

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.

Third Sunday of Advent – 15th December 2019

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Wreath
Signs of Faith



On this Third Sunday of Advent we light the rose coloured candle, the Shepherd's Candle or the Candle of Joy.

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.

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

PATHWAYS FOR FAMILIES 2020 – NOW ONLINE

The Sandhurst Diocese 'Pathways for Families' online resource contains a variety of live links to networks and resources to enrich and support families. For more information, collect a flyer from the Narthex or go to:


www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1612-pathways-for-families.

MEETING FOR ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TAKING COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Father John Paul has asked that all Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the sick and housebound, including to residents at Moyola Lodge, Parkvillia and the hospital, should attend an important meeting at the church on Tuesday, December 17th at 4:30pm.



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

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|  | Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving | Jutta, Kilian, Pellegrino Mercuri (1 month), Carmella Lagozzino (1 month), Corey Vraca (1 month) |
| | For those whose anniversary occurs at this time | Paul Ketterer, Lucia Villani, Robert Borrelli, Collin Jenkins |
| | Our sick and their carers | Sean Raymond, 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 |
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| Sat, 21st December 6 pm | Carol Coulston | Dean Filgate | Seth Hutchison | P Anderson P Newman | Joan Webster E Worm A Hutchison | Gwen Ranson |
| Sun, 22nd December 9.30 am | Denise Woodman | Kay Gaffy | Bernie Maher | Spedding Family | E Kerrins L Kerrins C Serra | |

| MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK | | |
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| Monday | 16 Dec | |
| Tuesday | 17 Dec | 5:30 pm Mass |
| Wednesday | 18 Dec | 9:15 am Mass (int. Robert Borelli) |
| Thursday | 19 Dec | 9:15 am Mass |
| Friday | 20 Dec | 9:15 am Mass |
| Saturday | 21 Dec | 6:00 pm Mass |
| Sunday | 22 Dec | 9:30 am Mass |
| Saturday Reconciliation | | 11:30 am |
| Rosary | 15 minutes Before Weekday Mass | |
| DIARY DATES | | |
| Mon | 16 Dec | |
| Tues | 17 Dec | Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick, 4:30pm |
| 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 | |
| Mon | 23 Dec | |
| Tues | 24 Dec | Mass, 6:30pm |
| Wed | 25 Dec | Mass, 9:00am |
| Thur | 26 Dec | Feast of St Stephen |
| Fri | 27 Dec | Feast of St John the Apostle |
| Sat | 28 Dec | |
| Sun | 29 Dec | Feast of the Holy Family |

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.

Plenary Council Delegates

Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese? Speak with your Parish Priest today about the details. Expressions of Interest due by **January**

25th 2020 at:

<https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council>



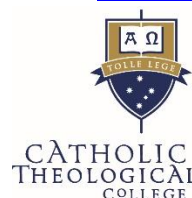
THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Conference in Tatura would like to thank all those parishioners who gave gifts for the Christmas Tree Appeal or volunteered to hand out presents to the prisoners. Your generosity is always very much appreciated and we would not be able to carry out this important outreach work without your valuable contributions. Your efforts represent the true spirit of the season.

Catholic Theological College

2020 Study Options Now Available

Contact the Academic Records Office for all study options and further information. Ph: 03 9412 3309 – AssistantDean@ctc.edu.au – 278 Vitoria Parade, East Melbourne ctc.edu.au



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!



Poster found in a church in France:

"When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear the call of God. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you want to talk to God, then enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text whilst driving." ☺

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:

Five: We Cannot Leave Our Brothers And Sisters Behind

Too many vulnerable Australians remain offline and without the means to access essential services and opportunities. They are excluded because of problems of affordability, gaps in access, or low digital literacy. There is a role for government to guarantee internet access, technological devices and user skills as a basic human right. Interpersonal support must remain where online access is difficult or technology cannot meet complex human need.

- Access the Australian Digital Inclusion Index to find out how the digital divide impacts on vulnerable Australians at <http://digitalinclusionindex.org.au>.
- Consider those in your local community who may experience difficulty accessing essential public services and support online. Raise this with your Local Member.
- Donate phone cards to services for vulnerable people.

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.



PASTORAL CARE

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Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 35:1-6,10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11



Readings for next
Sunday:

Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical colour of Rose

Rose is a lighter version of violet, because today the penitential violet is mixed with the white of the approaching festival. It is part of human nature that we cannot go on being penitent for a long time, or we settle into an insincere gloom rather than working at the active spiritual exercise called penance. Therefore in Advent and Lent there is a day where the atmosphere of penance is bright-ened by a shaft of light from the glorious season for which we are preparing ourselves. Third Sunday of Advent tells us: 'To Rejoice!' because the Lord is near. The penitential violet may be lightened to what the documents call 'rose' but most would call 'pink'. Lastly the liturgical colours are there to serve us, not we to serve them.

From universalis.com

Looking at the Readings

Impatience, doubt, expectation and confidence mark our lectionary readings this Sunday. Isaiah prophesied at a time of pending defeat and deportation. He prophesied that a deliverer will come. But when and what would he be like? Would he be a political, a military or a religious Messiah? Will he be a servant of God or the Lord God himself?

James had to encourage his people in Jerusalem to be patient for the second coming of Christ. It may not be in their generation or the next. There was doubt in time but confidence in fact.

John the Baptist was in prison, isolated and now doubting if Jesus is the expected Messiah. Should not the Messiah set innocent prisoners free? Should not the Messiah be active with his axe cutting down the dead wood and with the winnowing fan collecting the chaff into the fire; all that John preached in last week's Gospel?

This message from John in prison expressing his doubt gave Jesus the opportunity to commend his preaching and exalt him as the greatest prophet and man ever born. May we also seek answers to our doubts and hear the response that God is near, his mighty works surround us and our faith is increased!

Great Advent

Like Holy Week before Easter, the seven days before Christmas are like feast days with set readings and prayers focussing on Mary and Joseph.

Prayer for the Week

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy. (Is35:1)

Liturgical Vocabulary

Today's first reading begins with nature praising God. The Psalms and Prophets contain many examples of "the hills skipped with joy" and "Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears ... shout for joy" (Ps 96:11-12) Creation celebrates its God, even the wastelands play a part united with the people in songs of praise.

On the Lighter Side

After the Christmas play at church, I asked my six year old son if he remembered the gifts that the Magi brought to Jesus. He thought for a minute then said "gold, frankincense, and humour". We could all use that!



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"Whatever you want to do, do it now. There are only so many tomorrows." - Michael Landon