Presentation Sisters, a religious women's institute was founded in Cork, Ireland, by Nano Nagle in 1775 The Sisters conduct several schools in Australia.

Prayer of the Week

Holy Spirit of God, enlighten us to understand how we can use our gifts to give you praise and serve your people in works of justice and mercy. Teach us to listen, that we may hear your words, give us vision born of faith to know your way for us and courage born of love to follow it. Nano Nagle Prayer.

On the Lighter Side

When the end of the world comes I want to be in Kentucky. It's always 20 years behind everything. Mark Twain



Fear is what stops you, courage is what keeps you going. - Unknown