

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

TATURAKYABRAM

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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.**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

30th March 2014



OFFICE HOURS

For the next 3-4 weeks there will be reduced office hours in Tatura. There will be someone there for a brief time on Wednesday morning and Fr. Michael and volunteers will be there on Friday morning. Anniversaries and special notices for the Bulletin can be handed to Trish, Denise, Denise or Fr. Michael.

MASS TIMES NEXT SUNDAY

Please note that next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, so Mass times will be 6.00 pm on Saturday and 8.00 am on Sunday.

Please note that Daylight Savings finishes at 3.00am on Sunday, 6th April 2014 and clocks are to be turned back 1 hour.

HELPERS REQUIRED

The Co-ordinators are looking for help during Palm Sunday and the Easter Ceremonies. Sheets are at the back of the church.

Please fill out and ensure that a phone number is left for co-ordinators to contact you.



Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to build a just world by enabling vulnerable communities to be architects of their own future.

This week we meet Martina, a teacher in the Solomon Islands. Her favourite part of the school day is teaching the children songs from Caritas Australia's *Disaster Risk Management project* which was established after a string of natural disasters in the Pacific that threatened the homes and communities of people living in the Solomon Islands. Through the power of nursery rhymes and songs, children are learning how to stay safe during an emergency.

Please donate to Project Compassion today so we can continue to educate teachers like Martina and help keep children safe during an emergency.

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 at the back of the church
- **ALONG THE TRACK** - If you put your name down to receive a copy of Jim Quillinan's 'Along the Track', the latest article ("When Good News Comes") is available at the back of the church.



Those who have died recently	Margaret Sweeney, Rosa D'Aloia
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Colleen Feehan, Gabrielle Feehan, Pat Kerrins, Vera Kerrins
Our sick and their carers	Evan Jenkins; Craig Kelly; Lawrie Dwyer; Margaret Woodland; Mons John White *** 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 Apr 5th 6.00pm	Denice Bourke	Sheila Gregg	Paul Kerrins	J Cummins J Webster	J Scrimizzi, D Worm, D Woodman	
Sun Apr 6th 8.00am	Betty Curtis	Ross Kelly	Keith Stewart	M Grumley	T Miller, C Reilly, S Cowan	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 31 Mar – 6 Apr 2014			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	31 Mar	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	1 Apr	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	2 Apr	No Mass	5.00pm Intention – Jack & Nell Mullins
Thursday	3 Apr	No Mass	9.15am Liturgy of the Word
Friday	4 Apr	9.15am	No Mass
Saturday	5 Apr	6.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	6 Apr	8.00am	10.00am 11.30am Tongala
ROSARY		15 mins. before weekday services	
RECONCILIATION	5 Apr	11.30am	

Evangelii Gaudium

'If we are to share our lives with others and generously give of ourselves, we also have to realise that every person is worthy of our giving. Not for their physical appearance, their abilities, their language, their way of thinking, or for any satisfaction that we might receive, but rather because they are God's handiwork, his creation. God created that person in His image, and he or she reflects something of God's glory. Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and He Himself is present in their lives. Jesus offered His precious blood on the cross for that person. Appearances notwithstanding, every person is immensely holy and deserves our love. Consequently, if I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life. It is a wonderful thing to be God's faithful people. We achieve fulfilment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names.

- Para 274, from Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

MARCH / APRIL DIARY DATES		
Mon	31 Mar	
Tues	1 Apr	Italian Rosary, Church, 2.00pm Finance Committee, Parish Hall, 5.30pm
Wed	2 Apr	CWL Meeting, Parish Hall, 2.00pm
Thurs	3 Apr	Stations of the Cross, Kyabram, 7.00pm
Frid	4 Apr	School Term 1 ends
Sat	5 Apr	
Sun	6 Apr	
Mon	7 Apr	
Tues	8 Apr	
Wed	9 Apr	Mass of Oils, Bendigo Anointing Mass 9.15am Parish Reconciliation, Kyabram, 7.30pm
Thurs	10 Apr	Parish Reconciliation, Tatura, 7.30pm
Frid	11 Apr	St Vincent de Paul Meeting 9.00am
Sat	12 Apr	
Sun	13 Apr	Palm Sunday
PASTORAL CARE		
- Trish Miller 5824 1841 - Anne Hutchison 5824 3460		

ITALIAN ROSARY

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

'God has not called me to be successful. He called me to be faithful.'

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, from her book *Love: A Fruit Always In Season*

'Do to no one what you would not want done to you. Give your bread to those who are hungry, and your clothes to those who are naked. Ask advice of every wise person. Bless the Lord God in everything. Beg the Lord to guide your ways, and bring your paths and purposes to their end.'
Book of Tobit 4:16-17.

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AND AMICI

'Christian spirituality presumes, through God's grace, a human desire and capacity for growing in union with the Triune God. To live a Christian spirituality is to attend to what is of God and to deepen in a life of conversion that has discipleship as its goal.' (Christian Spirituality in Practice by Colleen Griffith in C21 Resources Boston College). There are many spiritual guides within the Church including Franciscan, Ignatian, Carmelite and Benedictine spirituality. In our parish, we have a group who follows the spirituality of St. Augustine, the patron saint of our church. He is considered one of the most influential fathers of the early Church and his journey of faith that is described in his Confessions can give guidance to today's spiritual seekers.

Amici is the prayer guide and newsletter of the Friends of St. Augustine and there are copies available in the church. The current edition provides information about the Friends and their focus on Augustinian Spirituality.

This group is open to everyone in the Parish; if you would like any further details, please contact Ruth McGowan 5859 0359 or Maureen Atkins 58 522 103.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE ONE HOUR

An invitation to share in an ecumenical Easter Prayer Service on Wednesday 16th 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 18 April at 10.00am. This will be followed by hot cross buns, tea and coffee. St Augustine's will require helpers to butter and serve the hot cross buns at Audrey Radcliffe's.

These services are the initiative of the Kyabram Ministers Fellowship.

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.

For more information see

www.facebook.com/sfchoccampaign

Remember to look for the Fairtrade symbol on chocolate packaging.

They are even in Aldi!



'Sometimes the only way the good Lord can get into some hearts is to break them'

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Saint of the Week – St Francis of Paola, hermit (Wednesday, April 2)



Francis was born at Paola, Italy and was educated at the Franciscan friary of San Marco. At the age of 15, he became a hermit near Paola. In 1436, he and two companions began a community that is considered the foundation of the Minim Friars. Later in life, he established foundations in southern Italy and Sicily, and his fame was such that at the request of dying King Louis XI of France, Pope Sixtus II ordered him to France, as the King felt he could be cured by Francis. He was not, but was so comforted that Louis' son Charles VIII, became Francis' friend and endowed several monasteries for the Minims. Francis spent the rest of his life at the monastery of Plessis, France, which Charles built for him. Francis died there on April 2 and was canonized in 1519.

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 (see the noticeboard for further details).

PARISH HISTORY

In 2018, St. Augustine's Parish will celebrate 140 years of faith history in the community. A brief history was prepared for the Centenary in 1978 and a history of the Augustinians in the Parish was compiled at the time of their departure in 2006.

Mary McCormick, a former parishioner, maintains a vital interest in the life of her former Parish community and she has proposed that we write a Parish History ready for 2018.

This project has been approved by the Parish Pastoral Council and there is a survey form in the Church asking for your support for activities such as conducting interviews, writing, researching, providing sponsorship and joining an Editorial Team. You are invited to complete one of these forms by 20th April and give it to Mrs Marie Curtis, the Chairperson of the PPC, or leave it at the Presbytery.

We have four years to work on this parish project and when the forms have been collated, we will provide feedback about the next stage of the process. For further information, please contact Maureen Atkins mvatkins@netspace.net.au and 58 522 103.



*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45



Lenten Focus

What has been the most vivid 'miracle' in your life to date? Recall what happened and particularly how you felt at the time. Can you fully explain everything that happened? Was God's work evident in the outcome? In this Lenten period can we ponder the miracle and mystery of the Paschal events with the eyes of faith?

Joy of the Gospel

To evangelise is to make the kingdom of God present in our world. I would now like to share my concerns about the social dimension of evangelisation, precisely because if this dimension is not properly brought out, there is a constant risk of distorting the authentic and integral meaning of the mission of evangelisation.

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium n176

Looking at the Readings

There is a saying that describes today's Gospel well - "There are none so blind, as those that will not see." Jesus declares that physical blindness is not the product of sin but indeed can be the source of divine revelation.

One doesn't require perfect vision in order to experience great insights into life and the mysteries of faith. It is clearly the Pharisees who cannot 'see' the work of divine healing in the blind beggar's recovery at Jesus' hand. They hunt around for an explanation which will fit with their worldview and understanding of sinfulness and divine mercy. Not only did they question the man at length but also his parents in order to gain some evidence that Jesus had performed some sort of trick or worse yet – a sinful act.

When even the blind beggar could see "If this man were not from God, he wouldn't have been able to do anything!" the Pharisees threw him out of their presence and continued to also reject Jesus. Many people today reject the evidence of miracles in the world which give witness to the boundless love and forgiveness of God – cases of inexplicable healing; miracles of individual bravery; incomprehensible acts of forgiveness and unconditional sacrifices of love. To understand such miracles and mysteries of life we need to put aside the usual viewpoint of today's society which believes everything can be explained, and 'see' with the eyes of faith. Jesus said "You have seen him; he is speaking to you."

Quotable Quote

It is not a love for suffering which Christ reveals, but a love that prevails in suffering" (Anthony Padovano)

On the Lighter Side

Father Patrick was driving to Melbourne when he was pulled over in Bendigo for a breath test. The policeman saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car and said, "Father, have you been drinking?" "Only water", replied Fr Patrick. The policeman asked, "Then how come I can smell wine?" The priest looked at the bottle and said, "Good Lord! He's done it again."



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DID YOU KNOW? - SANITATION

- 1.2 billion people do not have a toilet.
- Not all toilets are sanitary. 2.5 billion people do not have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet.
- A survey conducted by the British Medical Journal identified sanitation as the greatest medical invention of the last 150 years.
- Poor sanitation is most likely the single biggest contributing factor to child mortality in the developing world. About 5,000 children die from diarrhoea-related diseases every day.
- Poor sanitation disproportionately affects women, impacting their health, dignity and opportunities for education.