

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 Ordinary Time

19 January 2020



Readings for this week:
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Cor 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



Readings 3rd Sunday Ord Time
Isaiah 8:23-9:31
1 Cor 1:10-13,17
Matthew 4:12-23



Readings Australia Day
Isaiah 32:15-18
1 Cor 12:4-11
Matthew 5:2-12



Liturgical Jottings

Days of Prayer

The new Roman Missal for England, Wales, Scotland and Australia include two commemorations called "Days of Prayer" Both are for Australia, namely Australia Day and Anzac Day.

Next Sunday, 26 January, is both a civil and a liturgical celebration. The Sundays of Ordinary Time cycle is interrupted. The third ordinary Sunday is omitted this year. The scripture readings, antiphons, proper prayers are taken from the Day of Prayer and the ORDO for Australia. Incidentally, 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time is also omitted next week as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord falls on a Sunday. Also All Saints Day replaces 31st Sunday of Ordinary time on Sunday 1 November 2020.

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Looking at the Readings

This Sunday's readings form a bridge between the Christmas / Epiphany Season just completed and the weeks ahead in Ordinary time. The first reading last week from the Prophet Isaiah was the first song of the Servant, this week is the second servant song. The Gospel last week was Matthew's account of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus, today's Gospel is John's account of his Baptism. In fact rather than an account by John the Evangelist, it is a "Witness Report" by John the Baptist.

Today, the prophet Isaiah, St Paul and St John the Baptist foretell, introduce and point out the Lord Jesus Christ to the reader, the listener, the follower and us. He is given the titles: Servant, Lord, the Christ, the Lamb of God, the Chosen One of God. These titles reveal several aspects of Jesus' ministry which begins to unfold in the course of the liturgical year by the semi continuous proclamation of Matthew's Gospel.

"I did not know him" spoken twice by John the Baptist in today's Gospel passage seems perplexing. He is a cousin, their mothers met and were together for some time, artists, using artistic licence, have them playing together as children. The expression reminds me of adult children speaking about one of the parents, or vice versa when exceptional things happen to them. The expression is also heard in eulogies by friends who may learn more about their work colleague or sporting companion after their death. "To Know" really demands a greater knowledge, wider experience and deeper reflection. John the Baptist reaches that point after Jesus' Baptism by witnessing the Spirit coming down upon Jesus and hearing the voice from heaven. Yet John was to learn more about him in the times ahead. May we, too, come to know Jesus, our Lord.

Quote

The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ"

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis* 30 September 2019, para2)

On the Lighter Side - A Letter to God

Dear GOD,

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool! -Eugene"





Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving

For those whose anniversary occurs at this time

Our sick and their carers

John Flannigan

Jack Woodman

Sean Raymond, Gail Pollerd, Harley Jones

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 25 th January 6.00 pm	Carol Coulston	Sheila Gregg	Seth Hutchison	P Moroney D Corrigan	A Hicks J Webster S Finlayson	Trish Warnett
Sunday 26 th January 9.30 am	Denise Woodman	Kay Gaffy	Bernie Maher	M Normington C Serra	S De Lai R De Lai S De Lai	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	20 Jan	
Tuesday	21 Jan	5:30 pm Mass
Wednesday	22 Jan	11:30am Funeral Mass
Thursday	23 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Friday	24 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	25 Jan	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	26 Jan	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	25 Jan	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES		
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
Mon	27 Jan	
Tues	28 Jan	
Wed	29 Jan	Term 1 begins
Thur	30 Jan	
Fri	31 Jan	
Sat	01 Jan	
Sun	02 Jan	

BUCKET COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember that we have been asked to organise a special bucket collection for bushfire relief after both our Masses on **January 25th and 26th**. All funds raised will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul bushfire appeal.

CHAIN OF MARY ROSARY BOOKLETS

These 20 free booklets, available in the Narthex, are each dedicated to one of the 20 decades of the Rosary. Their purpose is to help the reader to be united with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, living this prayer with true faith and devotion. The booklets are a grace from heaven, divinely inspired as a gift from Mary. And it is important to remember that Our Lady desires quality in prayer, not quantity!

CARITAS JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

Do you have an interest in social justice issues? Would you consider being our parish representative for Caritas Justice? This role involves promoting Caritas events and raising the profile of their campaigns in Tatura, particularly Project Compassion during Lent. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 4th Feb** at 5.00 pm in St Brendan's Meeting Room, behind the church in Knight St, Shepparton. For more information, please contact Trish Warnett on 0410 094323 or Kerry Stone on 0408 579904.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Vincent de Paul Society meeting is on **Tuesday, 21st January** at 7pm. All welcome. Contact: Denise Woodman, Mob: 0429 899698.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FLOWER ARRANGING?

The parish is in need of volunteer/s to help with the flowers for weddings. This will only be a very occasional role, and formal training is not required. To find out more, please speak to Trish Warnett, Mob: 0410 094323.

PASTORAL CARE

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