

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.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16th MARCH 2014



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Your donation to Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia pursue justice and assist those who are the most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Deng, 50, grew up with his family in Barmayen village, South Sudan.

"I never attended school. Every day I would take the goats out to the bush with the other boys for grazing," he said.

When Deng was six, he became very ill. He became partially paralysed but happily returned to the peaceful life he knew and loved.

In 1983 when civil war broke out, Deng, his family and other villagers fled for the bush, leaving their homes, crops and livestock behind. Over the course of time, Deng and his wife, Aketch, 38, had eight children. Later on, Deng's eyes became infected. As the head of the household, he was responsible for providing for his family. Losing his eyesight meant he could not do this anymore.

In 2005, the civil war ended and they were able to move back home. To assist with resettling, Caritas Australia's partner, Hope Agency for Relief and Development (HARD) established a food security and rehabilitation program.

Deng and Aketch received two goats, five chickens, fishing nets and a selection of seeds to plant. They are now confident of a more secure future and are happy their children can attend school.

WELCOME - LENTEN RETREAT

Welcome to all those attending the retreat at St Augustine's today.

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.

POPE FRANCIS 1ST Anniversary

As the first anniversary of the pontificate of Pope Francis approaches, the Vatican has prepared a beautiful tribute to Pope Francis and his teaching. You can access a flipbook featuring photos of Pope Francis with small extracts from various writings, letters and addresses. The arrows following each quote are links to the full text of each speech.

http://www.vatican.va/auguri-francesco/pont_2014/en/index.html

This link is also on the Sacred Heart website under News & Events.



Those who have died recently	Gerry Williams; Ruth Cleaver; Dorothy Pitts; Gael Gallivan; Helen Kierce
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Kath Mason
Our sick and their carers	Evan Jenkins; Barbara Mundy; Craig Kelly; Lawrie Dwyer; 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 Mar 23rd 10.00am	Sue Nihill	Maria Spedding	Judy Randall	B Maher	C Serra, Paul Kerrins, AM Nihill	Simon Cowan

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday		9.15am Liturgy of the Word	No Mass
Wednesday		No Mass	10.00am CWL Tongala 5.00pm
Thursday		No Mass	9.15am
Friday		9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday		No Mass	6.30pm
Sunday		10.00am	8.00am 11.30am Merrigum
ROSARY			
RECONCILIATION			

MARCH DIARY DATES		
Mon	17	Feast: St Patrick
Tues	18	PPC Meeting School Staffroom 7.00pm S.I.P Shepp 7.30pm – see notice Feast: St Cyril of Jerusalem
Wed	19	Fest: St Joseph CWL Conference – Tongala
Thurs	20	
Frid	21	
Sat	22	
Sun	23	
Mon	24	
Tues	25	
Wed	26	St Pat's School Board Meeting
Thurs	27	Capital Planning Group Meeting – Shepp. Fr. Michael 1 st Reconciliation, Kyabram.
Frid	28	SVDP Meeting 9.00am at the Centre Sacred Heart Tatura School Fete
Sat	29	
Sun	30	
PASTORAL CARE		
- Trish Miller 5824 1841 - Anne Hutchison 5824 3460		

PRAYING LENT 2014

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.



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.

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 in the Narthex.

SANDPIPER - Please collect your free copy of the March issue of *Sandpiper* the Sandhurst Diocesan paper.

He who laughs - lasts!

Mary Pettibone Poole

DIOCESE NEWS

Father Tony Shallue has been working in the Diocese for the past three years. Recently Father Tony sought excommunication from the Archdiocese of Melbourne and I am very happy to advise that I have now incardinated him into the Diocese of Sandhurst and he is Parish Priest at Myrtleford. I am confident that you join with me in offering him a very warm welcome as a priest of this Diocese and a brother in the presbyterium. *Bishop Les*

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! I have even seen the logo on chocolate in Aldi!



ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM – FEAST 18TH MARCH

Conflict between Cyril and neighbouring Bishop Acacius led to the former being accused of insubordination and of selling church property to help relieve the poor. Probably, however, a theological difference was also involved. Whatever the reason, Cyril was condemned and driven from Jerusalem. In fact, half his time as a bishop was spent in exile (his first experience was repeated twice). He finally returned to find Jerusalem torn with heresy, schism and strife, and wracked with crime.



Don't forget to pick up your free copy of Australian Catholics from the Narthex.

'How will they know if we really love them?' Ann Rennie offers some thoughts on evangelisation in her reflection, 'Unguarded Moments: 'How will they know if we really love them?' Rennie writes that evangelisation is truly about living by example.

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH MEN'S GROUP

INVITATION - "Over Heaven's Fence...."

A day of reflection for men

Ever wondered about the other side?

Ever wanted to climb up and peek?

Want a hand up or simply lean your back and rest?

Come and join other men in a relaxed and peaceful environment designed to refresh the soul and explore our spiritual well-being.

Saturday 29th March

Where: St. Luke's Primary School,
Numurkah Road, Shepparton

Time: 9:00am until 9:00 pm
(lunch and dinner included)

Cost : \$20.00 (or as much as you can afford)

Please register by Sunday 23rd March

Contact:

Anthony Kilmartin @ St. Brendan's Parish ph. 58212633 (anthonypastoral@bigpond.com) or
Paul White ph. 58318700

The calm before the storm.....

Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'.

Evangelii Gaudium

'Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel.'

- Para 20, from Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013



Sacred Heart School Fete

The School Fete will be held on Friday 28th March 2014 at 5 p.m. Please come and join in the fun and support the school and the parish. All welcome. Stalls...Fruit & Veg, Cakes, Jewellery, Crafts, Spinning Wheel, Plants, and you can even have your dinner there as well!



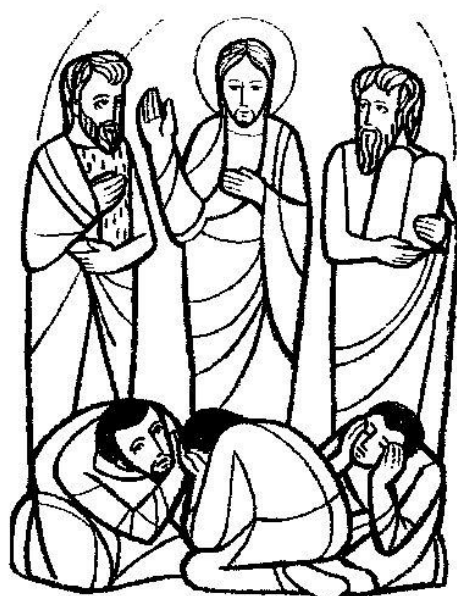
Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42



Lenten Focus

Lent has been described in the past, as a period in which we concentrate upon our sins, frailty and mortality; a period in which we recall that we are 'wretched sinners'. The feast of the Transfiguration reminds us of what is on offer here as a disciple of Jesus and that we have his support and love, always. So let us try this week to continue our Lenten preparations without fear but in the joy of the Lord who goes before us.

Joy of the Gospel

Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium n39

Words of Wisdom

'Unless we believe and see Jesus in the appearance of bread on the altar, we will not be able to see him in the distressing disguise of the poor.' – *Mother Teresa*

Looking at the Readings

The feast of the Transfiguration comes in the middle of our Lenten preparation and might be looked upon as a boost to possibly flagging spirits. In some ways there are hints of the agony in Gethsemane for it is likely that Jesus took the three disciples up the mountain for some quiet prayer. Just as happened then, this experience certainly had a profound effect upon Peter, James and John. Peter's reaction to the evident wonder of God's glory in and through Jesus, prompted his desire to honour Jesus and praise God. But just as elsewhere Peter's faith is overcome by his fear when the enormity of this interaction and the full realisation of Jesus' divinity as God's Son overwhelms them. It is Jesus who quickly lifts them up and restores their peace '... do not be afraid'.

Such an experience would have us believe that nothing after that would shake the disciples' faith in Jesus. But we know that after Gethsemane the disciples fled and Peter denied even knowing who Jesus was. Such a wonderful experience did not protect the disciples from their own fears and the dangers of discipleship. At times we may also have moments of great consolation in God's love but we need to recall them when anxiety and fears beset us and our own faith seems to recede into darkness.

It is precisely then that we need to recall Jesus' words to us "Stand up, do not be afraid".

Quotable Quote

When you have thanked the Lord for every blessing He has sent,
But little time will then remain for murmur and lament.

On the Lighter Side

For the umpteenth time Mrs Young told her pastor, "I'm so scared! Clive says he's going to kill me if I continue to go to your church."



"Yes, yes, my child," replied the pastor soothing her for the umpteenth time. "I will pray for you. Have faith - the Lord will watch over you." "Oh yes, He has kept me safe so far, but now Clive says if I keep going to your church, he's going to kill YOU!" Well, now," said the pastor, "Perhaps it's time to check out that little church on the other side of town."

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Please collect your copy of "Along the Track" if you have ordered one.

"To love another person is to see the face of God".

Lyric from *Les Misérables*