

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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Year of Luke

Weekdays – Cycle 1

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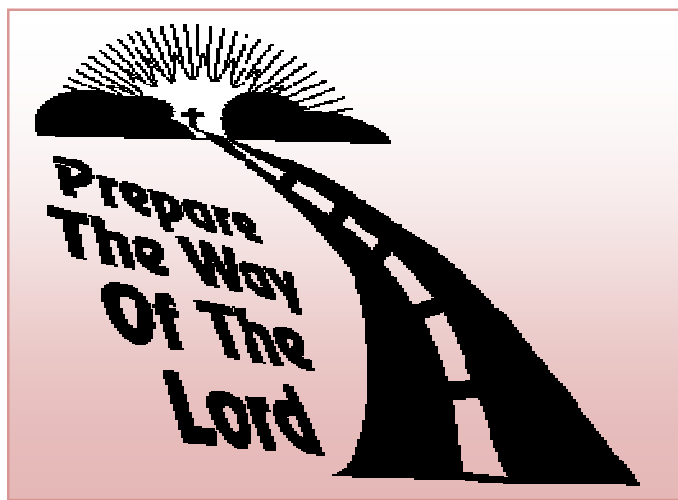
Loretta Lilford, Maureen O'Shea,

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9th DECEMBER 2012



CONGRATULATIONS TO ELISA ANTONIETTA NIGRO

who is being baptised here after Mass today
We welcome Elisa into our faith community.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Celebrant: On this Second of Advent we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, our farmers, labourers and shift workers on whom our economy stands. Those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

We light the second candle as
A symbol of the shepherds,
Agents of the gospel and
redeemers of the world.



All: Come Lord Jesus teach us your ways.

WELCOME - This weekend we welcome and say thank you to Fr Brian Boyle who is celebrating Mass with us.

ITALIAN ROSARY

Il Sarto Rosario sara recitato nella sala di St Mary's Hall, 11 Dicembre alle ore 2pm, dopo il S Rosario ci sara un rinfresco tutti benvenuti.

The Italian Rosary will be recited in St Mary's Hall on Tuesday 11th December at 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

Cuppa after Mass in the Mercy Centre **TODAY!**

Just a reminder to stay for a cuppa and a chat after Mass today.

There's tea & coffee
and a delicious snack and a
chance to catch up with
friends.



*Compassion is the world's most perfect idea.
But it comes to life only when we practice it!*

Stephanie Dowrick

We pray for



Those who have died recently	
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Evelyn Woodman;
Our sick and their carers	Geraldine Sullivan; Mary Goodwin; Terry White; Keith Grumley; Colin Mason; Veronica Rosella; Heather Carter; Lawrie Dwyer; Max Davies;*** Carmel Rawlings Pamela Ludeman; Tahlia Backman; Fr Donald Lourensz

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 10 – 16 December				SVDP Christmas Cards \$5 for 10. Columban & Josephite Calendars \$9 each. Available in the Narthex. Honesty Box applies.	
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM		
Monday	10	No Mass	No Mass		
Tuesday	11	No Mass	No Mass		
Wednesday	12	9.15am LWWC* (No Anointing Mass)	5.00pm LWWC*		
Thursday	13	No Mass	No Mass		
Friday	14	9.15am	No Mass		
Saturday	15	6.00pm	No Mass		
Sunday	16	8.00am	10.00am		
ROSARY		Tues 4.45pm Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am			
RECONCILIATION	-	-			

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sat Dec 15th 6.00pm	Mary Goodwin	Denice Bourke	Lou Kerrins	T Warnett	J Scrimizzi, G Ranson. S Finlayson	L & D Worm
Sun Dec 16th 8.00am	Betty Curtis	Simon Cowan	Lisa Cowan	Robert Miller	R Kelly, C Reilly, D Worm	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."
 (Philippians 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God.

Pick up the December issue of the 'Sandpiper' on your way out!

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

DIARY DATES

Mon	10	SVDP Meeting 9.30am at the Centre
Tues	11	
Wed	12	
Thurs	13	7.00pm End of Year School Mass, Tatura
Frid	14	11.00am End of Year School Mass, St Pat's
Sat	15	
Sun	16	
Mon	17	7.30pm Reconciliation, Tatura
Tues	18	PPC Meeting 7.30pm Parish Hall
Wed	19	7.30pm Reconciliation, Kyabram
Thurs	20	
Frid	21	School Finishes
Sat	22	
Sun	23	

PARISH SPIRITUALITY

'We're on about Jesus. What's more important is that Jesus is on about us. St. Paul writes to Timothy, "Remember the Good News..." (2 Timothy 2:8) and recommends that people be reminded about what Christ did, does, and will continue to do for us.

'We welcome the Year of Grace as a call to keep the memory of Christ alive both in our public and private lives. By not falling into spiritual amnesia we bring his hope to a world that needs him now more than ever.'

- **Fr Gerard Totanes, Geraldton Diocese**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Last night Nicholas P, Olivia M, Kristofer A, Gretl F, Nikolai D, Rogue M, Gabriella M, Gloria W, Chloe S, Aaron N, Shara S, Gabrielle S, Lara M, Lily V, Darcie S, Santina R, Bianca S, Ben T & Stanley H celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Thank you to Mrs. Angela Finn for her organisation of the program. We thank all the families for their commitment to their child's faith journey.

END OF SCHOOL MASS

The end of school Mass for Sacred Heart will be on Thursday 13th December at 7.00pm. There will be a light supper to follow in the Mercy Centre which will give us all the opportunity to say farewell to our principal, Jenni Hindson who is leaving us at the completion of the school year. Please join the children for Mass and Jenni's farewell. afterwards.

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'.

A SPACE FOR GRACE

Prepare a way for the Lord. Luke 3:1

Be prepared – just like a Boy Scout! It's difficult in today's world to prepare in a spiritual way for Christmas. It takes commitment. You will have to make time.

This week, I will take time out, Lord, to just BE with you. Keep me focussed. Guide me. Help me on my Advent journey to Christmas.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please ensure you write clearly the amount you have enclosed in your planned giving envelope in the space provided on the outside of the envelope. This will ensure that we eliminate as much as possible, the risk that your contribution is not acknowledged.

Wake-Up Call

Advent, the Church's world-wide retreat in preparation for Christmas, now begins its second week. Advent is the quiet time, the great contrast with our culture's turbulent consumer-bonanza. We are being asked to undergo some revision, some stretching in our approach to life and in our approach to tragedy. Jesus comes not just into our barbecues and parties, our happiness and cheer, but also and importantly, into the craggy mountains and deep gorges of our lives. As human beings we know a lot about these. What sadness are we hiding from? What mountain is currently too high to approach? What utter failure hides in the recesses of our hearts? Only one possible solution exists for these troubles, whether they are giant or small: to let God's depths be an intimate part of our soul. Will we let him be born in us this year, a little more than in the past? Are we willing to make room inside ourselves? We do not have to be capable of such a feat all by ourselves. We rely on the tender care of God to help us dis-close ourselves, to tease open a few doors that have been shut for too long. This is what Advent is all about.

....the word of God came to John (the Baptist) son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

"Prepare the way of the Lord" inside yourself.

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS

Only a few more weeks until Christmas!

This year you can help build a world where everyone lives in dignity and peace. For most of us, Christmas is a time of joy, a time of giving, and a time of thanks. Many around the world are not so fortunate, and go without the basics that we often take for granted, like clean water or a healthy meal. This Christmas, you can help change this by giving a Caritas Global Gift. It is a wonderful way to make giving meaningful. Check the Caritas website to see the choice of 6 gifts.

www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts

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 – Monday, 17th December 2012 at 7.30pm



Readings for
this week: Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6



Readings for
next Sunday Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18



Liturgical Jottings

Remember, by ourselves we can do nothing; we run out of resources!

But with God nothing is impossible.

Do not give up, even though the call to love is hard to respond to:

God helps.

Don't write people off; they too are growing. Always expect a miracle; Christian life is a life of growing. Put your hand to the plough again

Today...

And tomorrow....

Every day we start being Christian all over again.

Quotable Quote

A good thing to remember.
And a better thing to do.
To work with the construction gang
And not with the wrecking crew.



Prayer for the week

"Heal me Lord".

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Focus on the Readings

Advent confuses tense – past, present, future, - we wait for what has already come and celebrate what has not yet arrived. The trouble is that with God there is no tense; he dwells in an eternal *now*. On the other hand we are formed in time and space. God also has an amazing plan whose centre lies in Jesus who long ago became flesh and entered into time. The eternal *entered* time so that we might, through him, enter into the eternal and Advent is the time we look with longing for the coming of the Eternal One. Popular culture would have us believe Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Jesus as a babe to Bethlehem. Not so. He has already come. Though we celebrate, and celebrate again what has already been given us our present longing is centred on the future coming of the Lord in glory! If all eyes turn to Bethlehem where Mary gave birth to the Redeemer it's for the same reason we focus on the other mysteries of his life, because they reveal the one Lord, Redeemer and Judge, who is yet to come. It is our contemplation of the birth, life, suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord which sustains our understanding and therefore our longing. These 'mysteries of the Rosary' are the footsteps of the Saviour in history, leading us to that extraordinary moment of completion when the very same Saviour will appear before us in the fullness and splendour of his power over all, including time. He is coming as he promised; what must we do? I think we already know.

*Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
...And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.*

For the Young!

Advent is about waiting. Not just hanging about waiting for a bus. It's an active let's-get-ready-for-this waiting. When John said to prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight - he means for us to straighten out what is crooked or wrong in our lives.

If you have a VIP coming you don't want them to have to deal with ditches, rough patches and obstacles in the road. You want a smooth path for them to travel. And so we have to be really serious about this: what are the obstacles, ditches and rough patches in our lives? Often it's between people. Think about the people you need to "straighten out" your relationship with during advent - this preparation time.

It is no use saying peace be with you and later fighting with your sister, ignoring your brother, not saying sorry to a friend you hurt, holding a grudge against your dad, not wanting to listen to your mum.

It's Advent and we're waiting. And as we wait let's check the list - who do I need to straighten things out with? How will I show love, forgiveness, caring and healing? **And do it - before Christmas comes.**

QUOTE:

'If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire. Let the truth be your delight. Proclaim it - but with a certain congeniality.'

- St Catherine of Siena

