

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

TATURA

KYABRAM

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

16th DECEMBER 2012



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2012

Tatura – Sacred Heart Church

Mass – Christmas Eve (Family Mass) – 6.00pm

Mass – Christmas Day – 10.00am

Kyabram – St Augustine's Church

Mass – Christmas Eve (Outdoor Family Mass) – 7.30pm

Mass – Christmas Day – 8.00am

Communal Reconciliation

Kyabram – Reconciliation – Wednesday, 19th December 2012 at 7.30pm

Tatura – Reconciliation – 17th December 2012 at 7.30pm

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Memberships for CWL and subscriptions for the "Horizon" will be available after Mass today and next week.

The Catholic Women's League of Australia has launched its own Youtube channel. Recent videos include songs by Fr Robert Galea and discussions about nascent life.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CWLAustralia>

GOD'S WORD

If you ordered a copy of "God's Word – Daily Reflections" – they will be available after Mass. Cost \$15.

DAILY MISSALS

Daily Missals are now available for 2013. Cost \$19. Please see Trish after Mass.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: On this Third Sunday of Advent we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Saviour of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same. We light the third candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way.

**All: Come Lord
Jesus, grant us courage.**



We pray for



Those who have died recently	Veronica Rosella; Michelle Mulholland; Luigi Corso (1 month)
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Marge Glover; Colin Jenkins; Robert Borrelli; Antonio Martino; Nicola de Angelis; Lucia Villani; Dick McGowan; Alvin Stanley Brunt; Felisa Baric
Our sick and their carers	Mary Goodwin; Terry White; Geraldine Sullivan; Keith Grumley; Colin Mason; Heather Carter; Lawrie Dwyer; Max Davies;*** Carmel Rawlings; Tahlia Backman; Fr Donald Lourensz

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:				FOR COLLECTION If you put your name down to receive a copy of Jim Quillinan's 'Along the Track', the latest article ("The Gift of Years") is available at the back of the church. Free copies of Caritas News are also available. This Summer edition focuses on the precious life-giving resource: water.
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	17	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	18	5.30pm (int. Ev. Woodman)	No Mass	
Wednesday	19	9.15am	5.00pm (Int DickMcGowan)	
Thursday	20	No Mass	1.30pm Anointing Mass	
Friday	21	9.15am (Int John Heathman)	No Mass	
Saturday	22	No Mass	6.30pm	
Sunday	23	10.00am	8.00am	
ROSARY		Tues 5.15pm Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		
RECONCILIATION	22	11:30am		

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sun Dec 23rd 10.00am	Marguerita Worm	Karen Nihill	Carmel White	P&L Kerrins Family	AM Carroll, P Baldwin, Paul Kerrins	Simon Cowan

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."
(Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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

Congratulations to Mathew Dodd who was the very worthy recipient of the Sr Agatha Woodman award for 2012. Congratulations Mathew from your Parish family.

DECEMBER DIARY DATES

Mon	17	Reconciliation 7.30pm
Tues	18	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg. 7.30 Parish Hall
Wed	19	Reconciliation Kyabram 7.30pm
Thurs	20	
Frid	21	
Sat	22	
Sun	23	
Mon	24	Christmas Eve
Tues	25	Christmas Day
Wed	26	
Thurs	27	
Frid	28	
Sat	29	
Sun	30	

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

PPC Meeting is on Tuesday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

NEW PARISH WEBSITES

We hope you have had a chance to have a look at the new Sacred Heart Parish website. This week St Augustine's launched their new St Augustine's Parish website.

Whilst our new websites are up and running, we are still fine tuning some of the information being made available.

The new websites can be found at:

www.sacredheartparishtatura.com.au

<http://staugsparishky.org.au>

ADVENT JOURNEY WITH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Copies of the 'Advent Journey with the Gospel of Luke' Leaflets compiled by Adult Faith Education Sandhurst are available at the back of the church for those wishing to take a set and use for Advent.

The leaflets can also be downloaded on the Sandhurst Diocesan Website on www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au under 'Adult Faith Education' and 'Advent Leaflets'.

RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN

The Dominican friars will be holding a retreat for young men aged 18-30 at Nazareth House, 16 Cornell Street, Camberwell, from 22-24 February 2013. Speakers include Fr Anthony Walsh, Fr Dom Murphy and Fr Paul Rowse. Theme: "Wisdom". Cost \$50 – includes meals and accommodation. Register by 10 January. Spaces limited. For more information and to register contact Br James Baxter OP – james.baxter@op.org.au.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Sandhurst website has a full listing of all the Christmas Masses in all parishes of the Diocese. This is useful for visitors and relatives. This information can be found at:

www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

RECONCILIATION

This opportunity for Christmas will take place in Tatura on Monday 17th December at 7.30pm and Kyabram on Wednesday, 19th December at 7.30pm.

The Christmas Messages from the Bishop and the Vicar General (Monsignor Marriott) have been recorded and are available for viewing on the website www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au. Please click on "News and Events", then "News" to find the link to the messages.

Did you know that our Diocese has an official YouTube channel?

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SandhurstDioceseCDOS>

Starting afresh from Christ

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

On those who lived in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:1,6

'Rejoice' Sunday....."

Rejoicing is both the giving and the receiving of the 'Good News' announced by John. He was preparing to present Jesus and made it clear by his preaching. This is partly why we give gifts during Advent and Christmas. The things we give are accompanied by notes verbally expressing what is being said by the gift, saying something about our feelings our reverence and love for the receiver. The gift says something of the good news about our relationship and the words complete it and make it all a Christmas 'Presence' and Christmas sacrament within the present we are sharing. As gifts of God our Church's seven sacraments say the same kind of things. In giving and receiving Christmas presents we are symbolising in our little spiritual way, exactly what God is doing every time we gather at the Eucharist and every time we live out God's Grace. In the spirit of Advent and Christmas we could give, not presents, but sacraments gestures big and little expressive of the giver the receiver and their relationship. God does this in the sending of the Good News in Christ.

In this Year of Grace perhaps we could spend more than a glancing moment in our reading of Christmas Cards we are receiving, with their notes of good wishes both printed and handwritten. We could pray with what the card is saying in print as well as in picture. We as well, could pray with the 'who' behind the signature.

Discover how much more you hear when you listen without judgement.

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE

WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. **For further details, and an application form, please contact:**

Volunteer Coordinator: 08 9192 1060 or 0415 526 142

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**



Readings for
this week:

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18



Readings for
next Sunday

Micah 5:1-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-44



Joy is the echo of God's life within us.

(Joseph Marmion)

Be Happy
Happiness is good.
The place to be happy is here.
The time to be happy is now.
The way to be happy
is to help make others happy!

Quotable Quote

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the Lord is very near us. Indeed, he is in our midst!



Prayer for the week

"Lord, make me a
sunshine person".

On the Lighter Side

"I'm not saying that the customer service in my bank is bad, but when I went in the other day and asked the clerk to check my balance, she leaned across the counter and pushed me over!"



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Focus on the Readings

Today is Gaudete Sunday, Joy Sunday! We light the rose candle on the Advent wreath. The priest wears rose vestments. It is a day for considering all that we as Christians have to rejoice about and, of course, what we have to rejoice about is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Today we are urged to be happy in the Lord. A number of times Gospel stories reveal Jesus as being happy and joyful. There are accounts of him attending dinners and enjoying meals with friends. Jesus was joyful and wanted his disciples to share his joy. "I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete." (John 15:11)

The Lord wants us to be happy. By our baptism we are daughters and sons of God. We could say that the words of our first reading (Zeph 3:14-18) were fulfilled in the lives of each of us the day we were baptised - He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals. Can you imagine God rejoicing over you the day you were baptised? Singing with joy because of you? Renewing you by his love? When we were baptised "we were touched by God" (Luke 3:16). God put his seal on us. Why be unhappy when God is delighted and wants us to be joyful!

Popular belief would have us accept that religion hinders our freedom, that religion cramps our lifestyle, that it is an oppressive force. But properly understood our faith in God is a liberating force, liberating us from unhappiness and helping us to find our joy in the Lord. We remember again the words of Paul, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"

Happiness and Peace

Love, happiness and peace are gifts of the Holy Spirit. As gifts of the Holy Spirit, it would be a mistake to identify true love with the sentimental love of love affairs, to confuse joy with excitement and peace with the absence of war, destruction and death. The peace of God is something, St Paul tells us, which goes beyond all understanding. And the same goes for joy. As gifts of the Holy Spirit, only those who have received them through faith are able to experience, know, possess, enjoy and convey them. There is a certain reciprocity between the gifts of the Spirit. The peace that dwells in the heart of the believer inspires an attractive inner joy, which takes shape in our soul and "contaminates" others. The joy which the Spirit bestows upon the believer, in turn, conveys order and peace in life, serenity and harmony, and spiritual serenity, which arouses everyone's admiration. Why not ask the Holy Spirit to grant us these gifts of peace and joy more abundantly to prepare for Christmas? Let us rejoice in the Lord. Let us live the peace of God. Christmas is just around the corner.

QUOTE:

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

- Agnes M. Pharo

DEAR God

How come Advent has
turned into
advent?

Amen

