

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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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.**

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd FEBRUARY 2014



MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday 4th February 2014 at 5.30pm in the Parish Hall.
- CWL Meeting on Wednesday 5th February at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall.

SACRED HEART FETE ART EXHIBITION

At this Year's fete on March 28th, we will be holding and Art Exhibition. If you are artistic and would like to join our students and parents in sharing your artwork please contact Trish or Debbie at the school on 5824 1841.

Everyone loves an art exhibition so join in and make it the best one ever!



SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPENING MASS

The Opening Mass for Sacred Heart School will be at 9.15am on Friday 7th February. This is a beautiful way for the children to begin their school year and we would like to invite as many parishioners as possible to join our children and staff in this important Eucharist. A lovely morning tea will follow in the Mercy Centre. All welcome.

Congratulations to Paul And Jocelyn Hogarty who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last weekend. We hope you had a happy and memorable celebration with your family and friends.



**Cuppa after Mass next
Sunday in the Mercy**

Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries.
Without them humanity cannot survive. **Dalai Lama**



Those who have died recently	Bill Williams; Elisa Cavicchiolo; Karen Pratt (nee Ludeman)
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Bob Warnett; Peter Warnett; Terry Krahe; Nella Gallo; Mario Muto Antonio DePasquale; Fred Slaughter; Patricia Hehir; Fr Gordon Gebbie
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; Glenn 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
Sun Feb 9th 10.00am	CHILDREN'S MASS				L McGrath, C Serra, Paul Kerrins	A & G Ranson

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 3-9 February			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	3	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	4	9.15 am Liturgy of the Word	No Mass
Wednesday	5	9.15am Mass (Int. Bob Warnett)	5.00pm
Thursday	6	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	7	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	8	No Mass	6.30pm
Sunday	9	10.00am	8.00am
ROSARY RECONCILIATION	8		

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES		
Mon	3	
Tues	4	Italian Rosary 2.00pm in the Church Finance C'tee 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	Cuppa after Mass
Mon	10	
Tues	11	Council of Priests – Fr Michael Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Group 7.30pm (KY)
Wed	12	Anointing Mass - Tatura
Thurs	13	St Aug's College Opening School Mass 12 noon
Frid	14	SVDP Meeting 9.00am at the Centre
Sat	15	
Sun	16	
PASTORAL CARE		
- Trish Miller 5824 1841 - Anne Hutchison 5824 3460		

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

(from a sermon by Fr David Goodill, OP)

In presenting the nativity story, Luke moves our gaze backwards into the history of Israel and forwards to the sacrificial death of Jesus and the subsequent Spirit-led growth of the Church. There is another dimension, however, that Luke uses to deepen our vision, and this is best summed up in the image of light. Simeon describes Jesus as a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and afterwards tells Mary that in her child, thoughts out of many hearts will be revealed.

Jesus is the light from above, who enters into the darkness of human history to bring all our deeds, good and bad, to account. Luke directs our gaze upwards, so that we can see how the whole of human history is transformed by the entrance of God into our world in the person of Jesus Christ.

http://torch.op.org/preaching_sermon_item.php?sermon=785

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"...they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." Luke 2:22

Do we give the Lord the first fruits of our time every week by attending Mass? Do we set an example for our children and grandchildren by attending Mass and joyously participating in the celebration of Mass each week? How do we know what God wants us to do unless we communicate with Him?

Please remember to check our website. There are articles, prayers, quotes and reflections as well as Mass times coming events and special occasions.

www.sacredheartparishtatura.com.au

Check the Notice Board in the Narthex for additional information about Lenten Programs, Archbishop's letter re-situation in the Ukraine and Bishop Christopher Saunders (Chairman, ACSJC) letter re refugees.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

This year we have decided to advertise as many Lenten programs as we can and invite you to:

- download them for yourselves and follow the program on an individual basis
 - join with some friends and form a group and select a suitable program and follow it through the Lenten season
1. We have received information on resources for adult discussion groups during the Lenten season from Evangelisation Brisbane. They also have information of other resources for adults, families and children. Further information is available from their website www.lentprogram.com along with samples of the materials and an online ordering facility.
 2. The Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to participate in their program through the Catholic Adult Education Centre, "Walking the way of Mercy and Simplicity" Go to www.caec.com.au/lent or www.mustardseed.org.au
 3. Browse the resources available through Garratt Publishing on www.garrattpublishing.com.au to find programs for individuals, parents and children or for group study.
 4. The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong presents "Encounter" their Lenten program for 2014. It includes a triple CD or (free MP3 download) as well as beautiful artwork by Nelson Colo Matoma.
If you live outside the Diocese of Wollongong and would like to order ENCOUNTER, collect an order form from the middle table in the Narthex and email/mail/fax back to us or contact Jenny Raposio directly at +61 2 4222 2411 or orders@dow.org.au.

There are posters on the notice board in the Narthex and brochures and booklets are available for you to look at in the Parish Office (Wed or Fri)

WORDS OF WISDOM

This week marks the anniversary of the ordination of Bishop Christopher Saunders, back in 1996, as the Church head in the Western Australian diocese of Broome. We congratulate him on this important milestone and wish him every blessing.

In a pastoral letter to his fellow Catholics, to mark Pentecost last year, Bishop Saunders wrote: "Saint Seraphim of Sarov once said: "The true aim of our Christian life is to acquire the Holy Spirit of God." This Holy Spirit communicates Grace to us, just as at the First Pentecost Grace was bestowed on the Apostles, to live as God has invited us to live – in wholeness and in fulfillment, fully human, in the image of God.

WELCOME TO THE NEW PRINCIPAL - TONGALA

There is excitement at St Patrick's in Tongala as staff, students and their families welcome their new Principal – Katrina Johnson.

Katrina lives in Echuca. She comes to us as a very experienced, well qualified and professional teacher. She was a teacher in Echuca, and for the past three years she has been employed by the CEO Catholic Education Office – Sandhurst in Pastoral Well Being. This role enabled her to visit many of our schools, give talks and conferences to our teachers, school boards and parents.

We have been very blessed to obtain her services in our parish schools. The word must be out as she has already enrolled three new students this week! We wish her well with our blessings.

- Fr Michael

SANDPIPER

Please collect your free copy of the February issue of **Sandpiper** the Sandhurst Diocesan paper.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATES 40 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA IN 2014

Marriage Encounter (ME) will be celebrating **40 years** of running weekends in Australia. We want to hear from couples and priests who may have been involved with ME in the past and who would like to gather and share memories, celebrate what has been and hear about ME today and our vision for the future.

We are having a special celebration on **Saturday 22nd February 2014.**

Please contact Helen & Leo Wursthorn: (03) 9874 6979 or helenandleow@gmail.com for more information.

2014 Marriage Encounter weekends in Melbourne: 4-6 Apr, 13-15 June and 15-17 Aug.

Bookings: Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk, telephone (03) 9733 0997 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au.



Saint of the Week - St Agatha - February 5

Those parishioners who have experienced breast cancer, or who know someone that has, might be interested to know that one of the saints who has a feast day this week is the patron saint for breast cancer patients. St Agatha, who hailed from Sicily, is also the Patron Saint for bakers, wet nurses and the country of Malta.



*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

• Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16



Liturgical Jottings

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. The Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the fourth century. It celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple on the 40th day after his birth. Inspired by the words of the Canticle of Simeon, "a light to enlighten the Gentiles" Luke 2:29, by the 11th century, the custom of blessing candles arose. The candles were lit and carried in procession through the church while the people sang the Canticle of Simeon, and so the feast was also called Candlemas. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often celebrated in Australia, Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries today.



Prayer for the Week

O God, true light, pour into our hearts the brilliance of perpetual light, so that all who are brightened in your holy temple by the splendour of these candles may happily reach the light of your glory. Amen.

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Roman Missal, Blessing of Candles)

Looking at the Readings

Traditionally this feast is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, the Presentation brings us back to some vestiges of the Christmas themes and also focuses onto the Temple in Jerusalem.

The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing.

The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. the Letter to the Hebrews modifies this picture of purification: we read the purging and refinement are accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ.

It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it is the child who is presented and redeemed. But, in fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter.

Saint of the Week: St Blaise 3 February

Saint Blaise, was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia He was martyred in the early fourth century. Because of his care for wild animals and curing a wolf with a sore throat he is patron saint of wild animals and of throat maladies. Especially in South and North America, blessing of throats is celebrated on this day using two crossed candles placed across the throat. (*Book of Blessings* nn 1622ff)



Quotable Quote

A thousand candles can be lit from the flame of one candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness can be spread without diminishing that of yourself. *Mahatma Gandhi*

On the Lighter Side

How many liturgists does it take to change a light globe? None! They use candles.

