

Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

Fr John Paul Pasala – Parish Priest

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6 November 2022



Readings for this week:

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27-38



Readings for next Sunday

Malachi 3:19-20 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19





Liturgical Jottings Wonder

Wonder is an essential part of the liturgical act because it is the way that those who know they are engaged in the particularity of symbolic gestures look at things. It is the marvelling of those who experience the power of symbol, which does not consist in referring to some abstract concept but rather in containing and expressing in its very concreteness what it signifies. Therefore, the basic question is this: how do we recover the capacity to live completely the liturgical action? This was the objective of the Council's reform. The challenge is very demanding because modern people - not in all cultures to the same degree - have lost the capacity to engage with symbolic action, which is an essential trait of the liturgical act.

Desiderio Desideravi nn 26-27 Pope Francis 19/6/22

Looking at the Readings

The Three Readings in the liturgy today express the power of God to save his people from eternal death. The frightening story from Second Maccabees of the seven brother presents the reader a doctrine of life after death; a doctrine that the Sadducees in the Gospel reject. Jesus teaches that our God, our ever faithful God gives life, eternal life to his people. He is the God of the living, in this world and the next.

St Paul responds to the Thessalonian Christians who are anxious about those who have already died and about the imminent second coming of Christ and who will be saved. Paul reassures them that he second coming is not so imminent but you should lead good and holy lives.

True witness to faith in the resurrection consists neither in an elaborate philosophical or theological argument with those who do not believe in it. The only witness that is truly in accord with the good news is that of men and women who live for God here and now. Such people can say, with remarkable assurance and simplicity, like Therese of Lisieux at the hour of death, "I am not dying, I am beginning to live."

Prayer for the Week

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full. (Ps 16:1,15)

The Two Books of Maccabees

The books contain independent accounts of events that accompanied the attempted suppression of Judaism in Palestine in the second century BC. The people of Israel have been specially chosen by the one true God as covenant-partner, and they alone are privileged to know and worship God. The people, in turn, must worship the Lord alone and observe the laws given to them. The rededication of the Jerusalem Temple (see 2 Mc 10:1-8) is the origin of the Jewish feast of Hanukkah.1&2 Maccabees, though regarded by Jews and Protestants as apocryphal, i.e., not inspired Scripture, have always been accepted by the Catholic Church as inspired and are called "deuterocanonical" to indicate that they are canonical even though disputed by some.

On the Lighter Side

The Sadducees were a powerful group and in conflict with the Pharisees They were more known for what they did not believe in than what they did. Sadducees rejected angels and resurrection. That is why they are called "Sad-You Sees!"

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Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Kath Flanagan, Fr Les Ring, Luke DeLai, Michele (Mick) Villani, Lucia Villani, Lina Villani, Rocco Villani
Our sick and their carers	

DAY, TIME, DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	GIFT PRESENTATION	SPECIAL MINISTERS	SCREEN OPERATOR/ORGAN
Sun 10:30 am 13 November	Mary Gale	Rob Miller	Domelina Phelan	De Lai Family	Connie Serra	T Smith Trish Warnett
Sat 6:00 pm 19 November	Carol Coulston	Shelia Gregg	Joan Webster	Joyce Caifa Delphi Hamilton	Not Required	Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 20 November	Rita Fairchild	Anne-Marie Nihill	Bernie Maher	Marg Normington Nita Basile	Steve De Lai	Debbie Worm Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 27 November	Debbie Worm	Ross Kelly	Connie Serra	Domelina Phelan	Anna Ciavarella	Trish Warnett Choir

Two Week Mass Timetable Commencing 7th November

Weekday Mass

Mon 7th November No Mass
Tue 8th November No Mass
Wed 9th November 9:15 am Mass
Thu 10th November No Mass
Fri 11th November 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 12th November No Mass

Sun 13th November 10:30 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 14th November No Mass
Tue 15th November No Mass
Wed 16th November 9:15 am Mass
Thu 17th November No Mass
Fri 18th November 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 19th November 9:00 am Cemetery Mass

6:00 pm Mass

Sun 20th November 10:30 am Mass

Reconciliation Saturday 3rd December 11:30 am

Christmas Mass Timetable

Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday 14th December at 5:30 pm – followed by a Parish BBQ

Christmas Eve

Saturday 24th December Carols commencing at 5:30pm, Mass at 6:00pm

Christmas Morning

Sunday 25th December Mass at 9:30am

Baptism

We congratulate Tessa, Nathan and Max children of Samantha and Peter Aitken on their Baptism this weekend and welcome them into our parish community.



Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice

Cemetery Mass Saturday 19th November

Mass will be held on Saturday, 19th November at 9.00 am at the Tatura Cemetery.

Please bring a chair, and if you like flowers.

Messa al cimitero

La Santa Messa per i nostri Defunti sara celebrata Sabato 19 Novembre alle ore 9am nel cimitero di tatura per piacere portatevi la sedia

Victorian Flood Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. A poster and related publicity are being prepared and should be available early next week, but if parishioners or schools are enquiring before then, contributions can be made by:

- Call 13 18 12
- visit https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appealsvic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022. You can also
- make a monetary donation through any one of our Vinnies Shops at point of purchase
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods

Can you help A School Mum?

Sara Worm one of our School Mums with three children is looking for a house to rent urgently.

She is after a 3 or 4 bedroom home, in Tatura if possible, otherwise in a nearby town. If you are able to help or know of something please reach out to Sara on 0413 752 336.

Thank you

Diary Dates for November & December

November

Sat 19th 9:00 am – Cemetery Mass

December

Sat 3rd 11:30 am Reconciliation

Wed 7th 2:00 pm Ladies Chat

Wed 7th 7:00 pm Baptism Preparation

Fri 9th 9:15 am School Mass Graduation

Fri 9th 2:00 pm Italian Rosary

Wed 14th 5:30 pm Parish Reconciliation for Advent

Wed 14th 6:00 pm Parish BBQ

Sat 24th 5:30 pm Christmas Carols Sat 24th 6:00 pm Christmas Eve

Sun 25th 9:30 am Christmas Day

Holy Souls in Purgatory

A reminder that the month of November is dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and those that have departed from this life – our family, friends and loved ones. **Envelopes are in the Narthex**

Pope Francis intentions for the month of November - Children Who Suffer:

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection

Holy Hour And Mass For Vocations

Next Thursday 10th November the Bendigo Serra Club is holding the monthly Holy Hour 1.30 pm, Mass 2.30 pm, at St. Kilian's Church , Bendigo. Come and pray for our priests and religious and for vocations. The need is great. Information 0448 188 343

Along The Track – Where are the others?

Luke chooses to tell the story of the ten lepers in his Gospel. He could have told other stories but he chose this one about Jesus healing ten lepers, outcasts who called out to him from a distance as they could not approach him closely. They were considered unclean. Jesus sent them off to show themselves to the priests, the only ones who could pronounce them to be clean. Could you imagine what that must have felt like! Being able to go back to family, to be able to mix, to walk around freely....we know something of what that is like after lockdown! But only one came back to thank him. And he was a Samaritan.

'Where are the others?' Jesus asks.

This is the first paragraph of Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article. For the full article online visit http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along_the_Tracks.aspx

Copies of the Along the Track are in the Narthex.

Fundraiser For Sacred Heart

Our two fundraisers selling the Rosaries and the wood scroll Calendars 2023 to date has raised \$1,920.

A big thank you goes out to Connie Serra, Mary D'Augello, Mary Vraca together with Fr John for helping to make the Rosaries. Also thank you to everyone who made a purchase.

There are are a number of different gifts available for sale, these would make great Christmas presents. Thank you to Mary D'Augello who donated a glass showcase for these items.

Care for Our Common Home:

From Pope Francis:

"A fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, challenges us to devise intelligent ways of directing, developing, and limiting our power. " (Pope Francis, Laudato Si' 78)

Green Tip:

La Nina is set to stay with us at least until early 2023, so here are some tips to keep warm inside while turning the thermostat down. The best way to keep warm is to stay warm. So, don't let yourself get cold feet: When you're losing too much body heat, your body naturally restricts blood flow to your extremities (hands and feet). Our feet have a large surface area and special blood vessels which open and close depending on whether they are in use or not. If you're not using your feet – blood vessels constrict, and this can trigger pain receptors in your brain. So, wear thick socks and slippers, or thick soled shoes indoors.

Be a hot head: 7-10% of our body heat is lost through our head, (depending on the size of your head and how much hair you have) so wear a beanie (Yes even indoors). For extra comfort, warm your bed or couch up with a wheat-pack or hot water bottle.

And finally, from the people who know how to keep warm and have a good time, turn up the hoogah (Sweden), hygee (Norway/Denmark), gezelligheid (Netherlands) or ikigai (Japan) factor with warm drinks, candles and good cheer.

Change to the Weekday Masses

Effective from Wednesday 2nd November all weekday Masses will now be held in the Church rather than the Nuns Chapel. Please enter through the front door.

Parish Website

http://www.sacredheartparishtatura.com.au

Thoughts for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

https://young-catholics.com/3659/27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/

At this point in Luke's gospel, Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem. He is teaching in the temple, from where he drove out the money changers. So the powers that be in Jerusalem are looking to trip him up. They don't appreciate having someone around who is disturbing the status quo.

The Sadducees do not believe in the resurrection. It is not found in the Torah, which is the only part of scripture which they accept. So despite descriptions of life after death in other books of Jewish scripture, they reject it. They are attempting to discredit Jesus as a teacher.

Jesus turns the tables on them by asking them a question in response. And they don't have an answer. They were looking at the next life as just another version of how we are living now. But Jesus tells them that it will be different. Heaven might not be what we are picturing in our minds!

Reflection Questions for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

- Am I only faithful when it is easy?
- · Do I really believe in heaven?
- Do I live as if my actions today have eternal consequences?



Holy Water

We can now bless ourselves with Holy Water when we enter our Church. The Stoups in the Narthex have been filled with Holy Water.



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