

Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

Fr John Paul Pasala – Parish Priest

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

26 January 2020



Readings for this week: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Matthew 4:12-23



Readings for next Sunday: Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40



Liturgical Jottings

Flags in the Liturgy

The flag is a symbol of a nation. We are of course patriotic and proud to be Australian, but the Church is more than the Australian nation. The gospel must be allowed to critique our culture and national identity. For example, we need to pray for an end to violence in our society and that our treatment of refugees will be more humane.

It is appropriate to display the Australian flag on Australia Day and ANZAC day as a focus for our prayer intentions, as long as it does not obscure or dominate the central symbols of altar, lectern, cross and font. *From Liturgy Lines, Liturgy Brisbane 23 March 2017*

Quote

"It's Australian to do such things because, however uncivilised they may seem, it's human to do them." ~ *Hugh Mackay.*

Looking at the Readings

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people.

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around. © Greg Sunter, LiturgyHelp.com

Feasts of this Week

As schools resume for the year this week we celebrate three feast days of saints who are dedicated to religious education and schools

Monday 27 Jan. St Angela Merici: founder of the Ursuline Sisters in 1535 in Italy, to the service education of girls. The Ursulines helped Nano Nagle in forming the Presentation Sisters

Tuesday 27 Jan. St Thomas Aquinas, died 1274, Theologian and patron saint of Catholic schools and educators

Friday 27 Jan. St John Bosco died 1885, Founder of the Salesians of Don Bosco who conduct secondary schools, and youth hostels. He is patron saint for young people and workers

On the Lighter Side

An Aussie saying "He must have a few kangaroos loose in the top paddock" means that someone is not quite right in the head or is not a bright person. How typically Aussie! You won't find another country that has a saying about kangaroos or the like."

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Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving

Gail Pollerd, Harley Jones- Homaly

For those whose anniversary occurs at this time

Nella Gallo, Filomena Moro

Our sick and their carers

Sean Raymond

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 1 st February 6.00 pm	Denice Bourke	Gwen Ranson	Pat Anderson	J Caiafa D Hamilton	E Worm A Ciavarella M Gale	Carol Coulsten
Sunday 2 nd February 9.30 am	Lou Kerrins	Carol Coulsten	Carmel White	B and J Lowe	R Kelly C Serra E Kerrins	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday	27 Jan	
Tuesday	28 Jan	5:30 pm Mass
Wednesday	29 Jan	9:15 am Mass (int.Jack Woodman)
Thursday	30 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Friday	31 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	01 Feb	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	02 Feb	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	01 Feb	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES

Mon	27 Jan	
Tues	28 Jan	
Wed	29 Jan	Term 1 begins
Thur	30 Jan	
Fri	31 Jan	
Sat	01 Feb	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
Sun	02 Feb	The Presentation of the Lord
Mon	03 Feb	
Tues	04 Feb	5pm Caritas Justice Meeting, Shepparton
Wed	05 Feb	
Thur	06 Feb	
Fri	07 Feb	
Sat	08 Feb	
Sun	09 Feb	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY ROSTERS

Rosters are now available for collection in the Narthex. If you need to change any of your roster dates, please tell Trish Warnett (0410 094323).

CATHOLIC FAMILY BUSH DANCE

Sunday 9th February from 1pm at Monsignor Bones Hall, Knight Street, Shepparton. \$25 per family or \$10 each, tickets at the door. Tickets at the door. For more info, email catholicbushdance@gmail.com

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 February** at 5 pm in St Brendan's Meeting Room, behind the church in Knight St. For more information, please contact Trish Warnett on 0410 094323 or Kerry Stone on 0408 579904.



BUSHFIRE RELIEF APPEAL

The Australian Bishops have asked all parishes to help support bushfire-affected communities and so there will be special bucket collections after both Masses this weekend. All the money raised will go to the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires.

PASTORAL CARE

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