

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 A
Matthew

Weekday Year 2



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.

First Sunday of Advent – 1st December 2019

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Wreath
Signs of Faith



Priest: "Today, we will bless the wreath and light the first candle, the Prophets Candle or the Candle of Hope. Let us pray with longing and waiting for the coming of the Lord."

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Please join the children from Sacred Heart School Rock Band on **Wednesday 18th December** at 6pm at Mactier Park for a selection of carols and festive songs, followed by Carols by Candlelight at 7pm.

Helpers are needed for the Christmas liturgies. Please put your name on the list in the Narthex if you are available to help with any ministries during the Christmas period. Thank you.

ITALIAN ROSARY FOR CHRISTMAS

Il S. Rosario sara recitato nella sala St Mary **Martedì 10 Dicembre** ore 2pm. Dopo il S. Rosario ci sara un rinfresco. Per piacere se potete portare un piatto, grazie tutti benvenuti.


The Italian Rosary will be recited in St Mary's Hall on December 10th at 2pm. After the Rosary there will be refreshments and everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

CHRISTMAS TREE

If you would like to purchase a gift for an underprivileged child in our community, please take an envelope from the tree at the front of the church and buy an age and gender appropriate present. Wrap the present, reattach the envelope and place it under the tree by **Sunday, 15th December.** *Many thanks for your continued generosity in support of this very worthy cause.*

SPECIAL MASSES TO BE DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Masses on November 30th and December 1st will be offered for all our loved ones who have died. Slips of paper are available in the Narthex on which to write the names of the deceased. These will be put in a basket for the Offertory Procession.

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Gordon Warner, Mary Steele
	Our sick and their carers	Filomena Villani , Gail Pollerd, Cecilia Bannan, Harry McCullagh, Peter Anderson, Harley Jones, Brendan Steele

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 7th December 6.00 pm	Trish Miller	Sheila Gregg	Joan Webster	Joyce Caiafa Delphi Hamilton	Carol Coulsten Anne Hutchison Anna Ciavarella	Trish Warnett
Sunday 8th December 9.30 am	CHILDREN'S MASS					

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

DIARY DATES		
Mon	2 Dec	
Tues	3 Dec	
Wed	4 Dec	PPC Meeting, 7pm
Thur	5 Dec	Advent Liturgy - Mercy Centre, 2:50pm
Fri	6 Dec	
Sat	7 Dec	
Sun	8 Dec	Cuppa after Mass Baptisms
Mon	9 Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues	10 Dec	Italian Rosary, 2pm St Vincent de Paul, 7pm
Wed	11 Dec	Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
Thur	12 Dec	Advent Liturgy - Mercy Centre, 2:50pm
Fri	13 Dec	9.15am End of Year Mass
Sat	14 Dec	Delivery of Christmas gifts to prison
Sun	15 Dec	

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2019

Reconciliation
Thursday 19th December 7.30pm

Christmas Eve
Tuesday 24th December Carols 6.00pm
Tuesday 24th December Mass 6.30pm

Christmas Day
Wednesday 25th December Mass 9.00am

Advent 2019 Reflection & Prayer Leaflets:

This year's Sandhurst Diocese free reflection and prayer leaflets for the four Sundays of Advent, Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family, can be picked up in the Narthex or downloaded from:
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1611-advent-leaflets-2019-news.

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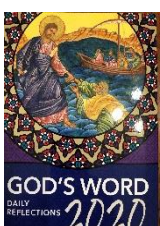



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FOR SALE

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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

May the God of Peace arouse in all an authentic desire for dialogue and reconciliation, and a genuine belief that violence cannot be overcome with violence, but only overcome with peace!

May the God of hope grant peoples and leaders the wisdom and strength to pursue the path of peace with determination and to face each dispute with the tenacity of dialogue and negotiation, and the power of reconciliation.

May every decision not be based on particular interests, but on the common good and on respect for each person.

God of love and compassion, we know that all is lost with conflict, and nothing is lost with peace.

Help us to grow in patience and mercy. Amen

Words inspired by Pope Francis

We wish **Judith and Peter Steele** all the best for the next stage of their life journey as they move to Bendigo after many wonderful years in Tatura. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedicated service to our community – in the parish office, with Vinnies and on the finance committee. They will be sorely missed but fondly remembered

TEN STEPS TOWARDS GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD

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

Three: Take Care of Yourself and Others

Unfortunately, cyberbullying, trolling and the objectification of others is not an uncommon experience. We cannot stand by when another is denigrated or threatened.

- Call out bad behaviour and stand by the victim. This can require diplomacy. Be mindful that sometimes abusive behaviour is so irrational and unrelenting, the best option is to disengage.
- Discuss experiences of cyberbullying with your family, friends or school.
- Report abuse and access helpful information from the eSafety Commissioner:
<http://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Stronger Rally Galen College Wangaratta

PASTORAL CARE

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

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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CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS

Every year Australians spend billions of dollars on Christmas gifts yet so much of what we give and receive is wasted. Meanwhile around the world billions of people will struggle just to feed their families and access clean water this Christmas. **Global Gifts** are a fantastic way to make giving meaningful and help vulnerable communities at the same time. Gifts include Clean Water, Food, Education, Healthcare, Sustainable Agriculture & Emergency Relief. Purchase online at

www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts or phone 1800 024 413.





Readings
for this
week:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14a
Matthew 24:37-44



Isaiah 11:1-10
Readings for
Romans 15:4-9
next Sunday: Matthew 3:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

The Season of Advent

The season of preparation for the feast of Christmas has its origins in the West, particularly in Gaul in the fourth century and then the Season slowly spread to all regions of the Church. It is also known in the East as the Season of Announcement.

Advent Prayer “looks forward” in relation to the triple coming of the Lord: in history, in grace and at the end of time. The “themes” for the four Sundays are: 1. Watch and Pray, 2. Prepare the Way, 3. The Messianic Age, 4. The Annunciation of the Messiah’s Coming.

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Looking at the Readings

Advent means coming. The Season of Advent leads into the feasts of Christmas and Epiphany; so it is simple to say Advent is the coming of the Lord Jesus at Christmas. But the readings for the first week, in fact focus on the second coming of Christ or the coming of Christ at the end of time.

Isaiah’s vision in the first reading typifies most visions of many prophets: it comes when the Prophet is at prayer and the vision is ambivalent and inconclusive. Is the vision about the first coming of the Messiah in time or the coming of God at the end of Time? The coming of the Lord will bring light and peace. He will become the new Temple, thus indicating the first coming of our Saviour. But all nations will come to Him, be under his authority and there will be no more war. The prophecy suggests the final coming. Jesus warned that people will still reject him, denounce his followers, disasters and wars will still happen. The time of weapons of war becoming obsolete has not yet come. Indeed they still and proliferate at a great rate. We must also wait for this other “Time”.

Advent: the coming of the Lord now and at the end of time. St Paul in the second reading today urges us to be ready, “Wake up” and “Let us live decently” because “the Time has come”. Likewise Christ urges us that “we must stand ready”.

Prayer for the 1st Week of Advent.

God of majesty and power,
amid the clamour of our violence
your Word of truth resounds;
upon a world made dark by sin
the Sun of Justice casts his dawning
rays.

Keep your household watchful
and aware of the hour in which we live.
Hasten the advent of that day
when the sounds of war will be for ever stilled,
the darkness of evil scattered,
and all your children gathered into one.
(from 1998 ICEL Missal)



On the Lighter Side

Q: How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

A: Deep pan, crisp and even!

Q: Which Christmas carol do dogs like best?

A: Bark the Herald Angels Sing!

Q: What is a lion's favourite Christmas carol?

A: Jungle Bells!

