

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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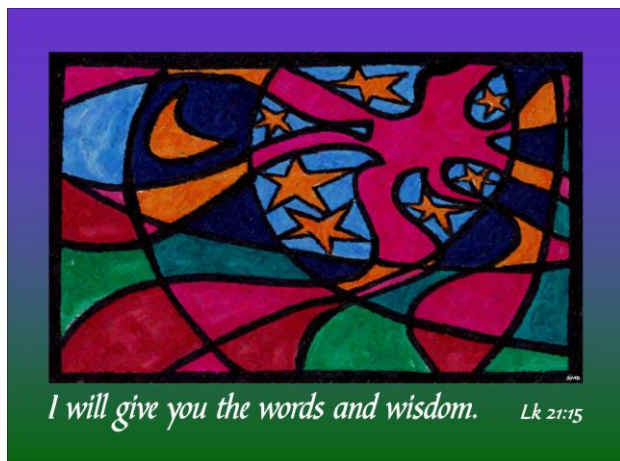
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**As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
 We commit ourselves to actively working alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.**

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th NOVEMBER 2013



CARITAS TYPHOON HAIYAN APPEAL

Super Typhoon Haiyan, the strongest storm ever to make landfall, has caused widespread devastation. Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid in the Philippines.

Caritas Australia is launching an appeal for financial assistance which I fully support, particularly as the Filipino presence is very significant here in the Sandhurst Diocese in terms of the priests working here in the Diocese, the seminarians and lay people here from the Philippines. We appreciate how distressing the news is and the concern for the wellbeing of fellow citizens, family and friends. We are united with them in prayer at this time and I urge the support for the Caritas Appeal and ask that you support the Appeal this Sunday at Mass.

Caritas Australia is responding to the disaster with our partners prioritising emergency shelter, water & sanitation, and household relief items (blankets, kitchen items). To help call 1800 024 413 or post to PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636 or

www.caritas.org.au/typhoon-haiyan

The second collection today will be for the Caritas Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. There are also special envelopes for anyone requiring a receipt. You can also use these to bring your donation next Sunday or to return to the Parish Office.

We are almost at the end of the Liturgical Year, next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, will be the last Sunday in Year C. Next Sunday will also bring to a close the universal Year of Faith which extended from October 11, 2012, to November 24, 2013. Next Liturgical Year will be Year A – the Year of Mathew.

Sacred Heart School held the "Sacred Heart's Got Talent" fundraiser for the Philippines. The final was Friday so ask the children who won! Together with our special collection and cake stall we hope to raise a significant amount towards this tragedy.

CAKE STALL NEXT SUNDAY FOR CARITAS TYPHOON HAIYAN APPEAL

There will be a cake stall after the 10.00am Mass next Sunday – proceeds to go Caritas appeal. We would love as many people as possible to bake cake, slice or biscuits for the stall. Please place a label listing the ingredients on your baked goods. Many thanks for your participation. Please ring Marli on 0457 772 869 or Gemma 0455 840 648 for further information.

N.B. We need lots of customers too!!



We pray for



Those who have died recently	Una Ferguson; Elisabeth Luesebrink; Sr Elizabeth McGovern CSB; Maurie Goodwin; Antoniette Tedesco
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Judy Maher; Giuseppe Gallo; Marie Jenkins; Betty Ryan; Margaret O'Connor; Emma Heard
Our sick and their carers	Nell Noonan; Margaret Woodland; Mons John White *** Tessa Stokes Glen Spicer; Carmel Rawlings; Tahlia Backman; Gerard Berry

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 18 - 24 November				PLEASE COLLECT:
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	- Sandpiper - Australian Catholics - November Offering Envelopes - Caritas Typhoon Appeal Envelopes - Columban Calendars \$8 - Majellan Christmas Cards \$6 for 10 cards - Spirituality in the Pub brochure There are 3 Daily Missals available. If anyone would like one - the cost is \$20. Please see Trish or the Parish Office.
Monday	18	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	19	9.15am Liturgy of the Word	No Mass	
Wednesday	20	9.15am	11.00am -Tongala CWL 6.00pm Year 12 Graduation Mass	
Thursday	21	No Mass	9.15am - 1.30pm Tongala Nursing Home	
Friday	22	9.15am Int. Judy Maher	No Mass	
Saturday	23	No Mass	6.30pm	
Sunday	24	10.00am	8.00am	
ROSARY		Tues 9.00am Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		
RECONCILIATION	23	11:30am		

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sun Nov 24 th 10.00am	Lou Kerrins	Ron Powles	Bernie Maher	M Feehan D Williams	AM Carroll, AM Nihill, G LoPiccolo	T Warnett D Woodman

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"All that you see here – the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Luke 21:6

Thanks to the effort of a billion-dollar advertising industry, our material expectations continue to rise year after year. Yet, today, speaking about the end of time, Jesus reminds us that all the material possessions we spend our time and energy to accumulate will become nothing but rubble in the end. What will really matter will be the time we spend on improving our relationship with our God.

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

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Mon	18	Sandhurst Diocese Golf Day – all priests - Tatura
Tues	19	7.30pm Spirituality in the Pub, Shepparton
Wed	20	6.00pm St Augustine's College Graduation Mass
Thurs	21	14.00pm Capital Planning Group, Shep – Fr M
Frid	22	
Sat	23	60 th Wedding Anniversary, Bright – Fr Michael
Sun	24	
Mon	25	
Tues	26	Prayer Group Ky 7.30pm
Wed	27	
Thurs	28	St Aug's College End Year Mass 12.30pm
Frid	29	
Sat	30	Fr Michael Wedding Shepparton
Sun	1	

PASTORAL CARE

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Presentation of the Virgin Mary

Even though Mary's presentation in the temple has no basis in history, the Feast stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work.

For All "Grans"

The car accident had landed me in hospital in pretty bad shape. On the third day my eight-year-old granddaughter arrived with her mother. She looked in awe at the wrist-to-shoulder cast on left arm, and then asked to see the rest of the damage. I showed her my broken right ankle, which wasn't in a cast yet; my left leg, bruised knee to thigh; and, pushing back my hair, a raw bump the size of an egg above my eyebrow. Her blue eyes wide, she asked earnestly, 'Grandma, can I take you to school tomorrow for show and tell?'

Father Brian Boyle. Father Brian will be in the Diocese of Sandhurst from the end of January, 2014. Father Brian will reside in Bendigo at St Joseph's Presbytery, Quarry Hill. He will also be the Episcopal Vicar for Education in the Diocese of Sandhurst and the Chair of the SSEB from 2014.

Baking People for Cuppa after Mass

We need to add some additional names to the Cuppa after Mass roster. If you would like to help with baking for one monthly Cuppa event please put your name and your preferred month on the clipboard in the Narthex. As we already have some 'bakers' slotted in we may have to 'negotiate' the month! Many thanks in anticipation.

The 2014 Sandhurst Diocese Pilgrimage, "A JOURNEY OF ST PAUL" 16 day pilgrimage, led by Fr Rom Hayes and Angela Finn, will depart 17th September and return 2nd October 2014. Follow St Paul and his companions through Greece and Turkey. See sites of the earliest Christian communities. Visit to Gallipoli. Cost from: \$6690 pp including all taxes/levies & tipping fund. **Brochures & booking forms** from: Marina Scott (03) 5445 9910 mscott@ceosand.catholic.edu.au or for further information, Lyn Breen (03) 5441 2544 Email: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au. **SECURE YOUR BOOKING** with \$350 deposit pp by 7th March 2014 to Olive Tree Travel 03 8488 9696 or 1300 55 08 30 Email: katrina@olivetreetravel.com.au

GOD'S WORD

God's Word – a book of daily reflections is available for 2014. The cost is \$15 and if you would like to order one please advise Trish or see Judith at the Parish Office or ring 5824 1049 on Wednesday.

Words for Us After All

Maybe reading scripture does us the most good when a passage doesn't seem to fit our lives. We know in our heads that the world has persecuted Christians in the past and that in some countries Christians still face persecution so when we hear Jesus warn the disciples, 'They will arrest you and persecute you,' it sounds like a problem from a far-off time or in a different situation. Even if our lives are not in danger for our faith we still need to hear these words from Luke. We face the danger of our faith simply fizzling out. *Apathy can sap our faith.* We need endurance when the world tries to crowd church from our lives. We need endurance when the internal problems of the church and our own impulse to walk away threaten to wear out our faith. *God's grace enables us to endure so that our faith grows.* The Roman army destroyed the temple in Jerusalem. The symbol of beauty, stability and the divine presence lay in ruins on the ground. Whatever we set up to give that sense of stability to our lives it too might crash in ruins. Faith will not enable us to remain placid in the face of grief or shock or disaster. Yet faith will sustain us. Faith enables us to keep going. Faith keeps despair at bay. We need a faith that empowers us, that transforms us. When our temples crumble around us, let us find the words to keep our faith strong.

LECTIO DIVINA

As usual for Advent we have available Lectio Divina – ***Praying the Scriptures in Advent.*** We have to print our own booklets this year, so if you would like one could you please put your name on the list in the Narthex and we will provide you a copy. The Scriptures are an essential element in the journey with Jesus to the Father. During Advent we are invited to take up this reflective approach to the Word of God and prayerfully reflect on the Sunday readings during Advent through to Christmas and the Epiphany. Lectio Divina is a beautiful way to do this.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY 3RD DECEMBER 2013

The theme for this year is **"Break barriers and open doors: to realise an inclusive society for all!"** So, let us acknowledge the gifts and talents of all people with a disability so that each person can live up to their own hopes and expectations and make valuable contributions to community. Let us have an inclusive Catholic spirit, and engage all members in the giving, the receiving and the building up of a community. This is liberating!

This week accept the things you cannot change and change for the better the things you can. Place your trust in God's wisdom and strength.



Readings for
this week:

Malachi 3:19-20
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19



Readings for
next Sunday:

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43



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Liturgical Jottings

From the ORDO

Breaking the Bread. The meaning of the sign demands that the material for the Eucharistic celebration truly have the appearance of food. It is therefore expedient that the Eucharistic bread, even though unleavened and baked in the traditional shape, be made in such a way that the priest at Mass with a congregation is able in practice to be able to break it into parts for distribution to at least some of the faithful.

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From Today's Readings

The Lord said "Keep this carefully in mind: you shall not prepare a defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist."

Luke 21:17

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"There is a silence into which the world cannot intrude. There is an ancient peace you carry in your heart and have not lost."

"A Course in Miracles"

Looking at the Readings

If you take to heart today's gospel reading it would be hard to find a reason to get out of bed! But some people mix persecution up with other people's attempt to get what they believe is reasonable. One person's persecution is another person's seeking of the truth. Sometimes I feel as though religion is the persecuted thing – it gets blamed for a number of sins that would be better placed with political and ideological differences. Suicide bombers will quote religion when it is often their frustrations with dominant powers that lead them to revolting acts.

Certainly a look at history will see that religion has played a part in forming reasons for actions. Certainly there are considerable number of times when religious groups have been the persecutors. But for most of us the future is more hopeful with religion than without it. We can be people who mock and criticise or we can be people of justice and hope. We do not have to look too far into the past to see awful acts done by people who believe God is on their side and looking after them. The hope we garner must be a hope set in justice and supports a community of people moving selflessly forward together.

At the time Luke wrote his gospel the Jewish community that he knew had been betrayed and had lost their temple. Luke's Christian community saw what was happening and began to lose hope for the future of their little worshipping group. But history will show that they did have cause for hope and what a future together they began.

Memorable Memorial of the Week

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 21 November

The account of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple is principally based on the Protoevangelium of James, from the year 200. The story relates that in thanksgiving for the birth of their daughter, Mary, Joachim and Anne decide to consecrate her to God, and bring her, at the age of three years, to the temple in Jerusalem. Mary's presentation in the temple draws parallels to that of the prophet Samuel whose mother Hannah, like Anne was also thought to be barren, and who offered her child as a gift to God. Mary remained in the Temple until she was 12, at which point she was betrothed to Joseph. Joachim died when Mary was six years old and her mother when Mary was eight. The story shows that even in her childhood Mary was completely dedicated to God.

Quotable Quote

Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realise we cannot eat money.

Cree Indian Wisdom



Quote

'Forgiveness is the name of love practiced among people who love poorly. The hard truth is that all people love poorly. We need to forgive and be forgiven every day, every hour increasingly. That is the great work of love among the fellowship of the weak that is the human family.'

Henri Nouwen

