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**READINGS – YEAR B
 YEAR OF MARK
 WEEKDAY CYCLE 2**

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**As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
 We commit ourselves to actively working alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.**

CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

25th NOVEMBER 2012

CONGRATULATIONS SACRED HEART CHURCH 100 YEARS

SACRED HEART PARISH WEBSITE

As one of the symbols of our progress through the past 100 years, Sacred Heart Parish has launched its own website. The site is in its infancy at the moment, however, it includes a homepage, weekly Sunday Bulletin, Mass times, special events etc. Log on and have a look – put the site in your favourites and please make suggestions as to how we might proceed with, and make improvements to the site. Web address:
www.sacredheartparishtatura.com.au

DAILY REFLECTIONS

Would you like to have a book with daily reflections for the whole year? This would be a great way to introduce daily prayer into your life. It is a beautifully presented book – hard cover and only \$15.00. A sample copy is in the Narthex for you to look at. If you would like one ordered for you, please place your name and phone number on the clipboard provided. Payment can be made when the books have been received.



NEW FACES ON PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Welcome to New Parish Pastoral Councillors and thank you to those members who are retiring. We welcome and thank Anne Hutchison, Lou Worm, John Ford and Geraldine Pollard for accepting the responsibility of representing us on Parish Pastoral Council. We offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to Lou Kerrins and Debbie Turvey for their input and untiring effort on PPC over the past 3 years.

WELCOME!

We welcome and thank Bishop Leslie Tomlinson for celebrating our centenary Mass today. We thank Fr Brendan Byrne for concelebrating with Fr Michael and Rev Ashley Caldwell, the new Deacon in our Diocese. We also welcome all special guests, visitors and parishioners to our Centenary Mass. Please join us in the Mercy Centre after Mass to continue the celebration, followed by a family BBQ in the school grounds.

We pray for



Those who have died recently	Maurice Fitzgerald; Emma Heard; Luigi Corso
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Marie Jenkins; Rafaela Rosa
Our sick and their carers	Terry White; Hugh Nihill; Keith Grumley; Colin Mason; Veronica Rosella; Heather Carter; Lawrie Dwyer; Max Davies;*** Pamela Ledeman; Tahlia Backman;

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 26 th Nov – 2 nd Dec				
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	26			
Tuesday	27			
Wednesday	28			
Thursday	29			
Friday	30			
Saturday	1			
Sunday	2			
ROSARY		Tues 4.45pm Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		
RECONCILIATION	1	11:30am		

SVDP Christmas Cards \$5 for 10.
Columban & Josephite
Calendars \$9 each
Available in the Narthex.
Honesty Box applies.

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sat Dec 1st 6.00pm	Denise Woodman	Trish Warnett	Mandy McGrath	Finlayson Family	G Ranson, C Reilly, S Finlayson	T Warnett D Woodman
Sun Dec 2nd 8.00am	Ross Kelly	Robert Miller	Keith Stewart	G Hikla Family	S Cowan, L Cowan, C Coulston	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (John 18:36)

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless our two Parishes so that we may love you more.
Help our parents to give good example to their children
and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.
Encircle our families with your loving care.
To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy.
May each parishioner grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

NOV – DEC DIARY DATES

Mon	26	SVDP Meeting 5.30pm at the Centre
Tues	27	
Wed	28	
Thurs	29	
Frid	30	SVDP Break up 6.30pm Gallery
Sat	1	
Sun	2	
Mon	3	
Tues	4	Finance C'tee Meeting 5.30pm Parish Hall
Wed	5	
Thurs	6	Professional Standards meeting, Melb Fr Michael
Frid	7	
Sat	8	Fr Brian Boyle celebrating Mass
Sun	9	Fr Brian Boyle celebrating Mass

Feast Day of the Week Fri Nov 30

St Andrew (Apostle)

St Andrew the Apostle was born in Bethsaida of Galilee, a brother of Simon Peter, both fishermen. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led himself and John the Evangelist to follow Jesus. Andrew at once recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and hastened to introduce him to his brother, Peter. Thenceforth the two brothers were disciples of Jesus.

ON SALE TODAY after Mass today will be Palm Crosses \$10 each, Pens \$15 each (*both made from the wood of the original door of the Church*) and the Centenary Book “Time to Reflect” \$20 each.

ADVENT CALENDAR

In Advent, the Jesse tree reminds us of Biblical characters and events that prepared God's people for the birth of Jesus.

Caritas has designed an Advent Calendar based on the Jesse tree to learn, pray and act with and for our partners around the world today. The calendar is available online and in PowerPoint. It is also available as an iPhone app so you can reflect, pray and act on the go!

Check it out at www.caritas.org.au/advent.

A SPACE FOR GRACE

Everyday brings its share of routine tasks. Sometimes it's hard not to feel resentful and grudging. Before we know it, we are grumbling, "Why do I have to do this?" As you go about those tasks that may seem endless, or boring, or unappreciated, consider how they serve those you love. Making the bed, doing the laundry, washing the car, getting up to go to work, are all acts of love when we see them as expressions of loving care for those who share our lives.

Just for this week, choose one of these tasks and let it be a prayer. Allow Jesus to enter the picture of your everyday ordinariness as you reflect on the gift of simplicity.

*God is love, and those who abide
in love, abide in God, and God
in them.*



AVAILABLE FOR ADVENT 2012

Copies of the booklet '*Lectio Divina* - Praying the Scriptures in Advent' is available at the back of the church to take home.

It invites you to prayerfully and meditatively reflect on the Sunday readings during Advent and select readings of the Christmas season

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Stronger Retreat - This year's Stronger Retreat for young people, aged 16-26, will be held at Harrierville from December 7-9. Pat Keady and Fr Rob Galea will be key note speakers at this year's retreat. Pat Keady is the Worship Director of *emmanuelworship* (a contemporary Catholic band from Brisbane), while Fr Galea is an internationally acclaimed singer/ songwriter and motivational speaker. Fr Galea is also serving as the assistant priest at St Brendan's Catholic Parish Shepparton. This year's Stronger Retreat will include time for communal and personal prayer, Mass, reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship music, small group discussions, fun activities and much more. The event provides an opportunity for young people on various stages of their faith journey to come together and celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ in a fun and supportive environment. Registrations cost \$180 and close on Monday, November 26. To register, visit www.stronger.org.au.

The King's Standard "... not of this world."

Jesus stands before Pilate his arms bound, his eyes swollen from the blows he has received, spittle covering his face. The moment of fear has passed in the Garden the night before and Jesus now stands in the full strength and power of his Father's will and his own truth - and Pilate is profoundly disturbed. Outwardly Pilate is the giant with power and prestige but inside he is no giant. What does he reveal about himself face to face with Jesus? We see a man ruled by doubt, contradiction and fear. Outwardly big in the eyes of the world this man is inwardly very small and weak and frightened. The world is really like that. Our society is really like that. Our Church community is really like that. Each one of us individually, though we sometimes put on displays of great power is really like that - small and weak and frightened. But Jesus is not. He alone is able to withstand the strength of the great and make them nothing. He needs no wealth no army and no slaves. His greatest weapon is the relationship he has with God his Father and so he has no need for displays of any kind. Jesus reveals to us the calm and peace and gentleness that come from being firmly fixed in the truth. He is the true Ruler - King - Lord. Our challenge is to accept Jesus' kingship not as power over but as power to.

Humour

Like a lot of husbands throughout history, Webster would sit down and try to talk to his wife. But as soon as he would start to say something, his wife would say, "And what's that supposed to mean?" Thus, Webster's Dictionary was born.

QUOTE

'It is precisely when we see and experience poverty - whether far away, close by, or in our own hearts - that we need to become the Church, that is hold hands as brothers and sisters, confess our own brokenness and need, forgive each other, heal each other's wounds and gather around the table of Jesus for the breaking of the bread.'

Henri Nouwen, Bread for the Journey

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS

Every year Australians spend billions of dollars on Christmas gifts yet so much of what we give and receive is wasted. Meanwhile around the world billions of people will struggle just to feed their families and access clean water this Christmas. **Global Gifts** are a fantastic way to make giving meaningful and help vulnerable communities at the same time. Gifts include Clean Water, Food, Education, Healthcare, Sustainable Agriculture. Purchase online at www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts or phone 1800 024 413 or pick up an Order Form at the back of the church.



Readings for
this week: Daniel 7:13-14
Apocalypse 1:5-8
John 18:33-37



Readings for
next Sunday Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-14:2
Luke 21:25-28



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Liturgical Jottings

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's mysteries. The Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.

Sacrosanctum Concilium 102, 104

From Today's Readings

This is the truth. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega" says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Apoc 1:8

Looking at the Readings

Today's feast was promulgated by Pope Pius XI in 1925, to remind people that there is only one King – Christ – and there is only one kingdom – heaven.

At the time of its instigation Europe was in disarray after World War I and the Church had lost much of its position in society. Certainly the language and idea of kingdom and king is more applicable to Europe than we here in Australia. For us the concept of our home being a castle is more understandable.

Sometimes the one crowned king is not always the best person, as the Gospel shows. Pilate was the governor of a small province in the outer Roman Empire. Yet when Jesus stood in front of him, Pilate failed to recognise the true presence of a king. Pilate also could not understand that a kingdom did not depend on land, possession and control.

We still refer to people building empires – these are conglomerates built on the hard work of others and who keep power by controlling people and commodities. Those, like Pilate, who spend all their time building these kingdoms are not going to recognise Jesus.

The kingdom we celebrate today is the one with room for equality, justice, compassion and the knowledge that Jesus is King of our hearts.

In 1925 the leader of our church sensed we had lost the recognition of Jesus and what the true aim of our lives was. We had stopped building lives suited for heaven and were concentrating on building empires suited for here and now. So Pius established a feast day, perhaps to help us remember to establish a life for now and forever.

Featured Feast of the Week St Andrew: 30 November

Andrew was a fisherman. He had become a disciple of John the Baptist, but followed the direction of John to follow Jesus. Andrew was the first disciple of Christ, he then brought his brother Simon (St. Peter). At first the two brothers continued to carry on their fishing trade and family affairs, but later, they stayed with Jesus all the time. He promised to make them fishers of men, and this time, they left their nets for good. After the Ascension of Jesus, Andrew went to Greece to preach the gospel. He was put to death on a cross, to which he was tied, not nailed. Andrew is the patron saint of Russia and Scotland.

Quotable Quote

Those that know...do; those that understand...teach. *Aristotle*

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- Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

Dear GOD
Could my
weakness
make me
strong?

Amen

