

# 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 Epiphany of the Lord

5 January 2020



Readings for  
this week:

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



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Isaiah 49:3,5-6  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34



### Liturgical Jottings Epiphany

Epiphany is the earliest Christmas feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth century. A celebration of the divine "coming," or "manifestation" in the East it commemorates the baptism of the Lord and in the West the visit of the Magi (wise men). 1998 ICEL Missal Epiphany is the customary time for the blessing of homes.



Lord God of the nations,  
we have seen the star of your  
glory. The radiance of your  
incarnate Word makes radiant the  
lives of your people. With that  
same brightness beckon all the  
nations to walk as one in your light.  
Amen.

### Looking at the Readings

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria, Iran or Iraq. Then with the Hebrew scriptures, they were led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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### Pope Francis on the Christmas Crib III

On the feast of Epiphany we place the statues of the Three Kings in the Christmas crib. Observing the star, those wise men from the East set out for Bethlehem, in order to find Jesus and to offer him their gifts ... As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel. Each of us is called to bear glad tidings to all, testifying by our practical works of mercy to the joy of knowing Jesus and his love. The Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route. Men of wealth, sages from afar, athirst for the infinite, they set out on the long and perilous journey that would lead them to Bethlehem (cf. Mt 2:1-12). Great joy comes over them in the presence of the Infant King. They are not scandalized by the poor surroundings, but immediately fall to their knees to worship him. Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis "On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene, 1 Dec 2019 para 9

### On the Lighter Side

Judge: "What are you charged with?"


Prisoner: "Doing late night Christmas shopping."

Judge: "That's not an offence. How late were you shopping?"

Prisoner: "Three hour after the store closed."

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	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Joe Vraca
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Sean Raymond, Gail Pollerd, Harley Jones

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 6.00 pm	Carol Coulston	Trish Miller	Doreen Corrigan	E Leahy S Gregg	A Ciavarella S De Lai J De Lai	Bill Woods
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 9.30 am	Lou Kerrins	Sacha Finlayson	Keith Stewart	M Sgammotta T Palmeri	E Kerrins K Gaffy D Worm	


MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
<b>Monday</b>	6 Jan	
<b>Tuesday</b>	7 Jan	5:30 pm Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 Jan	9:15 am Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	9 Jan	9:15 am Mass
<b>Friday</b>	10 Jan	9:15 am Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	11 Jan	<b>6:00 pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	12 Jan	<b>9:30 am Mass</b>
<b>Saturday Reconciliation</b>	11 Jan	11:30 am
<b>Rosary</b>	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES		
Mon	6 Jan	
Tues	7 Jan	
Wed	8 Jan	
Thur	9 Jan	
Fri	10 Jan	
Sat	11 Jan	
Sun	12 Jan	
Mon	13 Jan	The beginning of Ordinary Time
Tues	14 Jan	
Wed	15 Jan	
Thur	16 Jan	
Fri	17 Jan	Feast: St Anthony
Sat	18 Jan	
Sun	19 Jan	

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We congratulate **Bill Woods** who turned 90 this week.

From all of your Parish friends – we hope you had a great birthday!



**ALONG THE TRACK – “Welcome Summer”**

The latest article of Jim Quillinan’s Along the Track is now available. 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).

**Copies of the Along the Track are in the Narthex.**

**HOME VISIT**

Fr John Paul is visiting parishioners in their homes every Thursday morning. If you would like Fr John Paul to visit to say some prayers or bless your home, please let Father or the Parish Office know.

**FUTURE OF THE POOR CLARES, KENNINGTON**

The Poor Clare Colettines are a religious order of women in the tradition of St Clare and St Francis of Assisi, who live in enclosed communities of prayer, silence, and peaceful work to pursue perfect Christian love in lives given entirely to Jesus Christ. The community of Poor Clare Sisters at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Kennington, has served the Church through prayer for over 50 years, as a blessing to the entire Diocese of Sandhurst, the people of Bendigo, and Kennington Parish.

The number of sisters has declined over the years and there are currently three Poor Clare Sisters in Kennington, who are advancing in years. After considering the Church’s 2018 guidelines on the number of members needed for a viable monastery, the Poor Clares announced to their supporters and collaborators that they have decided to continue their religious mission in larger communities of female religious within the Franciscan tradition, located outside of our diocese.

The process of relocating to other religious communities and closure of the monastery is a lengthy one, requiring the involvement of the Holy See and liaison with the leaders of other Poor Clare monasteries. It is expected that it may take some time for the Poor Clares to finalise details of their departure. Celebrations to thank the Poor Clares will be arranged to take place in due course.