

# 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.

## Second Sunday of Advent – 8th December 2019

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Wreath  
Signs of Faith



As we now light the second candle, the Bethlehem Candle or the Preparation Candle. Let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

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

### END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

All families and parishioners are invited to join in the special end of year Mass for our students on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 9:15am. Following the Mass the school will host a morning tea to thank everyone for their support and contributions throughout 2019. We look forward to seeing you there.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. After the Rosary there will be refreshments and everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL – PRISON GIFTS

Those going to the prison next **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December** to hand out presents will need to be leaving from Vinnies in Francis St at 8:45am sharp. You will need to bring your driver's license as proof of ID. For further information, please contact Denise Woodman, Ph: 0429 899 698.



**RCIA Reflection Day – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February** from 10:30am to 3:30pm at St Augustine's Kyabram **and The Rite of Election – Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March** at 2 pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo.

	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	Anne Kehoe
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Evelyn Woodman
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	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
Sat, 14th December 6 pm	Robert Miller	Dean Filgate	Marion Smith	E Leahy S Gregg	J Webster L McGrath G LoPiccolo	Trish Warnett
Sun, 15th December 9.30 am	Simon Cowan	Debbie Turvey	Lisa Cowan	B & J Lowe	S De Lai R De Lai S De Lai	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
<b>Monday</b>	9 Dec	
<b>Tuesday</b>	10 Dec	5:30 pm Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	11 Dec	9:15 am Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Dec	9:15 am Mass
<b>Friday</b>	13 Dec	9:15 am Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	14 Dec	<b>6:00 pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	15 Dec	<b>9:30 am Mass</b>
<b>Saturday Reconciliation</b>		11:30 am
<b>Rosary</b>	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

**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](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1611-advent-leaflets-2019-news).

DIARY DATES		
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	Anointing Mass 9:15am, (int. Evelyn Woodman) 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 gifts to prison, 8:45am
Sun	15 Dec	
Mon	16 Dec	
Tues	17 Dec	
Wed	18 Dec	School Rock Band, 6pm followed by Carols by Candlelight, 7pm
Thur	19 Dec	Reconciliation, 7:30pm
Fri	20 Dec	
Sat	21 Dec	
Sun	22 Dec	

**CHRISTMAS TREE**

If you have purchased a gift for an underprivileged child in our community, please reattach the envelope and place it under the tree by **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**. No wrapping is required. *Many thanks for your continued generosity in support of this very worthy cause.*



**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2019**

**Reconciliation**  
**Thursday 19th December 7.30pm**

**Christmas Eve**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** Carols 6.00pm  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** Mass 6.30pm

**Christmas Day**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December** Mass 9.00am

**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.





### 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!

### The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December



### 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 a summary of the next instalment:

#### Four: Every Community Should Promote Digital Literacy

Education is key to being aware of the great possibilities but also the pitfalls of digital technology. Through greater awareness, Pope Francis says, "We employ technology wisely rather than letting ourselves be dominated by it."

- Invite a social media expert...to speak with your parish or community group.
- Share information about the assistance that is available locally for dealing with the digital world.
- Ask the 'digital natives' in your parish to assist in the development of guidelines for the parish social media presence.

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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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### 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts) or phone 1800 024 413.



### PASTORAL CARE

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



*Readings for this week:*  
 Isaiah 11:1-10  
 Romans 15:4-9  
 Matthew 3:1-12



*Readings for next Sunday:*  
 Isaiah 35:1-6,10  
 James 5:7-10  
 Matthew 11:2-11



### Liturgical Jottings

#### The Advent Stations

These Advent Stations take us on a tour of the Old Testament. Like the Lenten Stations of the Cross, these seven "stations" or "stopping points" provide a way to ponder the mystery of how God prepared the world to receive his Son at the moment of the Annunciation. Each station contains an Old Testament foreshadowing of the incarnation, a meditation, the New Testament fulfilment in Christ, and then a prayer. They can be prayed alone, or with your family, or even in the church with a group of faithful.

First - The Creation of Adam and Eve Gen 1:26-28; Second The Covenant Begins; Third The Angelic Announcement; Fourth The Destiny of Bethlehem; Fifth The Song of Praise Sixth - David's Promise to Bathsheba; Seventh The Birth of the Virgin Mary

[www.liturgies.net/Advent/adventstations.htm](http://www.liturgies.net/Advent/adventstations.htm)

### Looking at the Readings

The Future Tense exists in all classical and modern languages and today it is found in all the Scripture Readings, Psalm Response and Gospel Acclamation in the Lectionary for the Second Sunday of Advent. We cannot escape the future! "We cannot change the future, we can only create the future." (A quote from Doctor Who)

Isaiah prophesies of a future of wisdom and integrity, peaceful and glorious times. The Vision of Peace and Harmony among all creation is like a dream. But when we wake up from the dream we find that wisdom and peace have not yet been fully established. Yet that vision "Shall stand as signal for the peoples." (Is 11:10) and "Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever." (Response Ps 71:7)

John the Baptist, who encourages people to convert and warns protesters of impeding retribution, spoke of a future time when the Messiah will baptise with the Holy Spirit and Fire; the wheat will be gathered up and the chaff will burn in a fire that will never go out. (Matt 3:12)

We face the dialectic or dilemma of the mystery of Advent: The future is already here but has not yet arrived. And we celebrate this mystery with Hope, Love, Peace and Joy.

### Prayer of the Week

Your kingdom is at hand, O God of justice and peace; you made John the Baptist its herald to announce the coming of your Christ, who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Give us a spirit of repentance to make us worthy of the kingdom. Let complacency yield to conviction, that in our day justice will flourish and conflict give way to the peace you bestow in Christ. Amen

### Quote for the Week

St John of the Cross: Feast Day Saturday 14 December

God has spoken so completely through his own Word that he chooses to add nothing. Although he had spoken but partially through the prophets he has now said everything in Christ. He has given us everything, his own Son.

From A Treatise on The Ascent of Mount Carmel, (Book 2 Chap 22)

### On The Lighter Side

Q: Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A: A mince spy!

Q: What do you get if you cross a Christmas tree with an iPad

A: A pineapple!!

Q: Why don't you ever see Father Christmas in hospital?

A: Because he has private elf care!



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"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." - Plato