

# WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH TATURA

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## Sacred Heart – 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.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### SPECIAL MASSES TO BE DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR

At Mass on Nov 30th and Dec 1st we will pray for all those who have died during the past 12 months. Slips of paper will be available at the church entrance on which to write the names of the deceased. These will then be put in a basket for the Offertory Procession.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO FR JOHN PAUL

Following the Meeting of College of Consultors on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, the Bishop of Sandhurst announced several new diocesan appointments and confirmed other pre-existing positions. Three of Bishop Shane's announcements were in relation to our own Parish Priest, Fr John Paul Pasala: his appointment to the parish of Tatura was confirmed for the customary period of six years, and he has also been given the additional responsibilities of **Regional Dean of the Goulburn Valley** and **Member of the College of Consultors**. The following appointments were also confirmed: Echuca, Rev. Des Welladsen; Numurkah & Nathalia, Rev. Michael Grace; Shepparton & Dookie, Very Rev. Joe Taylor; Wangaratta, Rev. Mike Pullar.

We offer Fr John Paul our warmest congratulations and we pray that God's grace will enable him to work with thankfulness and joy in his new roles.

### PPC MEMBERS

This week, we again feature another new member of our Parish Pastoral Council, **Ryerson De Lai**:

"Hello, my name is Ryerson De Lai, I am currently a student at Notre Dame College. Over the past 4 years I have been involved with the Shepparton Stronger Youth Group and REMAR. I have an interest in photography and theatre lighting. My favourite Bible quote is Psalm 19:3-4 'No speech or words are used, no sound is heard; yet their message goes out to all the world'."


### CHRISTMAS TREE

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

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

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

Mark Twain wrote: "Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured."

	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Antonio Ciavarella, Judy Maher
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Gail Pollerd, Cory Vraca, Cecilia Bannan, Harry McCullagh, Peter Anderson, Harley Jones, Brendan Steele, Filomena Villani

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00 pm	Carol Coulston	Judith Steele	Seth Hutchison	P Anderson P Newman	A Hutchison G Ranson A Ciavarella	Simon Cowan
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 9.30 am	Denise Woodman	Karen Nihill	Bernie Maher	Barry & Jan Lowe	Simon Cowan Sue Nihill E Worm	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
<b>Monday</b>	25 Nov	
<b>Tuesday</b>	26 Nov	5:30 pm Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	27 Nov	9:15 am Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	28 Nov	9:15 am Mass
<b>Friday</b>	29 Nov	9:15 am Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	30 Nov	<b>6:00 pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	1 Dec	<b>9:30 am Mass</b>
<b>Saturday Reconciliation</b>	30 Nov	11:30 am
<b>Rosary</b>	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES		
Mon	25 Nov	Spirituality in the Pub, 7:30pm
Tues	26 Nov	
Wed	27 Nov	
Thur	28 Nov	Advent Liturgy - Mercy Centre, 2:50pm
Fri	29 Nov	
Sat	30 Nov	
Sun	1 Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent New Liturgical Year begins, Cycle A
Mon	2 Dec	Pupil free day
Tues	3 Dec	Feast of Francis Xavier
Wed	4 Dec	PPC Meeting, 7pm
Thur	5 Dec	Advent Liturgy - Mercy Centre, 2:50pm
Fri	6 Dec	School Mass, 9:15am
Sat	7 Dec	
Sun	8 Dec	Children's Mass - Baptisms

MacKillop Art Exhibition



**Sacred Heart Cathedral - Bendigo**  
 Opening Friday 15 November 2019, 6.00pm - 8.00pm  
 Exhibition open until Sunday 1 December 2019

### SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.**

More information on fliers in the Narthex.  
 Enquiries to: Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 5821 4362, or Fran 5829 0301.

**Tarrawarra Abbey Guest House** in Yarra Glen is a service to the Australian Church on a donation basis, allowing people from all walks of life to come and experience a praying community and to enjoy the hospitality of the monks. Ph: 03 9730 1306 or email: [admin@cistercian.org.au](mailto:admin@cistercian.org.au)

### 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 "Story"

"Our story will not be about our achievements, however grand or small they may be, but rather it will be about who we were in our family, our marriage, our workplace, our neighbourhood. It will be written in our exchanges with our neighbours and colleagues, in how we made people feel. We will be remembered when we encouraged those who felt afraid or insecure, out of their depth perhaps."

This is an extract from Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article. For the full article online visit [http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along\\_the\\_Tracks.aspx](http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along_the_Tracks.aspx)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Last call for volunteers - if you are able to help distribute gifts at Dhurringile Prison on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**, please contact Denise Woodman on 0429 899 698 or fill in the forms in the Narthex this weekend. You will need to provide proof of ID .

## TEN STEPS TOWARDS GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD

We continue from last week's bulletin where we began the ten steps we can all take towards making our online presence more positive. Here is the next instalment:

### Two: Be Present to Others in the Real and Virtual Worlds

The speed and brevity of communication on social media platforms can be open to misinterpretation and a superficiality that makes others feel that they have not truly been heard or accepted. Similarly, excessive time spent on social media can deprive families and friends of your 'real' presence in their lives.

- Limit the time you spend on devices.
- Take a 'digital detox' for your health and wellbeing. Times of abstinence and reflection fit well with the seasons of Lent and Advent.
- Establish device free times in your household, for example at mealtimes.

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# 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

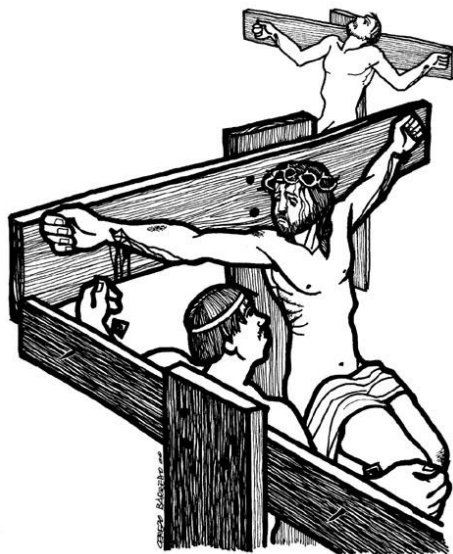
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Readings for this week: Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43



Readings for next Sunday: Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44



### Plenary Council Theme 5

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is a **joyful, hope-filled and servant community?**

People expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God’s kingdom and one of action, and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel and be a servant Church for the good of all – particularly refugees, asylum seekers and the vulnerable. Many responses called for greater sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and by Church agencies. Some responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in ministries.

[plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes)

### Looking at the Readings

Two great motifs of Second Vatican Council stand out: “*Ressourcement*” and “*Aggiornamento*” The first word, from French, signifies a return to the **sources**: Scripture, the Early Church Father, the ancient liturgical texts. The second word “aggiornamento”, an Italian word, means a renewal or opening the window to let the fresh air in. The renewal of the liturgy gave this relatively new feast (introduced in the 1920’s) both a return to the sources and renewal.

Jesus Christ during his earthly ministry strongly avoided kingship. He did not want to be made messiah king in the political sense of the word but emphasised shepherd, teacher, and servant, even suffering servant. Pilate was the first to give him the title “King” when he asked: “Are you a king?” and wrote the epitaph on the cross “The King of the Jews” (INRI). Jesus replied “my kingdom is not of this worldly kind” (John 18:36) The revision of the liturgy gave the church three sets of readings that focus on three themes of kingship: the Shepherd-King (year A); a King of a different kind to this world in his dialogue with Pontius Pilate (Year B), and the Lord crucified on the cross (Year C).

But it is the good thief that recognised what type of king Jesus is and the kingdom he belongs when he asked: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answer avoided the word but gave us another: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The prayer of the dying thief gives us great insight and example: Jesus, (God saves) remember (God, not humans, is the one who remembers his covenant) me (an appeal to God to oneself reflected in the psalms) when you come into your kingdom (Jesus destiny and ours).

### Prayer for the Week

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of our hearts and give us true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that we may carry out Your holy and true command. St Francis’ Prayer before the Crucifix of San Damiano, Assisi:

### On the Lighter Side



At a Passion Play during Holy Week the Grade Four’s acted out several scenes with a narration given offstage and interspersed with hymns. I could not recognise the student who was acting Christ. At the crucifixion scene with the three crosses and three students, I asked a Grade Sixer next to me: “Who’s Christ?” His immediate response was: “He’s the one in the middle!”

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“Instead of letting your hardships and failures discourage or exhaust you, let them inspire you.”

Michelle Obama