

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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Fr Michael, Joyce Caiafa), Anna Ciavarella, John

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Teresa Muto, Ged Pollard, Connie Serra, Trish

Warnett, Lou Worm.

**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.**

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

9th MARCH 2014



**Cuppa after Mass today in
the Mercy Centre**

LENTEN RETREAT DAY

**“Connecting Jesus’ Story & My Story” with Br
Mark Needham fms**

Sunday 16th March, 11.30 am – 4.00 pm

St Augustine's Church, Kyabram (following 10
am Mass at St Augustine's & 'cuppa' afterwards).

A Lenten Retreat Day to pause and reflect on
your life in 2014, and what it means for you to be
a disciple of Jesus today. Everyone is Welcome.
Bring lunch to share or BYO. Donation: if / as you
can afford.

Bookings: St Augustine's (03) 5852 1026 Email:
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ANNUAL RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

The annual retreat for Catholic Women will be at
Feathertop Chalet Harrierville from Mon 31st
March to Wednesday 2nd April. Cost \$210
includes all meals. Bus runs from Shepparton
leaving 9.30am. For further information phone
Margaret on 5862 3636 or Anita on 5752 1736 or
Gwen on 5824 1251 Bookings needed by 17th
March.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Your donation to Project
Compassion is helping Caritas
Australia end poverty, promote
justice and uphold dignity.



This week we meet Maristely who lives with her
family in a favela (slum) in Brazil. When they first
moved to São Paulo, favela houses were made of
cardboard, there was no electricity or water, and
sewage ran down the street. Caritas Australia's
partner, the *Movement for the Defence of Favela
Residents*, is changing lives across 40 favelas in
São Paulo by helping families gain access to clean
water, electricity and connected sewerage. Across
the favelas, there is a dominant culture of
violence. The program also promotes peace so
youth can attain education and employment;
rather than joining local gangs.

Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your
solidarity means communities like Maristely's can
enjoy a full life.

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SLAVERY FREE EASTER CHOCOLATE CAMPAIGN

– Buy! Eat! Talk! Act! 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. If none available, ask your
supermarket/store manager to stock it! Pick up an
information brochure in the Narthex.





Those who have died recently	Dorothy Pitts; Gael Gallivan
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Bernie McNamara; Jayne Mulcahy; Tony Guinan
Our sick and their carers	Evan Jenkins; Laurie Noonan; Barbara Mundy; Craig Kelly; Lawrie Dwyer; Barry Butler; Mons Peter Jeffrey; Margaret Woodland; Mons John White *** Nancy Taylor; Glenn Spicer; Helen Kierce; 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
Sat Mar 15th 6.00pm	Denise Woodman	Gwen Ranson	Margaret Corrigan	S MacDonald N Noonan	J Scrimizzi, S Finlayson, A Ciavarella	L & D Worm
Sun Mar 16th 8.00 pm	Carol Coulston	Matt Miller	Mandy McGrath	M Normington S McCann	R Kelly, B Curtis, D Worm	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 10 – 16 th March			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	10	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	11	9.15am Liturgy of the Word	No Mass
Wednesday	12	9.15am (Anointing Mass)	5.00pm Intention – Tony Guinan (Anniv)
Thursday	13	No Mass	9.15am
Friday	14	9.15am	No Mass
Saturday	15	6.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	16	8.00am	10.00am
ROSARY			
RECONCILIATION	15	11.30am	

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES		
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	
Mon	17	Feast: St Patrick
Tues	18	S.I.P Shepp – see notice PPC Meeting 7.00pm School Staff Room
Wed	19	Feast: St Joseph
Thurs	20	
Frid	21	
Sat	22	
Sun	23	Merrigum Mass 11.30am
PASTORAL CARE		
- Trish Miller 5824 1841 - Anne Hutchison 5824 3460		

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Protect life from conception to death! Pray to end abortion! 5 March to 13 April.

Contacts:

Email: vigil@40daysforlifemelb.org

Phone: 0406 322 694

Website: www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne

Flyers are available at the back of the church.



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 6.00pm 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 at the back of church. Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904 or Frank 5821 4362.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION DIOCESE OF SANDHURST

The Board is calling for nominations of priests and lay persons of the Diocese for the election onto the Board. By statutes and law, two priests and two laypersons are to be elected. If you may be interested in nominating for this role which includes attendance at meetings a couple of times a year please speak to Fr Michael.

Tatura Anglican Parish

Lenten Studies Wednesdays
2 -3.30pm starting 12th March
(6 week study "What on Earth am I Here For?" Cost \$15 for Course Book
All welcome – Anglican Church

POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Lent draws near, I would like to offer some helpful thoughts on our path of conversion as individuals and as a community. These insights are inspired by the words of Saint Paul: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor 8:9). The Apostle was writing to the Christians of Corinth to encourage them to be generous in helping the faithful in Jerusalem who were in need. What do these words of Saint Paul mean for us Christians today? What does this invitation to poverty, a life of evangelical poverty, mean to us today?

Christ's grace

First of all, it shows us how God works. He does not reveal himself cloaked in worldly power and wealth but rather in weakness and poverty: "though He was rich, yet for your sake he became poor ...". Christ, the eternal Son of God, one with the Father in power and glory, chose to be poor; he came amongst us and drew near to each of us; he set aside his glory and emptied himself so that he could be like us in all things (cf. Phil 2:7; Heb 4:15). God's becoming man is a great mystery! But the reason for all this is his love, a love which is grace, generosity, a desire to draw near, a love which does not hesitate to offer itself in sacrifice for the beloved. Charity, love, is sharing with the one we love in all things.

Love makes us similar, it creates equality, it breaks down walls and eliminates distances. God did this with us. Indeed, Jesus "worked with human hands, thought with a human mind, acted by human choice and loved with a human heart. Born of the Virgin Mary, he truly became one of us, like us in all things except sin." (*Gaudium et Spes*, 22).

By making himself poor, Jesus did not seek poverty for its own sake but, as Saint Paul says "that by his poverty you might become rich". This is no mere play on words or a catch phrase. Rather, it sums up God's logic, the logic of love, the logic of the incarnation and the cross. God did not let our salvation drop down from heaven, like someone who gives alms from their abundance out of a sense of altruism and piety. Christ's love is different! When Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan and was baptized by John the Baptist, he did so not because he was in need of repentance, or conversion; he did it to be among people who need forgiveness, among us sinners, and to take upon himself the burden of our sins. In this way he chose to comfort us, to save us, to free us from our misery. It is striking that the Apostle states that we were set free, not by Christ's riches but by his poverty. Yet Saint Paul is well aware of the "the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Eph 3:8), that he is "heir of all things" (Heb 1:2).

So what is this poverty by which Christ frees us and enriches us? It is his way of loving us, his way of being our neighbour, just as the Good Samaritan was neighbour to the man left half dead by the side of the road (cf. Lk 10:25ff). What gives us true freedom, true salvation and true happiness is the compassion, tenderness and solidarity of his love.

For full text of the Lenten Message: go to http://www.vatican.va/phome_en.htm and click on 'Message for Lent 2014'.

*Come to me all who labour and I will give you rest
Take up your yoke and learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart.
And you'll find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

SCHOOL AND PARISH FETE 28TH MARCH

WHY IS THE FETE AND RAFFLE SO IMPORTANT?

Catholic schools are not fully funded by the government; therefore, we require private income for running costs. Our school's government grants are calculated on the basis that we raise funds through the local school community ie. Parish, Donations and Bank Interest (this is on top of school fees) The "Fete and Raffle" are vital, as they are the major fundraisers, which assist in meeting this target. We thank you again and ask for your continued support of both the raffle and fete to ensure this success





*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9



Lenten Focus

Resisting temptation is counter-cultural in today's society. Try to be aware of how we can bring the Word of God to life at these times of resistance. God will continue to bring 'Angels' into our life to support us and minister to us.

Joy of the Gospel

The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium n1

Looking at the Readings

In the desert Jesus is completely left to his own devices and with his own thoughts. He has chosen to spend this special time with the Father and in preparation for his coming public ministry. He experiences hunger and thirst and it is precisely at this time when he is physically weakened that he is tempted. St Ignatius of Loyola warns us in his Spiritual Exercises that the Devil will test us for weaknesses and will not tempt us in our areas in which we are strong. Perhaps if these temptations were framed in today's society they may sound like this:

"All your worries will be over if you have this product, this house, this TV, this phone, this job, this salary..." But Jesus holds true to God. One doesn't live only on the things of this world.

"Who do you think you are? If you were a true believer then you would have more faith in God and he wouldn't make our lives miserable." This attack is directed at our faith and again Jesus reminds us that God is constant in and we can trust in divine love.

Finally "Don't you want to be somebody, someone famous ... forget about others and look after number one! You are entitled to it." This really points to the temptation to put ourselves at the centre of our lives and forget and disregard God. Jesus totally and clearly rejects this philosophy that is so prevalent in the World today. In this Gospel passage Jesus is revealed in his humanity – suffering physical deprivation; tempted to surrender to personal vices and world values that are still prevalent in our everyday lives. God's love remains constant and continues to support our efforts to remain faithful.

Quotable Quote

No Christian escapes the taste of the wilderness on the way to the Promised Land. (E. Underhill)

On the Lighter Side

Dear God,

I bet it's hard loving everyone in the whole world.

There are only four people in my family and I can't do it!

Billy



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NATIONAL LAMENT

"We are a society which has forgotten how to weep" Pope Francis

Many people are disturbed by the harsh policies to which people seeking asylum in Australia are subjected. In response to the desire for prayer and action, Catholic Religious Australia is launching a "National Lament". This is a campaign of prayer, penance and action for people seeking asylum in Australia. The National Lament seeks to make each Friday in Lent a day of prayer and penance, to support those seeking asylum in Australia. In the Narthex there are National Lament prayer sheets for you to take home and pray. An ideal time to recite this prayer is before meals – as a family.