

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF TATURA

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Angela Finn, Brendon Lane, Barry Pola, Pauline Shortis

**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.**

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUSTRALIA DAY

26th JANUARY 2014



ST BRENDANS CARERS DAY OUT.

St Brendans along with Southern Cross Care are hosting a day for carers. We have a lot of special people in our community who care for loved ones, mostly unseen, this day is planned to show them they are loved and that the wonderful care they give is a sign of God's love for those they care for.

Sr Margaret Claver fcJ will facilitate a day at St Brendans on the 26th Feb. in the Mons Peter Jeffery Centre. Lunch will be provided. If you are need of a fill in carer for the day we can help to plan this for you.

If you know of any one that could do with a day out to rest and rejuvenate please let them know of this opportunity or contact Anthony at the Parish house :58212633

"We are disciples of Jesus but also citizens of our world and not living in a Christian ghetto. We are the people of this land Australia and called to work together, with all our differences to live out our humanity with respect for all".

AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

We bless you, God of the universe,
for this land,

for its contrasts of landscape and climate,
for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

We bless you for our history,
with all its struggle in adversity,
its courage and hope,

Give us in our diversity
tolerance and respect for each other
and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Bless us so that we might be a
blessing to others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

Just as He called the first apostles, Jesus calls each of us to follow Him, too. We are not expected to leave our businesses and our families behind, but we are expected to put our service to Jesus before worldly endeavors.



Those who have died recently	Bill Williams; Frank Pemberton; Evie Mary Kathryn Parsons (Baby)
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Antonio DePasquale; Laurie Foley; Kathleen Foley
Our sick and their carers	Pat Baldwin; 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.)

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sat Feb 1st 6.00pm	Peter Kerrins	Denice Bourke	Mandy McGrath	A Hutchison Family	J Webster, J Scrimizzi, S Finlayson	D Woodman T Warnett
Sun Feb 2nd 8.00am	Debbie Worm	Robert Miller	Keith Stewart	B & J Lowe	L Cowan, T Miller, R Kelly	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	27	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	28	9.15am Liturgy of the Word	No Mass
Wednesday	29	9.15am Mass	5.00pm Intention – Laurie & Kath Foley
Thursday	30	No Mass	9.15am
Friday	31	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	1	6.00pm Mass	No Mass
Sunday	2	8.00am Mass	10.00am 11.30am Tongala
ROSARY		Tues 9.00am Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am	
RECONCILIATION	1	11:30am	

JANUARY/FEBRUARY DIARY DATES		
Mon	27	Australia Day holiday
Tues	28	School Staff to return to school Prayer Group 7.30pm Ky Feast: St Thomas Aquinas
Wed	29	
Thurs	30	Students commence school Information evening for East Timor Immersion 2014 – 6.00pm
Frid	31	Feast: St John Bosco
FEBRUARY		
Sat	1	
Sun	2	
Mon	3	
Tues	4	Finance C'tte Meeting 5.30pm Parish Hall
Wed	5	CWL Meeting 2.00pm Parish Hall Feast: St Agatha
Thurs	6	Professional Standards Meeting Melb Fr Michael
Frid	7	Sacred Heart School Opening Mass 9.15am
Sat	8	
Sun	9	
PASTORAL CARE		
- Trish Miller 5824 1841 - Anne Hutchison 5824 3460		

OUR CALL.....

In a world that often does not take the church seriously - we might as well admit that the church's approval rating could use a shot in the arm - God calls *us* to be the church. In responding to that call, we allow God to shine light through us into the darkness of the world. In today's Gospel passage as we look at how Matthew describes the call of the disciples we see the first stirrings of the church. Jesus will eventually turn his mission over to the church empowered by the Holy Spirit, and here he begins forming it by, after his baptism, beginning his ministry in Galilee. The church, even from this very first call, can minister only because of the grace and love of God. Matthew quotes Isaiah - those who sat in darkness have seen a great light. Into the struggle to make a living, into the bitterness of obeying commands from Roman soldiers who occupied their land, God sent Jesus as light to the Galileans. Our ministry in the church always begins with God's initiative, God's gracious action to shine light into darkness. God still shines the light of comfort, hope, strength, forgiveness, healing and peace into the world. God still reconciles, still liberates, still redeems. Jesus calls us to seek out an area of darkness where we can shine the light; to find a crying need that calls for our time and talent. God calls *us* to service and as we respond out of obedience as we offer light, we will see more light ourselves.

Message Stick:"the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.

(Pope John Paul II Alice Springs 1986)



PILGRIMAGES 2014:

The "JOURNEY OF ST PAUL" SANDHURST DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE 2014, led by Fr Rom Hayes & Mrs Angela Finn will depart 17th September & return 2nd October 2014. Follow St Paul & companions on a 16 day pilgrimage through Greece and Turkey, and visit Gallipoli. Cost from: \$6690 pp inc all taxes/levies & tipping fund. **Brochures & booking forms** from: Marina Scott (03) 5445 9910 mscott@ceosand.catholic.edu.au or katrina@olivetreetravel.com.au. **To secure your place** send deposit of AUD\$350 & booking form to Olive Tree Travel (details on form) by **7th March 2014** (balance due 31 July 2014. Further information; Lyn Breen (03) 5441 2544 Email: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

Visiting Europe this year? Join a Sandhurst Diocese **PILGRIMAGE TO PADERBORN 24th July - 29th July 2014** led by **Bishop Leslie Tomlinson**, Bishop of Sandhurst, to depart from & return to **Frankfurt**, Germany (with 15 participants minimum with 'Olive Tree Travel'). Visit St Kilian's **Werzburg** and **St Liborius'** resting place & 'Liborifest' celebrations in **Paderborn**, goldfields priest, Dr Henry Backhaus' homeplace & other Christian pilgrimage sites. Cost AUD\$2990 pp. inc taxes & levies. **Further information & Expressions of Interest:** 'Paderborn Pilgrimage', PO Box 201 Bendigo Vic 3552 or Email: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

EAST TIMOR IMMERSION 2014 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WELCOME

The Timor Leste Committee is now organising the second Adult Immersion Experience to East Timor.

We are looking for members of the parish and school community to join us on this immersion which will be held from the 19th September until the 2nd October, 2014.

This life changing experience will give participants the opportunity to be immersed in the Timorese culture for 13 days to experience life in East Timor.

The main focus for the 2014 Immersion is to:

1. Further the connections with our sister school Technical Vocational College
2. Further development the current water sanitation programs (established 2013)
3. Continue the sewing program with the Fosca Ladies (established 2013)

The approximate cost of this experience is \$1,900. This includes all flights, transport, accommodation, food etc.

If you are interested in finding out more information please contact Chantelle Webb on 0400311615 / cwebb@sakyabram.catholic.edu.au or attend the information evening held at St. Augustine's School on Thursday the 30th of January at 6:00pm.

DIOCESE YOUTH NEWS

APPLICATIONS 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.

STRONGER RALLIES & RETREAT FOR 2014

Stronger:

Stronger will again provide an opportunity for young people from across the Diocese to come together and celebrate their faith in a fun and supportive environment this year. The mission of Stronger is to see: "Young people encountering Jesus Christ and His Church, and becoming empowered to live as disciples who impact the world." The program for 2014 will include the annual retreat, rallies and parish based D Groups. Details are as follows:

Stronger Retreat:

- Friday, December 5 (eve), until Sunday, December 7, 2014, at Feathertop Chalet, Harrietville. Earlybird registrations have opened for the retreat and cost \$150. Earlybird registrations are available until Monday, March 31. To register visit, www.stronger.org.au

Stronger Rallies:

- Friday, March 7- Wodonga from 6-9pm
- Friday, May 9- Echuca from 6-9pm
- Friday, August 8- Mooroopna from 6-9pm
- Friday, October 17- Yarrawonga from 6-9pm

Stronger D Groups:

- For details visit www.stronger.org.au or contact Jackson Saunders on 03 5445 3615 for details.

Youth-led Masses:

- If you would like to find out more about Youth Masses or are interested in starting one in your parish, please contact Jackson Saunders on 03 5445 3615.

Sandhurst Youth Ministry website and Facebook page -

To keep up-to-date with youth ministry activities across the Diocese, visit www.sym.org.au, and please 'like' us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/SandhurstYouthMinistry) for regular updates too.



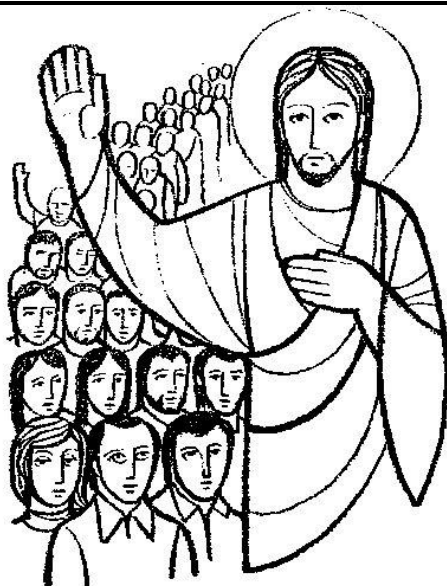
Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40



Liturgical Jottings

The penitential act, which begins our Sunday Eucharist, is introduced by the important words, 'Let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.' Of the three options, the first one is the Confiteor in which we acknowledge before God and each other that we have sinned in our thoughts and in our words, in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. The celebrant then prays that God will have mercy on us and forgive us our sins. The penitential act is the first step towards celebrating gratefully the mystery of our salvation.

Prayer for the Week



Give me, O Lord my God, love for you, respect for myself, zeal for the well being of others, insight into the wonder of your creation. May I strive to live responsibly by helping those dependent on me, by caring for my family and friends by being tolerant of those I disagree with.

Looking at the Readings

The last lines of today's reading are, to say the least, very appropriate for our celebration of Australia Day: "Jesus went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people."

Pope Francis has insisted quite a few times on the church as being close to people because that is the way Jesus carried out the ministry he handed on. Consequently it is good to be reminded today that Jesus went around the whole of Galilee. He had a message of salvation and wanted to deliver it person to person. He then did what Pope Francis is now asking of the church. He backed up his words to people by what he did for them. He dealt with those most in need by healing them of diseases and illnesses. By doing that he opened their lives to the good news of salvation.

Reassuring as this may be, it is still a step away from where the church is in Australia. We have good reason to be proud of our church and confident in its future, just as we can be proud of Australia and be confident of its future. Nonetheless the church in Australia has to recover the trust it lost from the harm caused by those who have used their positions in the church to abuse innocent children. At the same time Australia as a nation is still searching for ways to deal positively with neighbouring countries and refugees.

The starting point for recovery may well be in our homes and our neighbourhoods. It is there that we learn to care for others. After all Jesus commenced his mission of ensuring that his salvation would reach the ends of the earth by reaching out to the people of Galilee and showing that he could meet their real needs. His journey beyond that was never an easy one and he warned those who chose to follow him that they too would have crosses to carry.

Quotable Quote

The mission of preaching the Gospel to all creation, entrusted directly by the Lord to his disciples, has continued in the Church throughout history. The social and spiritual crisis, so evident in today's world, is becoming a pastoral challenge in the Church's evangelising mission concerning the family, the vital building block of society and the ecclesial community. Never before has proclaiming the Gospel of the family in this context been more urgent and necessary.

From the Preparatory Document issued in 2013 for the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

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Quote:

'What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God.'

- Fr Hans Urs von Balthasar, Catholic theologian

Words of Wisdom

The principal act of courage is to endure and withstand dangers doggedly rather than to attack them.

- Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day January 28