

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF TATURA

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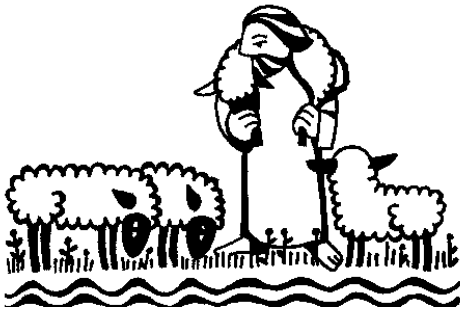
Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Michael, Alma Limbrick, Oronzo Farina, Anthony Chalkley, Joe Chant (Deputy Chairperson), Marie Curtis (Chairperson), Angela Finn; Maureen O'Shea, Lee Pethybridge,

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.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th SEPTEMBER 2013



“What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one would not leave the ninety nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it.”

ASPIRE

A Cultural and Charitable Foundation

The vision of Aspire is to establish a Cultural and Interpretive Centre together with associated infrastructure that will provide a place in the City of Greater Bendigo for the congregation, the community and the visiting public to indulge in exhibits of significant and precious artefacts which depict the 'Faith on the Goldfields' culture and the heritage of the Bendigo region. The first step is to commemorate the life and work of St Mary of the Cross, our first Australian Saint, and her early links to our Diocese. For more information see the flyers in the Narthex and the noticeboard.

ST. PATRICK'S TONGALA SPRING FAIR

TODAY Sunday, 15th September 2013

11am - 3pm

Jumping castle, pony rides, face painting, food, BBQ, cow lotto, showbags, 2nd hand goods, drinks, lollies, plants and more.

ST. AUGUSTINES COLLEGE TIMOR LESTE ADULT IMMERSION 2013:

After much planning we will begin our much anticipated trip on Thursday September 19th when we fly out of Tullamarine at 6pm and arrive in Dili at 7.15am on Friday morning. We will then head off on our 3 hour (approx.) drive to the village of Aileu where we will spend the next 10 days.

We will arrive back at Tullamarine at 11pm on Tuesday 1st October after what will have been a life changing experience for us all.

The group has had many meetings and get-togethers to prepare us for our Immersion.

The College and Parish Communities have been magnificent in their support of our Immersion and Chantelle, Paul, Luke, Alex and Geraldine from Tatura, Mick and Helen would like to most sincerely thank you all for your donations and help.

Obrigada barak

Humour

An eccentric philosophy professor set one question in the final exam for the semester. Once the class was seated he picked up a chair, put it on his desk and wrote on the board: 'Using everything we've learned this semester, prove that this chair does not exist.' The students wrote furiously for the hour allotted – with the exception of one fellow who finished in less than a minute. When the grades were posted, he got an 'A' for the two words he had written: 'What chair?'

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday 17th September 7.00pm
School Staff Room

We pray for



Those who have died recently	Daphne Snell; Genevieve Bunworth; Hildegard Larin; Colin Rosella
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Michael Lawlor; Saverio Muto; John Kerlin; Russell Rawlings; Fiorina Meneghetti; Brian McCormick; Virginia Spina
Our sick and their carers	Margaret Woodland; Mons John White *** Frank Pemberton; Isabel Slaughter; Tessa Stokes Glen Spicer; Carmel Rawlings; Tahlia Backman; Gerard Berry; Billy Edwards

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 16-22 SEPTEMBER				PLEASE COLLECT: • Sandpiper • Australian Catholics • Along the Track "Jesus: A Mixed Response to an Unexpected Question" • Brochure re- Social Justice Sunday • Aspire Brochure
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	16	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	17	9.15 Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass	
Wednesday	18	9.15am	5.00pm <i>Intention – Therese Mulcahy</i>	
Thursday	19	No Mass	9.15am	
Friday	20	9.15am (Int. Michael Lawlor)	No Mass	
Saturday	21	No Mass	6.30pm	
Sunday	22	10.00am	8.00am 11.30am Merrigum	
ROSARY		Tues 9.00am Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		
RECONCILIATION	21	11:30am		

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sun Sept 22nd 10.00am	Trish Miller	AnnMargaret Carroll	Judy Randall	P Moroney D Corrigan	S Nihill, L Kerrins, L McGrath	Alec & Gwen Ranson

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - "Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

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

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to everyone who donated towards the Diocese of Sandhurst Priest's Retirement Fund. We raised \$614.00.

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

Mon	16	Crazy Whist 1.30pm Parish Hall
Tues	17	PPC Meeting 7.00 pm School Staff Room
Wed	18	
Thurs	19	Beaut Blokes Breakfast, St Aug's College
Frid	20	Last day of Term 3
Sat	21	Feast: St Mathew
Sun	22	
Mon	23	
Tues	24	
Wed	25	
Thurs	26	
Frid	27	Feast: St Vincent de Paul
Sat	28	
Sun	29	

PASTORAL CARE

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Sat Sep 21

St Matthew, Apostle

Matthew, also known as Levi and son of Alphaeus, was a Galilean. A tax-gatherer at Capernaum, he was despised by the Pharisees. When summoned by Jesus, Matthew got up and followed Him. At a feast in his house, tax-gatherers and sinners sat at table with Christ and His disciples. This drew forth a protest from the Pharisees whom Jesus rebuked in these consoling words: 'I came not to call the just, but sinners.' Matthew's Gospel is given pride of place in the canon of the New Testament, and was written to convince Jewish readers that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and our best wishes to Rev Ashley Caldwell who was ordained a Diocesan Priest today at the Bendigo Cathedral.

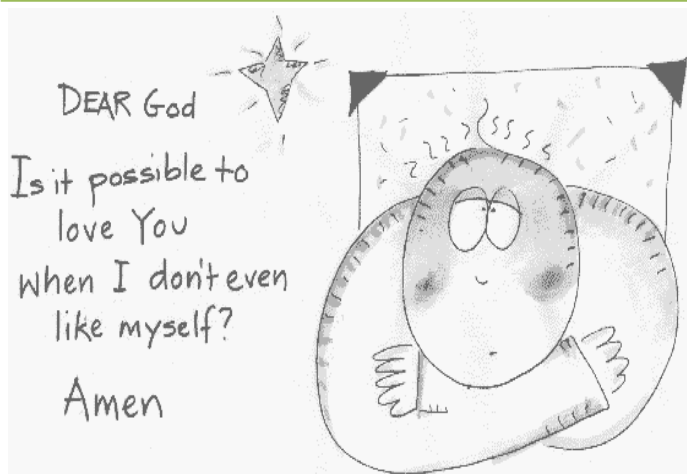
ANTI-ABORTION MARCH

"Calling to mind the teaching of Saint Irenaeus that the glory of God is seen in a living human being, the Holy Father encourages all of you to let the light of that glory shine so brightly that everyone may come to recognise the inestimable value of all human life. Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." (Pope Francis)

In remembrance of the shameful day, when on October 10, 2008, the Victorian Parliament passed the Abortion Law Reform Act we will gather to march for the babies who never see the light of day in Victoria. The babies of every one in three pregnancies! The more than 20,000 babies killed in Victoria every year.

Please join us, as we march in this peaceful witness to life, from Treasury Gardens to Parliament House, and hear inspirational speakers and music with a message of courage and hope.

We are hoping to organize a bus from St. Brendan's to Melbourne for parishioners and friends who want to participate in the March for the Babies on Saturday October 12th, 2013. If you are interested in attending and/or helping to organise please contact Mairead ASAP on 0437 650 024 or email: maireadborn@yahoo.com
<http://marchforthebabies.org.au>



God's Lost-and-Found Department.....

In response to questions or criticism Jesus often used parables. In today's Gospel having been censured by the religious establishment for welcoming sinners he tells three stories. Our text includes the first two. Jesus concludes both by talking about how the return of those who have lost their way is a time of great rejoicing. Parables are wonderful to contemplate there are so many different angles and possibilities of interpreting them and pondering for whom are these portraits painted? Jesus addressed today's parables to the religious authorities and those who were outraged by his acceptance of the 'undesirable element' in their society challenging us to examine our attitudes toward 'outsiders'. This could be a good time also to reflect on the fact that all of us have at some point in our lives been sought out and found and that we continue to have tendencies to wander away from the fold. It is the love of God that searches for us, makes our lost condition known to us and urges us to turn back to him. It is not our search for God that saves us — we may in fact be running away from God! — but God's search for us that really matters. *The church is a community of the lost who have been found. We are called in turn to be the messengers of the good news of God's extravagant love for all especially the lost.*

Quote:

'Many Christians find themselves crucified between two thieves: the past and the future.'
- Fr Paul Glynn sm

Next eConference 2013

[The Gospel of St John: The Love of God Made Visible](#)

You can attend this inspirational conference without leaving home. By using the techniques of television production and internet streaming, you can participate in this conference, in the convenience of your own city or town across the country or across the world. Watch the conference at home or gather friends or staff in your parish or community hall.

Wednesday 16 October 2013

10.30am - 2.30pm (AEST)

Fr Francis Moloney sdb and Dr Dorothy Lee



Around the Diocese.....

THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF THE DIVINE MOTHERHOOD

The Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood, who came to the Diocese of Sandhurst in the late 1950s have announced that they are withdrawing their presence in our diocese (and in Australia) later this year. The Sisters were responsible for the establishment of the Catholic hospital in Bendigo (now St John of God) and the primary and secondary school in Nathalia. A thanksgiving Mass will be offered at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, 17th November 2013 at 11.00am with a suitable tribute to be offered afterwards.



Readings for this week:
Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32



Readings for next Sunday:
Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13



Feast of the Week 15 September St Robert Bellarmine

Bishop and Doctor, born in 1542 in Montepulciano, Tuscany. He entered the Jesuits at Rome and was ordained priest. He taught in the Collegio Romano. He died in Rome in the year 1621.



Prayer for the week

I will arise and go to my Father.

A pure heart, create for me, O God
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
O Lord, open my lips and
my mouth will declare your praise.
I will arise and go to my Father.

Luke 15:18, Psalm 50: 10-11, 15

Looking at the Readings

God's Limitless Love:

We have all heard the story of the lost son (prodigal son). We have all heard about the older brother's envious reaction to his father's generosity. And it seems clear that the forgiving father represents God and the sons represent each of us at different points in our lives.

On second thought, perhaps there is more to this familiar parable that meets the eye. Think about the story for a moment. What does it really say about God? Not only is the father not upset about his son wasting all his money, but the father is incredibly happy to see his son return home. He runs to meet him! This man is so eager to welcome his son that he runs down the road toward him and then hugs and kisses him.

But it doesn't end there. Despite the son's apology, which the father ignores, the father tells his servants to prepare a huge party – music, dancing, expensive robes and rings and a feast for everyone.

Luke is trying to tell us in the most visual way possible that there is simply no limit to God's love for us. It is not a conditional love. It is extravagant, outrageous love. God doesn't hold back. How can we hold back from such divine eagerness. The next time you think you have separated yourself from God's love, picture yourself walking down a road, God running toward you with open arms. What is your response?

Quotable Quote

'With malice toward none, with charity for all.' *Abraham Lincoln*

On the Lighter Side

"Do you believe in life after death?" The boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes sir," the new employee replied.

"Well then, that makes everything just fine" the boss went on, "after you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral she stopped by to see you."



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Parish Spirituality

'WEEPING IS HEALTHY'

'Weeping is healthy. It's a wholesome expression in the face of loss. Moreover, when we weep we are giving expression to a sorrow that speaks not just of some private loss and pain, but somehow too of that same sadness within the entire world. The loss we are mourning may seem a private thing, like the death of a loved one, but, if the focus of our grief is on the one lost rather than on ourselves, our weeping is essentially empathic. Our deep sadness then mourns a universal condition and connects us more deeply to the world, where death and loss spare no one. Everyone, ultimately, carries that same sadness.'

Excerpt from a reflection by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI