

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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AS CHRIST'S DISCIPLES OUR MISSION IS:

to be inspired by Christ
 to actively live out Christ's message and the Gospel values by respecting,
 celebrating and honouring our Catholic traditions
 to provide welcome and sanctuary for all
 to foster a sense of social justice and to protect, nurture and support our
 Catholic community and the wider community by respecting life, self,
 others and the environment.

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.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross14th September 2014

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Lord, You asked that the little children be
 allowed to come to You; for it is such as
 these that the kingdom of God belongs.

You entrust them to the care and protection
 of our communities of faith. Guide us as we
 strive to ensure our Catholic and wider
 communities provide a safe environment for
 each child.

We pray especially for all those who have
 been harmed in their childhood.

Give them courage in facing the past and lead
 them to your healing protection.

CEBU – PHILIPPINES

I will be heading off next Wednesday with
 twelve teachers to experience this Social
 Justice Immersion Program arranged by
 Catholic Education Office. We will be visiting
 the dump sites, orphanages and schools. We
 will give them gifts etc. but we can also make
 donations to them to finance any special needs
 or projects that we see.

If anyone would like to make a donation I will
 more than happy to make sure that all of your
 donation gets to the people intended.

If I could have donations ASAP then I will send
 it electronically and draw on it in Cebu.

Thank You Fr. Michael

**We will take up a leaving collection in the
 Narthex on your way out from Mass.**

Bunnings BBQ

We had an excellent result from the Bunnings
 BBQ. We made \$1,485 to be shared with
 Kyabram. **Thank You Workers** Anne, Xavier
 and Seth Hutchison, Brendan from Ky, Helen &
 Lex Delahenty, Mary & Russ Jones, Marli Kelly,
 Damian Finlayson, Sheila Gregg, John Ford
 and Rod from Ky . This is a wonderful result
 and we hope to use the funds for youth
 programs in the future.

**Cuppa after Mass today in the
 Mercy Centre**
**Please come and join us. Lovely
 morning tea!**



Those who have died recently	Peter McHugh; Arthur Curtain; Francis Leonard Bratby
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Jamesy Manning; John Phelan; Saveria Muto; Nell Mulcahy; Joseph Mahanggun; Rachela Ciavarella; Giuseppe Ciavarella; Antonio Ciavarella; Joe Ciavarella
Our sick and their carers	Jim O'Donovan; Carolyn Cooper; Kerry Hogan; Lawrie Dwyer; Margaret Woodland; *** Glenn Spicer; Doug Fiske; Tessa Stokes

(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
21 ST SEPT 10.00AM	SPECIAL ROSTER FOR LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION					Carol Coulston

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	15 th	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	16 th	9.15 Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Wednesday	17 th	9.15 Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Thursday	18 th	No Mass	9.15am School Liturgy of the Word
Friday	19 th	9.15 Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Saturday	20 th		No Mass
Sunday	21 st	10.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	10.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		
RECONCILIATION	20 th		

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	15 th	
Tues	16 th	PPC Meeting 7.00pm School Staff Room
Wed	17 th	Fr Michael departs for Cebu
Thurs	18 th	
Frid	19 th	3 rd Term finishes
Sat	20 th	
Sun	21 st	10.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Mon	22 nd	
Tues	23 rd	
Wed	24 th	
Thurs	25 th	
Frid	26 th	
Sat	27 th	
Sun	28 th	
PASTORAL CARE		
- Trish Miller 5824 1841 - Anne Hutchison 5824 3460		

MARIAN FESTIVAL

Bishop Leslie Tomlinson invites people of the Sandhurst Diocese to the 40th Anniversary of the Marian Festival to be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, 5th October, commencing with 11.00am Mass and concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3.30pm.

Bishop Tomlinson will be the guest speaker at 2.30pm.

The devotions during the afternoon will include Scapular Enrolment, Procession, Rosary, Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart, Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tea and Coffee will be available at lunchtime. BYO lunch. There will be afternoon tea in the cathedral hall at 3.40pm.

All are most welcome to attend.

By Your Holy Cross

Why do we Christians insist on celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross? Why not focus, for instance, on the lasting value of Jesus' teaching and example, rather than on this rather embarrassing end to his life? Non-believers see the cross as a symbol failure and defeat for Jesus; we Catholics choose the cross as the central symbol of our faith, more important than any other symbol! Why? Paul's reflection in Philippians expresses the meaning of the cross better than any text in Christian scripture. Jesus' cross becomes the occasion for his transformation: 'He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. *Because of this*, God greatly exalted him.' For Paul, Jesus' embracing his cross is the event for his being reinstated to his divine dignity and glory with God - not defeat but triumph! Many of us have had personal experiences of gazing at Jesus on the cross and praying for strength to make it through sufferings and difficult times and experiencing Jesus' presence. This presence with Jesus - sharing, as it were, his eternal life - becomes the strength we need to live through our sufferings and be transformed by them to a deeper union with Jesus. Paul continually assures us in many of his letters that no possible suffering can separate us from the love of Christ. This truth is the heart of our relationship with Jesus Christ. And so today rightly we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

People are like sticks of dynamite; the power is on the inside but nothing happens until the fuse gets lit.

CENSUS CARDS

This weekend we will be distributing census cards to be completed by each family in our Parish. We ask that all families complete a census card, regardless of whether this information has previously been provided. It is vital that our parish records are up-to-date and census cards are an ideal method to do this. Please read the card carefully and give us as much information as possible.

FR. MICHAEL'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

On Sunday 28th September after 10am Mass, families are invited to help celebrate Fr Michael's 70th birthday.

Venue: St Mary's Hall

BYO lunch enough for your family (it will be a shared lunch so something suitable to place on a shared table).

Tea, coffee and cordial provided. Please keep this date free!

HELP WELCOMED!!

Dear Sacred Heart Parents, Grandparents and Parishioners

Sacred Heart School would like to extend an Invitation to help our Students by volunteering your time and using your Gifts and Talents.

Do you enjoy the company of primary school students?
Are you keen to help students to find Positive Play Choices?

Do you have a willingness to share your gifts and talents with our students?

Have you got 30 minutes per week you could use to volunteer to supervise an activity for a small group of students at Sacred Heart?

Have you got a current Working with Children's' (Volunteer or Paid Work) Card?

If so, you may be interested in becoming involved in our new Positive Play Strategy for students who find it difficult to occupy themselves during our Play Breaks. At Sacred Heart we are hoping to run small group activities during Term 4 that provide our students with options for Positive Play. Students would commit to coming on a weekly basis to an activity run by a volunteer.

Each activity would be run on a day of the week that suited the volunteer and would run for 30 minutes - either from 11am - 11.30am or 1.45pm - 2.15pm. Activities might include: Indoor Games (Cards, Board Games, Chess etc.), Scrapbooking/Card Making, Drawing/Writing, Play Dough, Craft, Knitting or Crocheting, Woodwork, Walking etc). Choices will depend on the expertise of the volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like any more information please phone Trish Miller on 5824 1841 or 0418 100 138.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

It is now three years since our last program so we are due for another renewal campaign. This will take place during October with a theme over each weekend. This will be run in both parishes Kyabram and Tatura at the one time. In this way we keep our costs to a minimum.

For the program to be successful it will rely on more people giving. We have 145 givers on the planned giving, and of these, 52% are on a pension or fixed income. We need more young families to share the responsibility of the parish. If they don't, what is the future of the parish in 10-15 years?

There will be meeting dates when we will encourage all to attend. We will also require a core group of 6-8 people to help co-ordinate and lead the way. To have people volunteer their help on this team would help enormously, so if you could give of your time, energy and enthusiasm over this 5-6 weeks, let us know.

- Fr Michael

AXE CREEK CHURCH

The new Narthex and refurbishment of St Joseph's Church will be blessed & officially opened by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson on Sunday 21 September 2014 at a special Mass time of 11am, followed by a BBQ lunch (meat provided).

Present and former parishioners and friends of Axe Creek Church and St Therese's Kennington Parish are warmly invited to attend this much anticipated event. For catering purposes contact Leanne 5439 3456 or Margaret 5439 5316.

SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDED URGENTLY

FROM: Crisis Relief International (CRI).

"We lost the city of Queragosh (Qaraqosh). It fell to ISIS and they are beheading children systematically. This is the city we have been smuggling food to. ISIS has pushed back Peshmerga (Kurdish forces) and is within 10 minutes of where our CRI team is working. Thousands more fled into the city of Erbil last night. The UN evacuated it's staff in Erbil.. Our team is unmoved and will stay. Prayer cover needed!"

Please pray sincerely for the deliverance of the people of Northern Iraq from the terrible advancement of ISIS and its extreme Islamic goals for mass conversion or death for Christians across this region.



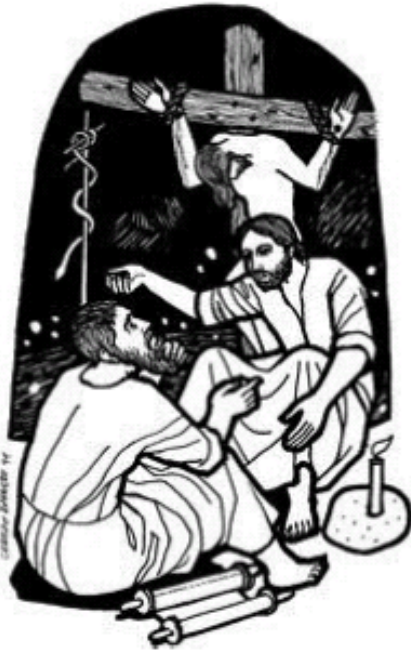
Readings for
this week:

Number 21:4-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24,27
Matthew 20:1-16



Liturgical Jottings

The Cross

Either on the altar or near it, there is to be a cross, with the figure of Christ crucified upon it, a cross clearly visible to the assembled people. It is desirable that such a cross should remain near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations, so as to call to mind for the faithful the saving Passion of the Lord. The cross, ..., is carried in procession at the beginning of Mass and may be placed next to the altar to serve as the altar cross. cf GIRM 308 122

Joy of the Gospel

Christian triumph is always a cross, yet a cross, which is at the same time a victorious banner borne with aggressive tenderness against the assaults of evil.

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* n 85

Looking at the Readings

Healing from the Cross: the bronze serpent on a standard is a well known symbol of the medical profession, which goes back to the times of Moses. In today's Gospel, Jesus applies this image to his own crucifixion. By being lifted up on the cross he will bring healing and eternal life to all who believe in him.

Today we focus on the Cross as the symbol of God's victory over evil. The Cross is the ultimate sign of God's love unto death. "God so loved the world" that is us, you and me! Jesus was given to the world as a gift of love, to make love known by living a life of love. Jesus shows us how to live as fully human beings and the nature of a God of love. Jesus pays the ultimate price. That is his victory. He refused to surrender his fidelity, to compromise his truth even in the face of torture and death. John's Gospel expresses the victory when it speaks of Jesus being 'lifted up'. The Greek word for this means 'exalted'.

Quotable Quote

The whole notion of putting on the mind of God, seeing the world as God sees the world, and seeing evil and injustice as your responsibility to do something about, is the essence and the reason for contemplation in the Benedictine understanding.

Sr Joan Chittister OSB in "A faith to live by" by Roland Ashby, Mosaic Press, Preston 2012.

Memorable Memorial of the Week

Monday 15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows immediately follows the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Mary stood at the foot of the Cross as her son died, fulfilling the prophesy of the angel.

On the Lighter Side

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son ..."

John 3:16 is one of the most widely quoted verses from the Bible. It has also been called the "The Gospel in a Gospel". It can be written inconspicuously in out-of-the-way locations for example a large hamburger chain prints it on the inside of the bottom rim of their paper cups, a clothing chain print it on the bottom of their shopping bags, and a Fuel Saver prints it on the box. The Rainbow Man displays the reference in large letters at sporting events, seeking the attention of fellow fans and the TV cameras for a world audience.



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Fr. Michael's 70th Birthday

Next week, after the Liturgy we will take up a collection for Fr. Michael's 70th Birthday present.

Please be generous as this is a very special birthday!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to

Ava Grace Vraca and Olivia Grace Talarico
who are being baptised today. We welcome him into our faith community.

