

# WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

## TATURA KYABRAM

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Readings - Year A

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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.**

## Third Sunday of Lent

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014



"It is not easy for us, today, to appreciate the bitterness of the estrangement between Jews and Samaritans – though the shocking conflicts of recent times may help us to understand the violent attitudes that divided these two groups. Of the Synoptic Gospels, Luke alone – the Gentile convert – shows any sympathy for the Samaritans. A missionary outreach to these people, therefore, must have seemed almost unthinkable to early Christians, most of who were from a Jewish background. The attitude of Jesus, and the success he had in this chance meeting with Samaritans, was an encouragement for them to take up the Church's mission, even though the difficulties seemed insurmountable."

<http://theemmausseries.com/alent03.html>



### **Sacred Heart School Fete**

The School Fete will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Your donation to Project Compassion means vulnerable people can live in safe, supportive communities and have hope for the future.**

For most of Archie's life, he lived with his parents and nine siblings in a one-roomed house beside the Plaridel River in the Philippines, an area prone to flooding and typhoons. An emergency resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped the family resettle into permanent and secure housing away from the flood prone river.

Thanks to your support, his family has moved to a safe location and permanent house, and his family are now happier and healthier.

**Please donate to Project Compassion and help vulnerable families living in unsafe environments to resettle into secure housing, where they can start to have hope for the future.**





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| <b>Those who have died recently</b>   | Helen Kierce; Gerry Williams; Ruth Cleaver                                                      |
| <b>Those whose Anniversary occurs</b> | Silvanos Sgammotta; Leo Cocks; Thomas Lynch; Patrick Lynch                                      |
| <b>Our sick and their carers</b>      | Evan Jenkins; Craig Kelly; Lawrie Dwyer; Margaret Woodland; Mons John White<br>*** 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 |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Sat Mar 29th 6.00pm | Peter Kerrins | Trish Warnett | Doreen Corrigan   | E Leahy<br>D Turvey   | A Hutchison,<br>G Ranson, D Worm. |          |
| Sun Mar 30th 8.00am | Ross Kelly    | Keith Stewart | Simon Cowan       | B & J Lowe            | C Reilly, L Cowan,<br>C Coulston  |          |

| MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: |      |                                  |                                                     |
|-----------------------------|------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| DAY                         | DATE | TATURA                           | KYABRAM                                             |
| Monday                      | 24   | No Mass                          | No Mass                                             |
| Tuesday                     | 25   | 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word      | No Mass                                             |
| Wednesday                   | 26   | 9.15am Mass                      | 5.00pm Intention – Leo Cocks                        |
| Thursday                    | 27   | No Mass                          | 9.15am College Students Liturgy<br>1.30pm Anointing |
| Friday                      | 28   | 9.15am Mass                      | No Mass                                             |
| Saturday                    | 29   | 6 pm Mass                        | No Mass                                             |
| Sunday                      | 30   | 8 am Mass                        | 10.00am                                             |
| ROSARY                      |      | 15 mins. before weekday services |                                                     |
| RECONCILIATION              | 29   | 11.30 am                         |                                                     |

### WALK FOR THE RIGHT TO BE BORN 2014

Join the 3 day fundraising trek through beautiful country Victoria on Friday 23 to Sunday 25 May 2014.  
Your sponsorships will help – Right to Life Australia continue its work & help young mothers through Pregnancy Counselling 24hr helpline. For further details see the noticeboard or ring 03-93850100 or [www.righttolife.com.au](http://www.righttolife.com.au)

### CWL CAKE STALL

The Catholic Women's League supply and sell cakes at the school/ parish fete. All donations of cakes (without cream) would be much appreciated.

**Thank You. G. Ranson, Secretary.**

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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

Contacts:

Email: [vigil@40daysforlifemelb.org](mailto:vigil@40daysforlifemelb.org)

Phone: 0406 322 694

Website:

[www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne](http://www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne)

Flyers are available at the back of the church.

| MARCH/APRIL DIARY DATES                                                                                    |        |                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon                                                                                                        | Mar 24 |                                                                            |
| Tues                                                                                                       | Mar 25 | The Annunciation                                                           |
| Wed                                                                                                        | Mar 26 |                                                                            |
| Thurs                                                                                                      | Mar 27 |                                                                            |
| Frid                                                                                                       | Mar 28 | St VDP Meeting, 9 am at the Centre<br>School Fete 5 pm                     |
| Sat                                                                                                        | Mar 29 |                                                                            |
| Sun                                                                                                        | Mar 30 |                                                                            |
| Mon                                                                                                        | Mar 31 |                                                                            |
| Tues                                                                                                       | Apr 1  | Italian Rosary 2 pm in the Church<br>Finance Committee 5.30 pm Parish Hall |
| Wed                                                                                                        | Apr 2  | C.W.L. 2 pm Parish Hall                                                    |
| Thurs                                                                                                      | Apr 3  |                                                                            |
| Frid                                                                                                       | Apr 4  |                                                                            |
| Sat                                                                                                        | Apr 5  |                                                                            |
| Sun                                                                                                        | Apr 6  |                                                                            |
| PASTORAL CARE                                                                                              |        |                                                                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trish Miller 5824 1841</li> <li>Anne Hutchison 5824 3460</li> </ul> |        |                                                                            |

### COLLECTIONS

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

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS** – Please take home your free copy of the Easter *Australian Catholics* available in the Narthex

**ALONG THE TRACK** - If you put your name down to receive a copy of Jim Quillinan's 'Along the Track', the latest article St Patrick is available in the Narthex

### Evangelii Gaudium

'...the drive to go forth and give, to go out from ourselves, to keep pressing forward in our sowing of the good seed, remains ever present.'

**Para 21, from Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013**

## ST BRENDAN'S PARISH MEN'S GROUP

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

#### A day of reflection for men

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)

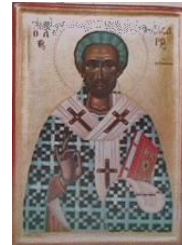
**Cost :** \$20.00 (or as much as you can afford)

Please register by Sunday 23rd March

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

## ST LAZARUS – FEAST 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Legends abound about the life of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, and friend of Jesus. One account has him writing an account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that, despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years. In the West, Passion Sunday was once called *Dominica de Lazaro*, and Augustine tells us that in Africa the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus was read at the office of Palm Sunday.



## LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE ONE HOUR

An invitation to share in an ecumenical Easter Prayer Service on Wednesday 16 April at 7.30pm. The service will be at the Kyabram Baptist Church.

Think of this as an invitation from Jesus to spend one hour praying for the community of Kyabram and beyond to the full meaning of Easter.

All welcome.

Good Friday – this is advance notice for your diary for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service in the Memorial Gardens, Kyabram, 18 April at 10.00am. This will be followed by hot cross buns, tea and coffee.

## ITALIAN ROSARY

Il Rosario sarà recitato ore 2pm Martedì 1 Aprile nella Chiesa. The Italian Rosary will be recited in the Church on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2.00pm All welcome

## SLAVERY FREE EASTER CHOCOLATE CAMPAIGN



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! For more information see [www.facebook.com/sfchoccampaign](http://www.facebook.com/sfchoccampaign)

Remember to look for the Fairtrade symbol on chocolate packaging. They are even in Aldi!

## LENTEN RETREAT

Last Sunday Br Mark Needham conducted a retreat day at the Presbytery in Kyabram. Thanks to those who took the opportunity to listen and spend the day with Mark.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

## DID YOU KNOW?

International Women's Day was marked on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The following are statistics about women and poverty

- Seventy percent of the global poor are women.
- Although women perform two-thirds of the world's work, they earn less than 10% of the world's wages.
- Women are far more likely than men to live in poverty because of discrimination and lack of access to education, employment and financial services.

## PAST STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE - KYABRAM

The Annual General Meeting of the Past Students and Friends of St. Augustine's College will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.

Venue: Tolle Lege Building in Tulloh Street Kyabram. For further details, please contact Julie at [jmulcahy@sakyabram.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jmulcahy@sakyabram.catholic.edu.au) or Maureen matkins@sakyabram.catholic.edu.au or phone the College on 5851 3000.



Readings for  
this week:

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



Readings for  
next Sunday:

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41



### Lenten Focus

At some stage during this week take time to reflect on where have you encountered Jesus in your life. Was it through someone who you knew? Or was it through a stranger? What effect did this have on you?

Joy of the Gospel

The People of God is incarnate in the peoples of the earth, each of which has its own culture. ... Grace supposes culture, and God's gift becomes flesh in the culture of those who receive it.

*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium n115*

### Praying the Scripture



Lord.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the

*From the Mass, Psalm 94*

### Looking at the Readings

This lengthy Gospel is rich in many lessons we can apply to everyday situations. Let's look at three key elements of this account of a meeting with Jesus.

**ENCOUNTER-** The woman is an outcast in her own community for her immoral behaviour. This is why she comes to the well at about noon when it is unlikely she will encounter their scorn and exclusion. Jesus initiates contact with his request for a drink – quite unexpected as there is animosity between Jews and Samaritans, and reticence between men and women at that time. The passage describes the disciples surprise when they return that he is talking with her. The woman is hesitant and unsure, perhaps confused, but obviously doesn't feel threatened. Jesus demonstrates he knows her well and yet accepts her as she is and goes further to declare to her that he is the one she seeks that will explain everything. "That is who I am, the one who speaks to you."

**CONVERSION-** The woman responds to this encounter with Jesus in faith.

**CONSEQUENCE-** She immediately jumps up and calls the townsfolk to come and meet Jesus. She is no longer concerned about their scorn or rejection but filled with an excitement and wonder that she needs to share. In turn others 'believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony' and so strong was the flow on effect of the encounter and conversion 'they begged him to stay with them'. Jesus continues to encounter us in our everyday lives and work. He knows us well and yet accepts us as we are – sinners. It is his love that can transform us into his witnesses and thereby to affect others.

### Quotable Quote

Don't try to hold God's hand; let him hold yours.  
Let him do the holding and you do the trusting."

### On the Lighter Side

A teacher asked her class, "If I sold my house and my car and give all the money to the poor would I get into heaven?" "No!" The children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church everyday, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I then get into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "NO!"

"Well," she continued, "then how can I get into heaven?" In the back of the room, a pupil shouted, "You gotta be dead first!"



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'Loneliness is the most terrible poverty.'  
- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

'Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you.'

Romans 15:7