

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.

Feast of the Holy Family

29 December 2019



Readings for
this week:

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

Feast of the Holy Family

At the end of the 19th century the Christian understanding of marriage and family was under attack. Nations were abandoning their Christian roots, civil governments were taking control of marriage regulations and passed new divorce laws. At the same time Churches were sidelined. To counter the decadence of the age Pope Leo XIII supported many family associations and instituted the feast of the Holy Family in 1893 to be held on the third Sunday after Epiphany. The Feast was optional and only in a few dioceses. It was later fixed to 19 January then moved to the Sunday after Epiphany. In 1969 it became a universal feast to be celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas or the 30 January if Sunday occurs on New Year's Day.

Looking at the Readings

The Gospel for today actually follows up the Epiphany text reflecting the original date that the feast was first celebrated in 1983 (see left column). It begins: "After the wise men had left ..." (Matt 2:13). Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus had to seek refuge in Egypt during persecution by Herod. It tells of a family in crisis, their eventual return in safety and settlement in Nazareth in Galilee.

The first and second readings are not connected to the Gospel but rather give wise instruction to fathers, mothers and children firstly from Ecclesiasticus of the wisdom literature section of the Old Testament and St Paul's letter to the Colossians.

The instruction in the latter reading can be badly misquoted when half sentences are used and the two preceding paragraphs are ignored. The text begins with the love of God for his people who live with sincere compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, acceptance and most importantly forgiveness. Then wives, husbands and children live in peace and harmony. It is not an excuse for tyranny, misogyny or abuse but a blueprint for mutual respect and right living with God in the centre of the family.

Pope Francis on the Christmas Crib II

At Mary's side [in the Nativity Scene], shown protecting the Child and his Mother, stands St Joseph. He is usually depicted with staff in hand, or holding up a lamp. St Joseph plays an important role in the life of Jesus and Mary. He is the guardian who tirelessly protects his family. When God warned him of Herod's threat, he did not hesitate to set out and flee to Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-15). And once the danger had passed, he brought the family back to Nazareth, where he was to be the first teacher of Jesus as a boy and then as a young man. Joseph treasured in his heart the great mystery surrounding Jesus and Mary his spouse; as a just man, he entrusted himself always to God's will, and put it into practice. Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis "On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene, 1 Dec 2019 para 7

On the Lighter Side of Families

In some families, "Please" is the magic word. In other families, however, it is "Sorry".

Children really can brighten up a house, because they never turn the lights off.

The advantage of growing up with siblings is that you become very good at fractions.

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Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving

For those whose anniversary occurs at this time

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
Saturday 4 th January 6.00 pm	Denice Bourke	Debbie Turvey	Seth Hutchison	J Caiafa D Hamilton	A Hutchison J Webster L McGragh	Debbie Worm
Sunday 5 th January 9.30 am	Robert Miller	Debbie Worm	Carmel White	B & J Lowe	R Kelly C Serra E Worm	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday	30 Dec	
Tuesday	31 Dec	
Wednesday	1 Jan	
Thursday	2 Jan	
Friday	3 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	4 Jan	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	5 Jan	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	4 Jan	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

May the Lord bless you and take good care of you.
 May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.
 May the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



YOUTH FESTIVAL

This year some of the youth of the parish have travelled to Perth Western Australia, to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. This weekend we hear from some of the youth that attended and their experiences at this event.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Laurie Noonan** who turns 92 this weekend.

From all of your Parish friends – we hope you have a great day!



We wish all parish families a happy, healthy and blessed year in 2020.

ROSTER

The January 2020 rosters are now available. Copies are in the Narthex and also on the website.

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please contact Trish Warnett as soon as possible on 5824 1083 or 0410 094 323.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Bishop Shane Mackinlay's 2019 Christmas message is available in video format. It can be accessed through the diocesan Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/598897550122866/posts/2922883971057534/> or through YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iN8bBYXR_Y&feature=youtu.be.

