

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF TATURA

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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.**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th AUGUST 2013

**Cuppa in the Mercy Centre
after Mass next Sunday. Come
and have a chat and a coffee
With friends.**



FEAST OF ASSUMPTION

Masses for the Feast of Assumption are as follows:

- Wednesday 14th August – Kyabram at 5.45pm
- Thursday, 15th August – Tatura (Sacred Heart School Mass) at 9.15am; St Augustine's College Mass at 12.30pm and Tatura at 5.45pm.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SAY THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who organised and worked towards the Pasta Night 2 weeks ago. We especially thank Cathy De Angelis and Connie Serra for cooking beautiful soup and 2 different pastas for the attendees.

Also thanks to all the slice and cake cooks. The meal was delicious – as usual. Although the night was atrocious – raining and windy – we had a great crowd in the Parish Hall which was warm and cosy. The children were so good and played together very well. All in all it was a great night – make sure you keep a look out for the next one and come along. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Special birthday wishes and congratulations to Trish Warnett who celebrated her 80th birthday this week.



COMMISSIONING OF SPECIAL MINISTERS

On Sunday 11th August Fr. Michael will commission our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. The Commissioning acknowledges the importance of this role in the parish - not the least by providing an extra pair of hands for Fr. Michael when needed. Extraordinary Ministry of the Eucharist is a privileged ministry of service to our parish community, ensuring that everyone including the sick, frail and aged and housebound are enfolded in the love and support of their fellow parishioners.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We still need nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council, to fill the 3 positions vacant. It's not too late to nominate someone who you think might represent us well on PPC. Nomination forms and the nomination box are available in the Narthex, and nominations will close today (4th August). Confirmation of the new members will be announced following the next PPC meeting.

The next PPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th August.

Il Rosario sarà recitato ore 2pm Martedì 13 Agosto nella Chiesa.

The Italian Rosary will be recited in the Church on 13th August at 2.00pm. All very welcome.

*Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and
nothing so gentle as real strength.*

Francis de Sales

We pray for



Those who have died recently	Mavis Brown Norma O'Callaghan (Ireland); Fr John Allen (Sale)
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Frank DeMaio; Teresa & Joe Maruzzia
Our sick and their carers	Fr Chris Reay; Lawrie Dwyer;*** Isabel Slaughter; Carmel O'Brien; Denis Bacon; Tessa Stokes; Ien Spicer; Carmel Rawlings; Tahlia Backman; Gerard Berry; Billy Edwards

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 5 -11 AUGUST				PLEASE COLLECT: - Sandpiper – Special edition of the Diocesan Newspaper - Australian Catholics - Along the Track Please check the notice boards for additional information.
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	5	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	6	No Mass	No Mass	
Wednesday	7	9.15am	5.00pm	
Thursday	8	No Mass	9.15am 12 noon St Pat's	
Friday	9	9.15am	No Mass	
Saturday	10	No Mass	6.30pm	
Sunday	11	10.00am	8.00am	
ROSARY		Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		
RECONCILIATION	10	11:30am		

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sun Aug 11 th 10.00am	CHILDREN'S MASS				S Nihill, L Kerrins, L McGrath	Bill Woods

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

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

ALONG THE TRACK –

If you put your name down to receive a copy of Jim Quillinan's 'Along the Track', the latest article ("Jesus, the Formative Years" – the first of four meditations on Jesus) is available at the back of the church.

AUGUST DIARY DATES

Mon	5	
Tues	6	Finance C'tee meeting 5.30pm Parish Hall 10.00am Council of Priests, Wangaratta
Wed	7	Joint Opening of 3 Trade Centres – Nathalia
Thurs	8	Feast of St Mary MacKillop – 12 noon Mass – St Pats
Frid	9	SVDP Meeting 9.00am at the Centre 11.00am Regional Chaplains, Benalla 7.00pm SIP Dinner and Speaker – Sr Mary Coloe
Sat	10	
Sun	11	
Mon	12	
Tues	13	Italian Rosary 2.00pm Church Minister's Fellowship, Kyabram 10.00am Deanery Meeting, Dookie
Wed	14	Feast of Assumption - 5.45pm Vigil Mass, Kyabram
Thurs	15	Feast of Assumption - 12.30pm St Augustine's School Mass; Tatura – 9.15am and 5.45pm

Thur Aug 8

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mary Helen MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne on January 15, 1842. Together with Fr Tenison Woods, Mary founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1867, an Order dedicated to the education of poor children. Mary faced many challenges, not least of which was her (questionable) excommunication by Bishop Shiel in September 1871 – an excommunication lifted five months later. By 1891, there were three hundred sisters working in nine dioceses in Australia and New Zealand. An ordinary Australian woman, yet a woman of heroic holiness, goodness, warmth and determination, Mary died on August 8, 1909. On October 17, 2010 Mary MacKillop, Saint Mary of the Cross, was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI. One of her best known sayings is 'Never see a need without doing something about it!'



WORLD YOUTH DAY SPECIAL

'Go, do not be afraid, and serve'



Australian Catholics Spring edition due out end of August has a special focus on youth. Pick one up as soon as it arrives!

Pope Francis has delivered his World Youth Day homily to millions of young people in Rio de Janeiro, after a week of celebration and activity: 'During these days here in Rio, you have been able to enjoy the wonderful experience of meeting Jesus, meeting him together with others, and you have sensed the joy of faith. But the experience of this encounter must not remain locked up in your life or in the small group of your parish, your movement, or your community. That would be like withholding oxygen from a flame that was burning strongly. Faith is a flame that grows stronger the more it is shared and passed on, so that everyone may know, love and confess Jesus Christ, the Lord of life and history (cf. Rom 10:9).

Diocesan Library

Do you spend a lot of time travelling?

At the library Learning Centre – a library for the whole of the Sandhurst Diocese, we have a collection of audio cds that may interest you.

One example is "Loving the Two Halves of Life". This is a 7 disc cd set. It features Fr Richard Rohr OFM exploring the two halves of life as part of a spiritual quest. Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI shares his insights about three distinct stages of our spiritual life. He focuses on the final stages of life and dying well. Edwina Gately identifies the different ways we see God through the stages of our lives. The three speakers collectively give a thoughtful and mature reflection on life and spirituality.

For this and many more resources contact the library Learning Centre, 120 Hargreaves Street Bendigo.

Phone: 54426108. Email :

library@ceosand.catholic.edu.au Membership is free and open to all.

What Matters to God.....

Today's text from Luke 12, is Jesus' parable of the rich fool, a wealthy man who has a bumper crop one year so he decides to tear down his barns and build bigger ones. There was nothing wrong with that. Where he goes astray, however, is in believing that he has it made, that he owes no one, not even God, for his good fortune. Of course, we know how the parable ends. The rich man dies unexpectedly and discovers that his soul is impoverished. How we handle great blessings and great opportunities can be just as revealing about our faith as how we handle great pains and great troubles. Of course, all of us have stuff we might like to do if money or time or responsibilities did not limit us. The challenge is that when something happens that gives us that money, time or freedom from responsibilities, will we be the same person of character and morality that we were when limited by circumstance?

'I used to think when I was a child that Christ might have been exaggerating when he warned about the dangers of wealth. Today I know better. I know how very hard it is to be rich and still keep the milk of human kindness. Money has a dangerous way of putting scales on one's eyes, a dangerous way of freezing people's hands, eyes, lips and hearts.'

Dom Helder Camara

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.

REPEAT NOTICES ...

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - Our diocese has several parishes without a parish priest. Let us make an effort to improve the situation by praying "that the lord of the harvest will send labourers into his harvest." During **VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK**, from **Monday 5th August to Friday 9th August** at the **POOR CLARES MONASTERY**, 18 Edwards Road Bendigo there will be Mass at 8.00am, followed by prayers for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Also prayers for our priests, religious, and seminarians. We will finish after Benediction around 10.15am. Come for as many mornings as you wish, and for all or part of each morning as your circumstances allow. (Sponsored by the Bendigo Club of Serra International)

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB - GV Spirituality in the Pub invites you to DINNER with Mary Coloe pbvm, BA., BTheol (hons), D.Theol presenting *Is This The Crisis We Had To Have?* at The Vault Restaurant Shepparton at 7 pm on Friday 9th August. Pre-paid bookings necessary. Tickets: \$42 includes 3 course meal. Contact: Julie 0418 101591 Kerry 0408 579904.

CENTACARE – SANDHURST - Centacare –Sandhurst is offering the FOCUS Facilitator training in Bendigo on Fridays 23rd and 30th August. Participants would need endorsement from their Parish Priest before doing the training. For further information please contact Narelle Williams, Team leader Family Education Services, Bendigo phone 5438 1300, or email narelle.williams@centacare-sandhurst.org.au



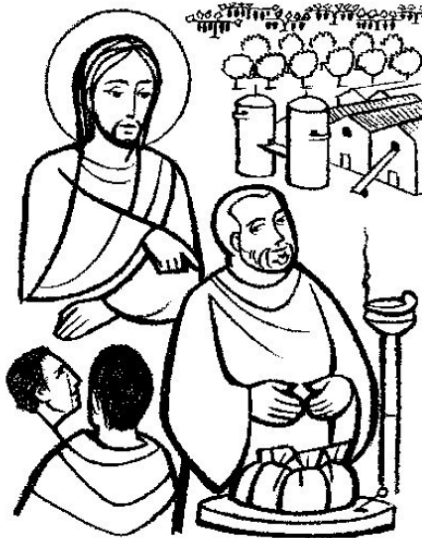
*Readings for
this week:*

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
Luke 12:13-21



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48



Liturgical Jottings

Prayer of the Faithful

In Mass the people respond in a certain way to the word of God, which they have welcomed in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. It is fitting that such a prayer be included in Masses celebrated with a congregation, so that petitions will be offered for the holy Church, for civil authorities, for those weighed down by various needs, for all men and women, and for the salvation of the whole world. GIRM no 69



Prayer for the week

Creator of all good things, in your love for us, you gave us all of creation, And when that was not enough You gave us the gift of your son. Fill us with compassion, that we may be signs of your love. Open our minds to the knowledge of you, and our hearts to love for one another.

Looking at the Readings

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity! © Dianne Bergant CSS

Feasts of the Week

This coming week includes the feasts of St Dominic (5 Aug) founder of the Order of Preachers; the Transfiguration of the Lord, (6 Aug) the Mt Tabor experiences where Peter Paul and John glimpsed the glory of the Lord; St Pope Sixtus II and companions (7 Aug) 3rd century martyrs; and St Laurence Roman deacon, martyr and companion of Sixtus II (10 Aug). We celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (8 Aug) as a solemn feast day and with great jubilation and thanksgiving here in Australia.

Quotable Quote

Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God. (St Mary of the Cross 1891)

On the Lighter Side

A Parish Priest announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."



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QUOTE:

'When someone steals another's clothes, we call them a thief. Should we not give the same name to one who could clothe the naked and does not? The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has no shoes; the money which you hoard up belongs to the poor.'

— St Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (330-379)

