

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.**

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd MARCH 2014



PLANNED MAINTENANCE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS.

The Finance Committee and Fr Michael would like to thank all those who have already donated towards planned maintenance or special projects. Our first special maintenance task will most likely be painting the interior of the Church. When we installed the screen it highlighted the dismal condition of the paintwork, especially in the Sanctuary – our donations for the screen will cover some of the painting. We have received quotes for this major task which will be considered very soon. We are currently researching types and costing for air conditioning under our special projects plan. Thank you again for your generosity and commitment to our wonderful parish.



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



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion give expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and help those who are the most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.

This year's theme is from the Apostle John (10:10) – "have life and have it to the full" – and Caritas will use the appeal to celebrate our shared desire to live a full life, free from the burden of poverty; enriched by fair and equal access to food and water, healthcare, shelter, education and justice.

Project Compassion boxes are available in the Narthex and will be handed out after Mass. Please collect one.

**God does not ask about our ability
or our inability, but our availability!**



Those who have died recently	Connie Buckley (Ireland); Jim White; Sr Gerard (Poor Clare's Community, Kennington)
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Archangelina Carrafa
Our sick and their carers	Evan Jenkins; Laurie Noonan; Pat Baldwin; Barbara Mundy; Craig Kelly; Lawrie Dwyer; Barry Butler; Mons Peter Jeffrey; Margaret Woodland; Mons John White *** Glenn Spicer; Barry O'Brien; Peter Ryan

(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 Mar 9th 10.00am	CHILDREN'S MASS				S Nihill, L Kerrins, L McGrath	A & G Ranson

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 3rd to 9 th MARCH			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	3	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	4	5.45 Vigil Mass (Ash Wed)	No Mass
Wednesday	5	9.15am Mass School (Ash Wed)	12.30pm School 5.45pm Parish
Thursday	6	No Mass	9.15am Liturgy of the Word
Friday	7	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	8	No Mass	6.30pm
Sunday	9	10.00am	8.00am
ROSARY		9.00am Tues, Wed, Fri	
RECONCILIATION	8	11.30am	

ALONG THE TRACK

If you put your name down to receive a copy of Jim Quillinan's 'Along the Track', the latest article ("Hope") is available at the back of the church.

ITALIAN ROSARY

Il S.Rosario sarā recitato nella chiesa Martedì 4 March alle ore 2.00pm. The Italian Rosary will be recited in the Church on Tuesday 4th March at 2.00pm. All welcome

MARCH DIARY DATES		
Mon	3	
Tues	4	Shrove Tuesday Italian Rosary 2.00pm in the Church Finance C'tee Meeting 5.30pm Parish Hall School Board Meeting 7.00pm School Staff Room
Wed	5	Ash Wednesday (see notice) CWL Meeting 2.00pm Parish Hall
Thurs	6	SSEB Meeting Fr Michael
Frid	7	Notre Dame College Opening Mass 11.00am
Sat	8	
Sun	9	RCIA Rite of Election at Bendigo
Mon	10	Labour Day Holiday
Tues	11	
Wed	12	Anointing Mass 9.15am.
Thurs	13	
Frid	14	SVDP Meeting 9.00am at the Centre St Augustine's College School and Parish Fete 5.00pm
Sat	15	
Sun	16	
PASTORAL CARE		
- Trish Miller 5824 1841 - Anne Hutchison 5824 3460		

STRONGER RALLY

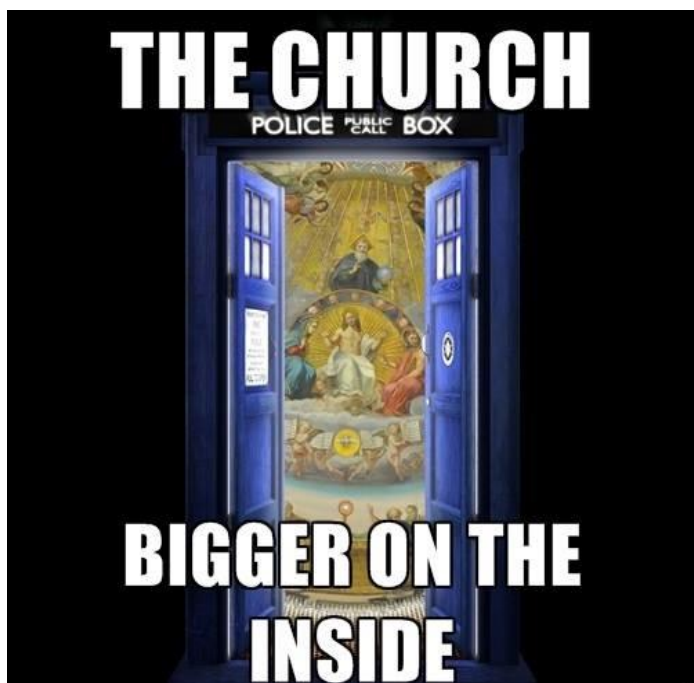
Our next Stronger Rally will be held this coming Friday, March 7, at Wodonga. The Rally will provide an opportunity for young people from across the Diocese to come together and celebrate their faith in a fun and supportive environment. The Rally will include praise and worship, a panel discussion and a talk by Fr Rob Galea on this year's theme 'The Truth Will Set You Free' (Jn 8:32). There will also be a testimony by a young person and much more. A barbecue dinner will be provided on the night. Soft drinks are available for a gold coin donation. The Rally, which is for secondary school students and young adults, will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 283 Beechworth Road, Wodonga, from 6.00-9.00pm. For more information, visit www.stronger.org.au or contact Sandhurst Youth Ministry on 03 5445 3615.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on Tuesday 18th March 2014 from 7.30pm – 9.00pm (meals from 6 pm optional).

Come and join the conversation with MARY WACHIRA from SOUTH SUDAN. Mary is Caritas' Program Coordinator for food & rehabilitation for those returning to homelands after civil war. Come and hear about life in South Sudan, the world's newest nation and the impact of your Project Compassion support. Information fliers are in the Narthex. Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904 or Frank 5821 4362.





“MINI VINNIES”

The first school-based Mini-Vinnies meeting was held on Wednesday, 19th February with 18 children volunteering. They started with the “Prayer for Happiness”, which was written by Bronte Innes- Irons last year and published in the Mini-Vinnies “Little Book of Prayers”. They talked about who St. Vincent de Paul was and discussed some ideas for our focus for 2014. The initial endeavour will be selling pre-loved school uniforms and good quality ‘too quickly grown out of’ school shoes at the school fete. If you have these items at home we would appreciate your donations. Minor repairs and cleaning can be arranged.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 4th March** during the Afternoon Break. Children bring their lunch with them. If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6 and would like to join, please get them to ask Marie O’Meara (REC) for a permission form. As a Parish we look forward in due course, to the Induction Mass for the “Mini-Vinnies” members.

SLAVERY FREE EASTER CHOCOLATE CAMPAIGN

– Buy! Eat! Talk! Act! A coalition of ethical trade organizations are urging you to ensure no slave labour has been used in your chocolate’s production. Approx. 95% of chocolate sold today is not certified free from the use of forced, child or trafficked labour. Make a difference & choose **SLAVERY FREE** chocolate; ask friends & family to ‘buy it’ ‘eat it’ ‘talk about it’ and if none available, ask your supermarket/store manager to stock it! Pick up an information brochure in the Narthex.

Men, take care
not to make
women weep,
for God counts
their tears.

Thomas S. Monson

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENTEN PROGRAMS

Ash Wednesday is 5th March, so Lent is not far away.

Mass times are –

- Tatura – 5.45pm (4th March)
- Tatura – 9.15am School & parishioners
- Kyabram – 12.30pm School & parishioners (Brigidine Centre)
- Kyabram – 5.45pm
- Kyabram – 10.30am Foundation-Year 4 Paraliturg

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.lentenprogram.com.
2. The Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to participate in their program - 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. Contact Jenny Raposio directly at +61 2 4222 2411 or orders@dow.org.au.

REFLECTION DAY FOR MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND Presented by Sister Nellie Versluys RSJ

Saturday March 8th, 2014

At the Parish House, St Mel’s Presbytery. 58 312 194

9.30am for 10.00 am start

10.00am Session 1

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Session 2

3.00pm Afternoon tea and home.

The purpose of this Reflection Day is to refresh and encourage those who are providing this valuable ministry on behalf of the Parish Community. It provides an opportunity to come away from busyness and reflect on this Great Gift that we hold. This day also is for those who would like to answer the call to this ministry to take this opportunity to become a Minister of Communion to the sick and the homebound. Jesus came to reveal the love how unconditionally God loves us. We too, as Ministers of Communion reveal the loving face of God to people. You are sincerely urged to make the time to participate in this Reflection Day.

Please RSVP to the office by Tuesday March 4th for catering purposes, thankyou.



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 49:14-15
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34



Readings for
next Sunday:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season. It is not just a period of self-discipline but an opportunity for self-development and growth.

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Looking at the Readings

Although today's Gospel starts by talking about slavery to two masters, its underlying message is really about freedom and choice. Freedom is a total contrast to being a slave. Many celebrities are depicted today with lists of their possessions and wealth but little is ever said about their happiness or contentment. Peace of mind is not bought at the corner shop. The saying 'The more one has, the more one wants' has the ring of truth.

We are challenged to set our eyes on that which truly gives us all we need and not be solely focussed on the everyday demands of living. That is not to say we shouldn't take steps to address our needs and leave everything to God. But neither should we leave God out of the equation of our lives. Worry is the distraction that takes our energy and confidence away from the love of God - a God who Jesus reminds us is always deeply caring for us and who desires the very best for us; a God who respects our freedom to choose the material life or the Kingdom. Worry, without God, limits our capacity to be free and narrows our choices.

Jesus knows that we all are disposed to worry about how we are to get by and so the Gospel message reminds us not to worry but look to what is essential and focus on God. The words of the Lord's prayer capture this proper perspective and the balance that we need to adopt in our lives.

The Gospel of Joy

I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures.

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium n49

Quotable Quote

"When you get to your wits end, you'll find God lives there!"

On the Lighter Side

A father urged his children to move beyond giving up lollies but to give up some habit of sin that marked their lives. Midway through Lent he asked how they were doing. His youngest son had promised to give up fighting with his brothers and sisters. His father asked him, "How are you going?" He replied, "I'm doing pretty good, Dad—but boy, I can't wait for Easter!"



Quote:

Let nothing disturb
you, let nothing
frighten you:
everything passes
away except God; God
alone is sufficient.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)." Matthew 6:24

Do you have other "gods" in your life (job, money, power, ego, possessions)? Do you put them before the Lord? A stewardship lifestyle means putting God first, in all things! It means living stewardship 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and not just the time that I go to Church or participate in my parish ministry. It means re-prioritizing and putting God first.