

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 IN ORDINARY TIME

19th January 2014



APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR YOUTH MINISTRY WORKER:

Applications are invited from people of varying ages and experience for this full time position with the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst – Bendigo. The successful applicant will require excellent communication skills and the ability to relate to a wide range of people. They will be able to demonstrate a keen sense of networking and marketing, promoting the values, principles and ideals of Jesus Christ and of the Catholic Church to the young people of the Diocese. It is also desired that the successful applicant will have previous experience in active youth ministry leadership, or in working with young people in schools. To download a copy of the position description, visit www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au for any other queries please contact Sally Holmes on 03 5441 2544 or via email sally.holmes@sandhurst.catholic.org.au Applications close Friday, January 31, 2014.

FR RON ROLHEISER OMI EXTOLS THE VALUE OF REST:

'Underlying many of our lives is the feeling that there is too much to do, that we are carrying too much, that time is too short, that we've not enough energy and space to do what we would need to do. Always we feel pressure. We have, progressively through the last years, lost all sense of the third commandment: "Thou shalt keep holy the Sabbath day!"

'What the Sabbath does mean is that on one day a week, ideally Sunday, we must stop work, try to centre our lives, try to slow things down, try to re-appreciate why we are here in the first place, and then worship and celebrate that with God and each other through prayer, food, and play. Life is too short for the way we are living.'



Check our website for more on Pope Francis

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Happy 10th Anniversary to Fr Michael. Fr, Michael has been with us for 10 years now. We thank him for all he has given us over the years and wish him every happiness and good health with us for many years to come.

We pray for



Those who have died recently	Frank Pemberton; Jim Thompson
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Jack Woodman; Yvonne Dargan; Patricia Hehir; Guiseppe Lo Piccolo; Mick Damaschino
Our sick and their carers	Barbara Mundy; Craig Kelly; Lawrie Dwyer; Barry Butler; Mons. Peter Jeffrey; Margaret Woodland; Mons John White; *** Nancy Taylor; Glen Spicer

(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office.)

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 20-26 January				PLEASE COLLECT: • Sandpiper • Caritas News
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	20	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	21	9.15am Liturgy of the Word	No Mass	
Wednesday	22	9.15am Mass (Int. Jack Woodman)	5.00pm Mass	
Thursday	23	No Mass	1:30pm Anointing Mass	
Friday	24	9.15am Mass	No Mass	
Saturday	25	No Mass	6.30pm	
Sunday	26	10.00am Mass	8.00am	NOTICE BOARD
ROSARY		Tues 9.00am Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		
RECONCILIATION	25	11:30am		

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sun Jan 26th 10.00am	John Harford	Karen Nihill	Terry White	Paul Kerrins Family	S. Nihill, AM. Carroll, L. Kerrins	Bill Woods

This is the last time the Parish Prayer will appear in the Bulletin. It is on the screen at each Mass and if for some reason it is not – then you can find it on the back of the Hymnal.

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

JANUARY DIARY DATES

Mon	20	
Tues	21	Feast: St Agnes
Wed	22	
Thurs	23	
Frid	24	Feast: St Francis de Sales SVDP Meeting 9.00am at the Centre
Sat	25	Feast: Conversion of St Paul
Sun	26	Australia Day – Special Mass
Mon	27	Australia Day Holiday
Tues	28	Feast: St Thomas Aquinas Teachers return to School
Wed	29	Students return to School
Thurs	30	
Frid	31	
Sat	1	
Sun	2	

PASTORAL CARE

- Trish Miller 5824 1841
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to

Sebastian John-Paul Tedesco

who is being baptised today.

We welcome him into our faith community.



Wed 25 Jan

The Conversion of St. Paul

Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience – his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. From being a persecutor of the Church he became a slave of Christ, helping others to come to know Jesus as their Saviour. He could say of himself: 'I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.' (Gal 2:20)



'I saw the Spirit come down like a dove.'

John 1:32 Good News Bible

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EAST TIMOR IMMERSION

St. Augustine's Adult East Timor Immersion is planning to return to Alieu in September 2014. One of the projects planned is to donate homemade children's clothing to the Youth Centre for them to sell to the local community. If you are a sewer or would like to help in any way please contact Gwen Ranson, Ph. 58 241 251 for details.

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

'Faith is not something you achieve. If you try to nail it down, it gets up and walks away with the nail. Faith works this way: Some days you walk on water, other days you sink like a stone. You live with a deep secret, the poet Rumi says, that sometimes you know, and then not, and then know again. Sometimes you feel the real presence, and sometimes you feel the real absence. Why? 'Because, like love, faith is a journey, with constant ups and downs, with alternating periods of fervour and dryness, with consolation giving way to desolation, and with graced moments where God feels tangibly present eclipsed by dark nights where God feels absent. It's a strange state: sometimes you feel riveted to God, steel-like, other times you feel yourself in a free-fall from everything secure, and then, just when things are at their lowest, you feel God's presence again.'

Excerpt from a reflection by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

Take care where you park

Sign outside a church: 'Trespassers will be baptised.'

...all Called to be holy.

It is during this month of January that many of us here in Australia have time to spend with members of our extended families reminiscing and strengthening bonds that were formed during childhood holidays, bonds that were woven with young cousins and tightened by hours spent at the beach or swimming in the river. For many of us it was playing backyard cricket or playing board games during rainy days. In today's Gospel we hear the powerful testament of John the Baptist about his cousin Jesus "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." His certainty and clarity of faith are obvious making his saying that he did not know Jesus rather puzzling until we recall John's relationship with Jesus was first as fellow family member. This is an important reminder of the humanity of Jesus. When the Holy Spirit descended from heaven, John's eyes were opened to seeing Jesus not just as a companion but as the saviour our messiah. The Gospel today helps us learn an important lesson from John the Baptist about how we can continually be surprised by someone we believe we know. Many times we trust a relationship to be on auto-pilot leading us to be blind to gifts of the other person. Often we can fail to see Christ in those close to us and forget to pray that we might know Jesus and the Holy Spirit through those we meet. John's revelation helps us to be more open to the presence of Jesus in every moment of our lives.

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ~~~~

- New to our Parish (Welcome!)
- Changed Address
- Require Planned Giving Details
- Would like a visitor
- Leaving our Parish

PLEASE complete details below or collect a Parish census card from the Narthex, and place on the collection plate at Mass or return to parish office.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

PHONE.....

EMAIL.....



*Readings for
this week:*

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 8:23-9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Matthew 4:12-23



Liturgical Jottings

After the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer for Special Occasions there is a passage which relates closely to today's liturgy. It asks God to, 'Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters and inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labour and are burdened. Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at his command. And may your church stand as a living witness to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, so that all people will be raised up to a new hope.'

Quotable Quote

What is hope?

It is the confidence that we have a worldview worth sharing with all who see no future for themselves or humanity.

Timothy Radcliffe, OP

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Looking at the Readings

In the reading today from the prophet Isaiah we hear the promise of God, 'I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation will reach to the ends of the earth.' Then the theme of the Psalm for the day answers that challenge with the words, 'Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.' Next there is the prayer of Paul for the people of Corinth, 'May God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.' Finally in the gospel reading we have an account of the baptism of Jesus. It begins with John identifying Jesus as the one who will take away the sin of the world.

Collectively these readings tell us much about what it means to live as a follower of Christ in today's world. In 2013 our attention was called to a meaningful prayer written by Syrian Christians. It is addressed to the God of Compassion and asks that he will comfort those who suffer violence, console those who mourn the dead, convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms and protect those who are committed to peace. It prays that God will inflame the universal church with compassion for the people of Syria so that they can face the future in the hope that there will one day be justice for all.

The striking thing about their prayer is that it applies equally to so many other countries at this time and equally to God's promise that his salvation will reach to the ends of the earth. The challenge to us as individual Christians and as a faith community is to maintain faith in God's compassion for the world, to pray constantly for the well-being of all who bear the pain of violence and injustice and, as Pope Francis puts it, to always respond to the real needs of those who yearn for salvation.

From Today's Readings

Seeing Jesus coming towards him John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came'."



Prayer for the Week

God of Hope, Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies, Inspire the universal Church with compassion for the people of Syria, and give all who suffer from the effects of Injustice and oppression hope for a future of peace built on justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the World, Amen.