

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.**

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8th DECEMBER 2013

Cuppa after Mass today



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - TATURA

The school will be organizing a 'Scratchie' Christmas Tree Raffle and Lucky Dips at the Tatura Christmas Fair prior to Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday 18th December. Each family is asked to donate one 'scratchie' ticket for the tree. Please send your ticket to the school office by Monday 16th December. A raffle book for each family to sell has been sent home today. Please have the tickets and money back to the school by Monday 16th December. Thank you for your assistance.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - CHRISTMAS A SEASON FOR GIVING

St Vincent de Paul is once again, collecting toys for Christmas parcels prepared by Conference. Envelopes with ages and gender are available on the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. Please take an envelope, buy a gift suitable for the age and gender of the child on the card, wrap your gift and leave it under the Christmas tree. Your assistance with purchasing toys for the children helps SVDP enormously.

PRESENCE FOR PRESENTS!

Who are you gifting with your presence for Advent? Gift tags available in the Narthex. They can then be placed in the box on the Sanctuary.



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

2013

Tatura – Sacred Heart Church

Carols – Christmas Eve 5.30pm

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

Tatura – Reconciliation – Thursday, 19th December 2013 at 7.30pm

Kyabram – Reconciliation – Wednesday, 18th December 2013 at 7.30pm

“SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT”

Reader: 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.



We pray for



Those who have died recently	
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Evelyn Woodman; Carmel Roche; Gerrard Dargan; Veronica Rosella; Michelle Mulholland; Leo Scott; Ellen Martin
Our sick and their carers	Lawrie Dwyer; Barry Butler; Mons. Jeffries; Nell Noonan; Margaret Woodland; Mons John White *** Frank Pemberton; Tessa Stokes Glen Spicer; Carmel Rawlings; Gerard Berry

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:				PLEASE COLLECT: - Sandpiper December Issue - Australian Catholics - God's Word Daily reflections for collection - Behold – Advent reflections for collection
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	9	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	10	9.15am Liturgy of the Word	No Mass	
Wednesday	11	9.15am Anointing Mass Int. Evelyn Woodman	5.00pm	
Thursday	12	No Mass	9.15am	
Friday	13	9.15am Mass	No Mass	
Saturday	14	6.00pm	No Mass	
Sunday	15	8.00am	10.00am	
ROSARY		Tues 9.00am Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		
RECONCILIATION	14	11:30am		

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sat Dec 14th 6.00pm	Denice Bourke	Peter Kerrins	Paul Kerrins	Margaret Corrigan	D Worm, J Webster, J Scrimizzi	S Cowan
Sun Dec 15th 8.00am	Ross Kelly	Betty Curtis	Mandy McGrath	Robert Miller	C Coulston, C Reilly, L Cowan	

IN GOD'S FAMILY

Fr. Michael is having a morning tea on Wednesday morning after the Anointing Mass for our "In God's Family" team. Margaret Feehan, Doreen Corrigan, Margaret Collins, Carmel Schroen and Alma Moar comprise the team which sends cards on the anniversaries of our baptismal children. Each child receives a card for the first 4 years after their baptism to remind them that they are part of the God's and the parish family. Many thanks ladies.

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

DECEMBER DIARY DATES

Mon	9	
Tues	10	7.00pm Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Group Ky
Wed	11	12 noon St Pat's School end of year Mass Fr. M
Thurs	12	7.00pm Sacred Heart School end of year Mass
Frid	13	SVDP Meeting 9.00am at the Centre
Sat	14	
Sun	15	
Mon	16	
Tues	17	Combined Christmas Service – Prison 6.30pm
Wed	18	Minister Fraternal breakup lunch 12.00pm Fr Michael Reconciliation – Kyabram 7.30pm
Thurs	19	Reconciliation – Tatura 7.30pm
Frid	20	Christmas Mass Prison 4.30pm Kyabram Ministers Christmas Carols 8.45pm Memorial Gardens
Sat	21	
Sun	22	

PASTORAL CARE

- Trish Miller 5824 1841
- Anne Hutchison 5824 3460

CONGRATULATIONS

Brendan Powles and Hunter Laidlaw

who are being baptised today. We welcome them into our faith community.





Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 35:1-6,10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11



Liturgical Jottings

The original Greek word for *baptism* refers to dipping in liquid. It is interesting to note that in antiquity fire and wind (spirit) were also considered to be liquids. Thus the association of water, wind and fire help us to make a closer connection between baptism in water (John's baptism) and the baptism of the Holy Spirit which was made possible by Jesus.

The Lighter Side



A man goes into the confessional and finds a bar with Guinness on tap and an array of cigars and chocolates. He begins "Father, forgive me, it's been a very long time since my last confession, but I must first say the confessional is much more inviting than it used to be". The priest replies: "I must first ask you to change seats. You're on my side."

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Looking at the Readings

John the Baptist arrives on the scene in the tradition of the ancient Hebrew prophets - Elijah, Sampson and Samuel. His dress and his urgent message of repentance from evil ways all too common amongst the leaders of the People of God, set him up in people's minds as a man of God with authority. He challenged the religious leaders whom he called "Brood of Vipers" to produce good fruit, as he challenged everyone who considered themselves to be people of God (Jews).

Ordinary people went out from the towns to see John in the wilderness, to be baptised in the Jordan River, as a way of marking a turning around from the sins they acknowledged by confessing them. Repentance, by definition, involves a change in behaviour. Matthew does not, however, attribute to John the ability to forgive their sins.

As God's people, in our own time, as in John's, what matters is discerning what God is asking of us. It cannot be just a continuity with the past: "That's how we've always done it!" but re-evaluation of our present life in light of the values of the Reign of God. Our task is to determine what is in accord with what God asks of us in the 21st Century.

In the Letter to the Romans Paul suggests that the Scriptures teach us. Isaiah points us to Jesus, as John does. With the Holy Spirit, given to us in baptism and confirmation, relying on our relationship with God and our continuing to live within a Christian community, we have all the help we need to be "united in mind and voice" to "give glory to the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

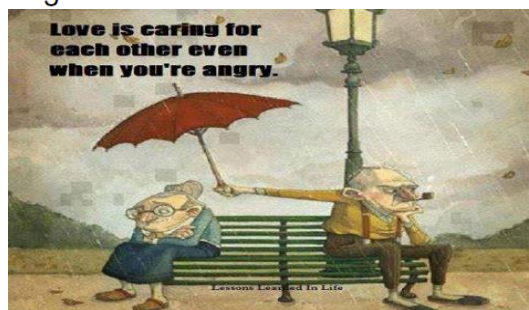
Featured Feast of the Week

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 8 December (transferred this year to the Monday 9 December)

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary was conceived without original sin or its stain ("immaculate" means: without stain). Original sin is the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. By a special intervention of God, Mary was preserved from sin and its consequences. She was therefore redeemed by the anticipated grace of Christ. Consider an analogy: Suppose a man falls into a deep pit, and someone reaches down, pulls him out and "saves" him. A woman walks by and is about to topple into the pit, but at its brink someone holds her back. She has been saved from the pit in a better way: She was prevented from getting injured by the fall and stained by the mud. By receiving Christ's grace at her conception, Mary received grace before she being mired in original sin and its stain.

QUOTE:

'The root of joy is gratefulness...It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.' - Brother David SteindlRast



- Majellan Christmas
- Cards, Columban
- Calendars and
- Josephite Calendars



are available for sale in the Narthex. Calendars are \$8.00 each. Majellan cards \$6 for a pack of 10 SVDP Cards \$5 for 10 cards.

RECONCILIATION

This opportunity for Christmas will take place on Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm. The night for Kyabram will be Wednesday, 18th December at 7.30pm

Announcement: 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 Web: www.olivetreetravel.com.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRISON VISIT

For those who put their names down to visit Dhurringile Prison on Saturday 14th December please be at the Centre at 9.30am. Please bring your driver's licence.

CAROLS – PLEASE LEND YOUR VOICE TO SING

Dear Parents, Students & Parishioners

For the past 33 years willing voices have met to sing for patients and residents of the Hospital, Sheridan and Warramunda at Christmas time for carols.

This year we meet in the Ky Hospital Foyer at 5:45pm on **Saturday 14th December** and we sing for 30 minutes in each facility finishing at Warramunda with a lovely supper provided.

We trust you will come and lend your voice to sing well known carols to entertain those who really appreciate your effort.

All family members are welcome, the more the merrier! Looking forward to singing with you – No need to book just come along!

Hazel & Max Smith 5853 1434

READY HEARTS.....

During Advent the readings from Isaiah are prophecies of the Messiah. Thus, the 'sprout from the stump of Jesse' is the Christ. The 'spirit of the Lord' that rested upon Jesus bringing him wisdom and understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord is the same Spirit we are given at baptism bringing us the same gifts enabling us to be faithful and fruitful. The Gospel reminds us that we are all crying out in the desert. We need to prepare the way of the Lord. We are reminded that we can count on God's forgiveness, but we have to act, we have to 'produce good fruit as evidence of our repentance.' This is how we make straight our paths, by asking God for forgiveness and hope. We are waiting for the birth of Jesus, but the birth of what he means in our lives can bloom and flourish every day. It takes work and mindfulness to show that spirit of wisdom and understanding, but the God of endurance and encouragement will work with us. Our time of hope can be a time of making straight the paths to our own hearts. Whether our heart is a poor stable or a rich mansion, it is the place where Jesus now lives in our world. Despite our daily difficulties with age, illness or tiredness can we look for the personal invitation that comes to us through the Gospel each week? Maybe we can ask ourselves as we launch into another cycle of church Readings, is my heart in constant readiness to receive the Christ I know and love into my life for another year?

ADVENT COLLECTIONS

If you had your name down please collect at the back of the church and mark your name off the list.

BEHOLD – Advent reflection booklets available \$2 each

GOD'S WORD - Copies of the beautiful "God's Word" book of daily reflections are available. \$15 per copy

LECTIO DIVINA - A downloadable PDF of the booklet is available on the Diocese of Broken Bay's website at www.dbb.org.au.

END OF SHOOL YEAR MASS THURSDAY 12TH AT 7.00pm.

Please join the school family as they celebrate the closing of the school year with Mass. Year 6 students and other students and teachers leaving the school will be farewelled and awards will be presented including the Sr Agatha Woodman Award. All welcome.

Well done everyone!

Our Typhoon Haiyan collection for the people of the Philippines resulted in the following:

Cake Stall	\$470
Special Collection	\$1,366
Individual Cheques to Caritas	\$1,100