

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.**

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th FEBRUARY 2104



The 10 Commandments – a touchstone for today's Gospel
<http://www.grandpappy.info/ptencomm.htm>



Fr. Michael talking to the children during the Sacred Heart School Opening Mass.

ROSTERS

Could you please let Coral know on 5824 1695 if you are unable to participate in the next Liturgy/Readers roster? It will be for about 3 months from mid-March to mid-June. Please advise Coral within this week.

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE

You may have heard Fr Michael mention air conditioning for the Church last Sunday. (It was an extraordinarily hot day!) To this end, the Finance Committee recently opened 2 new bank accounts:

- Planned Maintenance and
- Special Projects.

We are very fortunate to have some funds left over from our generous donations for the screens. This money has been put aside in planned maintenance and will be used to complete the screens project by painting the Sanctuary and if possible the remainder of the interior of the Church.

The Finance Committee has developed a prioritised ongoing list of planned maintenance which will include all Church property.

Our special projects account has been opened with an anonymous donation from a generous parishioner who wants the money to be put towards air conditioning. This appears to be a very suitable use of the funds and I urge parishioners to donate to this special project over the coming months to make this project a reality.

We are obtaining quotes and information about the most efficient and effective air conditioning we can install in the Church and would like to proceed with this project as soon as possible. If you wish to donate towards either special projects or planned maintenance please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your name, what you would like to donate towards, the amount and if you require a receipt. You may place it on the plate on Sunday or drop it off at the Parish Office on Wednesday or Friday.

Your generosity together with some fundraising has realised front entrance to the Church, heating in the side chapel, heating and cooling in the sacristy, landscaping the gardens and screens for the Liturgy. Let's keep up the good work and continue these great projects in our parish.

Fr. Michael



Those who have died recently	
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Gaetano Marinnina Basile; Nevio Pigatto
Our sick and their carers	Laurie Noonan; Pat Baldwin; Barbara Mundy; Craig Kelly; Lawrie Dwyer; Barry Butler; Mons Peter Jeffrey; Margaret Woodland; Mons John White *** Nancy Taylor; Glenn Spicer; Barry O'Brien

(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 23rd 10.00am	Lou Kerrins	Tim Nihill	Sue Nihill	P Moroney D Corrigan	A.M Nihill, A.M Carroll G. LoPiccolo	L & D Worm

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 17 – 23 FEBRUARY 2014			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	17	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	18	9.15am Liturgy of the Word	No Mass
Wednesday	19	9.15am Mass	5.00pm
Thursday	20	No Mass	9.15am
Friday	21	9.15am Liturgy of the Word	No Mass
Saturday	22	No Mass	6.30pm
Sunday	23	10.00am Mass	8.00am 11.30am Merrigum
ROSARY			
RECONCILIATION	22	11.30am	

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES		
Mon	17	
Tues	18	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7.00pm Staff Room
Wed	19	
Thurs	20	Diocesan Fin. Council – Fr Michael St Augustine's College welcome BBQ 6.00pm CEO Mass and Dinner – Fr Michael
Frid	21	CEO Conference – Fr Michael
Sat	22	Feast: Chair of Peter
Sun	23	
Mon	24	
Tues	25	Deanery meeting, Ky 10.00am
Wed	26	
Thurs	27	Year 12 Retreat Mass, 11.30am
Frid	28	Regional Chaplain mtg, Benalla 11am
Sat	1	Project Compassion launch weekend
Sun	2	Diocesan Liturgy Committee 2.30pm
PASTORAL CARE		
- Trish Miller 5824 1841 - Anne Hutchison 5824 3460		

I can do more.....

There are not a few Catholics who feel that if they just keep the Commandments they are good Catholics. They often like to ask, 'Is this a sin? That is, is it against the law? Is it a mortal sin or is it a venial sin? If it is 'only' a venial sin, then I can do it. But true Christians do not ask whether something is legal or illegal. They love God, they love Jesus, and they love their brothers and sisters. Their only concern is how they can serve and love them more and more. They want to work with Jesus and with his brothers and sisters to build the Kingdom of God. No matter how much they do, they know they can still love more and do more and be more. It is not then a question of law; it is not a question of what I have to do. It is a question of how much more I can do, how much more I want to do. The requirements of the law are way behind.

Excerpts are taken from Living Space commentary for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

Don't forget to check our website for details of Lenten Programs. Booklets can be photocopied at the Parish Office if you would like. There are some booklets available for you to have a look at in the Parish Office also.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Please collect your free copy of the Summer issue of *Australian Catholics*.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Just a reminder to write clearly on the space provided on the outside of the Planned Giving envelope, the amount of money inside the envelope. This makes it easier for the money counters to check to ensure the correct amount is recorded.

Meme of the week

The purpose of a 'meme' is to convey, using text and words, a truth or a statement, with a touch of humour. This week, we offer a creation depicting Pope Francis.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer in Tatura this year is being hosted by the Presbyterian Church. It's on 7th March at 1.30pm. Further details later.

ALONG THE TRACK

If you put your name down to receive a copy of Jim Quillinan's 'Along the Track', the latest article ("I Don't Know") is available at the back of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

NEW ANGLICAN MINISTER IN TATURA

The Rev'd Jude Benton was born and raised in New Zealand. After spending many years studying and working in the Baptist Church, Jude found employment as an Associate Pastor at an Anglican Church. She was ordained a Deacon in 2009 and as a Priest in 2010. Rev'd Jude was Assistant Priest at Nelson Cathedral for 2 years where she met her husband Andy. Both Jude and Andy have been offered positions in Tatura and look forward to discovering the purpose for which God brought them to this parish. We wish Rev'd Jude and her husband Andy many blessings and good fortune as they join the Tatura community.

I shall be kind today for my own sake - if not for others.

A CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Man: God, can I ask You a question?

God: Sure.

Man: Promise You won't get mad ...

God: I promise.

Man: Why did You let so much stuff happen to me today?

God: What do you mean?

Man: Well, I woke up late.

God: Yes.

Man: My car took forever to start.

God: Okay.

Man: At lunch they made my sandwich wrong & I had to wait.

God: Hmmmm.

Man: On the way home, my phone went DEAD, just as I picked up a call.

God: All right.

Man: And on top of it all, when I got home I just wanted to soak my feet in my new foot massager & relax. BUT it wouldn't work!!! Nothing went right today! Why did You do that?

God: Let me see, the death angel was at your bed this morning and I had to send one of My angels to battle him for your life. I let you sleep through that.

Man: (humbled): Oh.

God: I didn't let your car start because there was a drunk driver on your route that would have hit you if you were on the road.

Man: (ashamed)

God: The first person who made your sandwich today was sick & I didn't want you to catch what he has. I knew you couldn't afford to miss work.

Man: (embarrassed): Okay.

God: Your phone went dead because the person that was calling was going to give false witness about what you said on that call. I didn't even let you talk to them so you would be covered.

Man: (softly): I see, God.

God: Oh, and that foot massager had a short that was going to throw out all of the power in your house tonight. I didn't think you wanted to be in the dark.

Man: I'm, sorry, God.

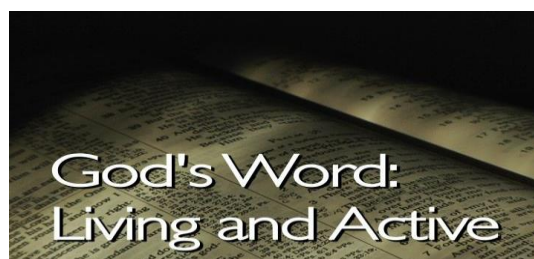
God: Don't be sorry; just learn to trust Me.... in all things, the good and the bad.

Man: I will trust You.

God: And don't doubt that My plan for your day is always better than your plan.

Man: I won't, God. And let me just tell you, God. Thank You for everything today.

God: You're welcome, child. It was just another day being your God and looking after my children...





*Readings for
this week:*

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48



Liturgical Jottings

The Homily (part 1)

The Homily is part of the Liturgy and is highly recommended, for it is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life. It should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the ordinary or the proper of the Mass of the day and should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners. (Roman Missal n 65)



Prayer for the Week

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

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Looking at the Readings

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life. © Sr Dianne Bergant CSA

Featured Feast of the Week

The Chair of Saint Peter Saturday 22 February: this feast has been kept at Rome since the fourth century as a symbol of the unity of the church. The Chair or *Cathedra* refers to the chair the bishop occupied when teaching his community. We see in the feast a commemoration of St Peter taking charge of the Church of Rome.

Quotable Quote

"I hope that all communities will devote the necessary effort to advancing along the path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are."

Pope Francis' Evangelii Gaudium (n 25)

On the Lighter Side

An altar server asked, "Father, I notice every time you go to the lectern, you pause and bow your head. What are you doing?" The priest explained, "I'm asking the Lord to help me give a good homily." The server said, "Why don't he?"



Quote:

Old age is the seat of the wisdom of life. Let's donate this to the young, like good wine that gets better with the years. Let's give the young the wisdom of life.

- Pope Francis