

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 Baptism of the Lord

12 January 2020



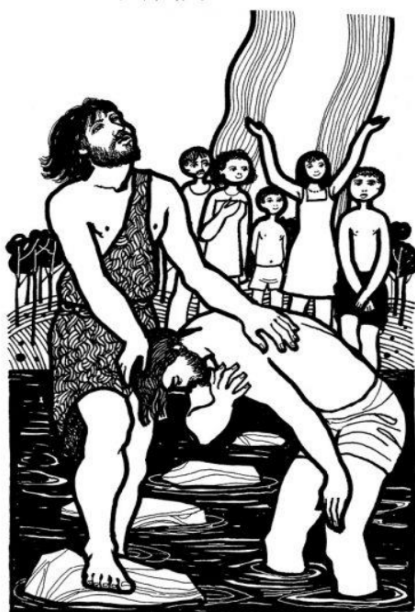
Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17



Readings for
next Sunday:

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



Liturgical Jottings

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ by John the Baptist has a triple application. Firstly it applies to the historic event at the River Jordan, secondly to the prefigurement of Christian Baptism by water and the Holy Spirit into the Lord's death and resurrection; and lastly to the effect of Baptism on the baptised as God's favoured people. The Collect of the Mass (Opening prayer) expresses it succinctly:

... when Christ had been baptised ...
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, [You, God,] solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

Looking at the Readings

The baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan inaugurates his ministry as the anointed one of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah he will be. He will not exercise harsh justice, nor will he wield the sword of vengeance on the battlefield. He will be a servant, who, though mighty is gentle; one chosen by God, yet committed to the needy and the marginal; the Son of God who attends to the least within the community. The messiah of God may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The messiah of God does not conform to the expectations of a proud and self-absorbed society. Filled with the Spirit of God, he acts out of a gentle, compassionate spirit.

For whom did the messiah of God come? For those whom society discarded. He came for people who are broken and suffering, for those who are blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction. © Dianne Bergant CSA

A Biblical Land Fact

The Jordan River runs the length of Israel, from north of the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea in the south, 251 kilometres, and is the life-blood of the land.

Quotable Quote

Holidays and vacations can help to balance activity with contemplation, haste with more natural rhythms, noise with the heralding silence of peace. *St Pope John Paul II*

On the Lighter Side

Shakespeare only wrote in ink because pencils were confusing to him – 2B or not 2B?

Never leave alphabet soup on the stove and then go out. It could spell disaster.

When I was young there was only 25 letters in the Alphabet? Nobody knew why.

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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

Charlie Morritt

Joe Ciavarella

Sean Raymond, Gail Pollerd, Harley Jones

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 18 th January 6.00 pm	Steph Hicks	Dean Filgate	Ev Leahy	P Anderson P Newman	A Hicks C Coulston G LoPiccolo	Gwen Ranson
Sunday 19 th January 9.30 am	Simon Cowan	Karen Nihill	Rob Miller	Joe and Travis	L Cowan G Ranson AM Nihill	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	13 Jan	Funeral Mass
Tuesday	14 Jan	5:30 pm Mass
Wednesday	15 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	16 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Friday	17 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	18 Jan	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	19 Jan	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	20 Jan	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES		
Mon	13 Jan	Beginning of Ordinary Time
Tues	14 Jan	
Wed	15 Jan	
Thur	16 Jan	
Fri	17 Jan	Feast of St Anthony
Sat	18 Jan	
Sun	19 Jan	
Mon	20 Jan	
Tues	21 Jan	
Wed	22 Jan	
Thur	23 Jan	
Fri	24 Jan	Feast of St Francis de Sales
Sat	25 Jan	
Sun	26 Jan	Australia Day

URGENT BUSHFIRE NEWS

The Catholic bishops of Australia are coordinating a national appeal in aid of the bushfire crisis, with all funds raised being donated to the St Vincent de Paul bushfire appeal. All parishes have been asked to organise a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day long weekend and, as a result, there will be a special “bucket collection” after both our Masses on January 25th and 26th. We all know the trauma that will be felt for many months, and even years to come, in the affected communities, but your generous support for this appeal will ensure that they receive the assistance they so desperately need to rebuild their lives.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The first meeting of 2020 for the Tatura Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Tuesday, 21st January at 7pm at Vinnies in Francis St. Anyone interested in learning more about all the great work done by these volunteers is most welcome to come along.

PASTORAL CARE

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EXCITING NEW FAITH & DISABILITY GROUP

A group in Shepparton is keen to establish a disability house for people in need of accommodation. They have organised for 2 speakers to come to Shepparton to discuss what is needed to make this dream come true. The speakers are from the world renowned faith and disability organisation, L’Arche. There will be an information session on Saturday, 1st February at 2pm, and they will also speak at St Brendan’s Parish Masses on the same weekend. They will also attend a viewing of the film “Summer in the Forest” at 12pm on Sunday, February 2nd. For further information, please see the flyer in the Narthex or contact Gail on 044531856 or Denise on 0432054003.