

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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Readings - Year B

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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.**



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30th NOVEMBER 2014



Pope Francis announced that 2015 will be a year dedicated to the promotion of consecrated life, and is asking the church's religious sisters, brothers and priests to "wake up the world" with their testimony of faith, holiness and hope.

The Year of Consecrated Life will officially begin on 30th November 2014, the first Sunday of Advent. The Year will finish on February 2nd 2016, the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. During these 14 months celebrations and diverse meetings will take place with the objective of highlighting the various dimensions of consecrated life.

"The logo depicts the CRA cross and shows the region of Australia, Oceania and Asia where many of Religious associated with CRA minister to the marginalised," said CRA Director, Sister Leone Wittmack rsc. "The green colour conveys hope to the world and other features of the logo demonstrate the vitality of mission and religious life in Australia today."

The logo draws upon the light of God's love that strengthens religious sisters, priests and brothers in their commitment to justice, with the image inviting the viewer to join them in changing the world. "As we begin to celebrate this year dedicated to religious women and men throughout the world, may we embrace the call from Pope Francis to 'Wake up the World' by walking with people experiencing poverty and being advocates for those who have no voice," said CRA President, Sister Berneice Loch rsm.

SVDP. CHRISTMAS A SEASON FOR GIVING ...

St Vincent de Paul is once again, collecting toys for Christmas parcels prepared by Conference. Envelopes with ages and gender of children are available on the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. Please take an envelope, buy a gift suitable for the age and gender of the child on the card, wrap your gift and leave it under the Christmas tree by Sunday 14th December. Your assistance with purchasing toys for the children helps SVDP enormously.



ITALIAN ROSARY

Il Rosario sarà recitato ore 2pm Martedì 2 Dicembre nella Parish Hall.

This is the Christmas break up for the Italian Rosary – please bring a plate. All are welcome.

REDEEM – Daily Advent and Christmas reflections. This beautiful little booklet is available in the Narthex. They are \$3.00each. Honesty box applies



Those who have died recently	Tracey Ann O'Brien-Maw; Beth McDonald; Laurie Atkins; Rita Kerlin; Shirley Donovan
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Judy Maher; Lucia Villani; Kevin Millar
Our sick and their carers	Margaret Downs; Peter Kerrins; Barry Butler; Kathleen Sell; Carolyn Cooper, Jim O'Donovan; Kerry Hogan; Lawrie Dwyer; Margaret Woodland; Andrea Cocks *** 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 Dec 6th 6.00pm	Denise Woodman	Debbie Turvey	Margaret Corrigan	E Leahy J Cummins	D Worm, D Bourke, J Webster	Bill Woods
Sun Dec 7th 8.00 am	Ross Kelly	Simon Cowan	Keith Stewart	Robert Miller	B Curtis,, C Reilly, L Cowan	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 1-7 DECEMBER			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	1	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	2	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Wednesday	3	9.15am Mass	5.00pm Intention of Kerlin Family
Thursday	4	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	5	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	6	6.00am Mass	No Mass
Sunday	7	8.00am Mass	10.00am 11.30am Tongala
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		
RECONCILIATION	6		

DECEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	1	
Tues	2	Finance C'tee Meeting 5.30pm Parish Hall Italian Rosary 2.00pm Church
Wed	3	Feast: St Francis Xavier SVDP Meeting 7.00pm at the Centre
Thurs	4	
Frid	5	
Sat	6	Feast: St Nicholas
Sun	7	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Mon	8	
Tues	9	Reconciliation, Tatura 7.30pm
Wed	10	Warramunda, 10.30am
Thurs	11	End of Year Mass, Tongala 11.30am Reconciliation, Kyabram 7.30pm
Frid	12	Farewell Oronzio 10.30am – all welcome St Aug's College – students last day
Sat	13	Feast: St Lucy
PASTORAL CARE		
- Trish Miller 5824 1841 - Anne Hutchison 5824 3460		

“Be Watchful, Be Alert!”

Today we begin the Season of Advent a time of Christmas tree decorating, baking, maybe gift-wrapping. Perhaps baking for someone unable to do it for themselves or wrapping a gift to add to the Vinnie's tree. In this busy pre-Christmas season as we spend time with work colleagues', friends and family or play with our grandchildren or sit with a dying friend we are invited to live the waiting, to live in the moment. Not to wait for something better.

In every long queue at the checkout counter, flexi teller, bus stop, and waiting room, there is a gift, an invitation, a moment to behold – God is. God is intimately present in every second of the waiting. There is nothing better.

To wait is to stand in reverence and awe of the present, of the Presence. God lives only in the present. God knows no time. It is us who live in the confines of time. We are the ones bound by the past and lured by the future. God is and gives only in the present. There is nothing better.

There is nothing better than to live in God, in the present moment! Maybe we could say Advent is a season of Awareness, a season to practice being alert, noticing and being present to God present to us and among us now. How could we better spend our time in this Season of Advent?



Evangelii Gaudium

“Evangelisation aims at a process of growth which entails taking seriously each person and God's plan for his or her life. All of us need to grow in Christ.”

Par 160 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

REPEAT ... STEWARDSHIP 2014

Our new Planned Giving commences now! Thank you to all who have committed to this program. We would be very grateful for any new givers to join this program to help support our parish.

It would also be appreciated if any current givers who are still to renew their pledge could return this as soon as possible because the new envelopes have already commenced. If you still have a direct debit authority to come in, please drop it in at the parish office or post it in as soon as possible please. Thank you.

ALONG THE TRACK

If you put your name down to receive a printed copy of Jim Quillinan's 'Along the Track' article, it is available in the Narthex.

FR. ROB GALEA CONCERT

Fr Rob Galea and his band will perform in Shepparton to celebrate the launch of his new album, *Something About You*. This concert will feature Gary Pinto (X-Factor Australia), Natasha Pinto and Genevieve Bryant. The concert will be at Eastbank Centre, Shepparton, on the 22nd January 2015. Tickets are limited.

www.riverlinksvenues.com.au/rob-galea.html or call (03) 5832 9511.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards and

2015 Columban Calendars are currently on sale.

Cards \$5.00 per pack
Calendars \$8.00

Honesty Box applies

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We would like to thank **Joyce Caiafa; Marli Kelly, Teresa Muto, Connie Serra, and Lou Worm** for their dedication and commitment to the Parish Pastoral Council. These members have now retired from this Ministry.

We also welcome **Denise Woodman and Coral Reilly** who have joined the Parish Pastoral Council.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hazel and Thomas Steinfort

who are being baptised tonight. We welcome them into our faith community.



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE



2014

Tatura – Sacred Heart Church

Mass – Christmas Eve (Family Mass) – 6.00pm

Mass – Christmas Day – 10.00am

Kyabram – St Augustine's Church

Mass – Christmas Eve (Outdoor Family Mass) – 7.30pm

Mass – Christmas Day – 8.00am

Communal Reconciliation

Tatura – Reconciliation

Tuesday 9th December 2014 at 7.30pm

Kyabram – Reconciliation

Thursday 11th December 2014 at 7.30pm

SANDHURST ADVENT RESOURCES 2014

“Go up...joyful messenger”

5 weeks reflection and prayer sheets

Five packs of the Sandhurst Advent Resources are available at the back of the church this weekend. Please write your name on the clipboard if you take one.

If all sets are taken and you would like a set for next week please write your name on the clipboard.

Alternatively you can contact the Parish Office or download a set from the Sandhurst Diocesan website (www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

FAREWELL LITURGY/MORNING TEA IN HONOUR OF ORONZO FARINA

All Parishioners and Community members are invited to a farewell:

Liturgy/Morning Tea
Friday 12th December, 10.30am
in the Brigidine Centre

If you would like to attend please contact the College office on 5851 3000 by Monday 8th December for catering purposes.

All Welcome.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS

Global Gifts are a fantastic way to make giving meaningful and help vulnerable communities at the same time. Gifts include Clean Water, Food, Education, Healthcare, Sustainable Agriculture & Emergency Relief. Purchase online at www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts or phone 1800 024 413 or pick up an order form at back of church.



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8



Liturgical Jottings

This Sunday the Church begins the sequence of Readings of Year B. Advent has a twofold character—as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. *GNLYC 39*

Renewal~Remembrance~Hope

Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of Consecrated Life, starting on the First Sunday of Advent 2014, and ending 2 February 2016, the World Day of Consecrated life. The year also marks the 50th anniversary of Vatican II's decree on religious life. Its purpose is to make a grateful remembrance of the recent past while embracing the future with hope. Quotes from Pope Francis will be reprinted here.

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Looking at the Readings

Advent is not so much about waiting for the Lord as in looking to the future, as it is about being ready for the Lord in the here and now. When Jesus comes it will be in the present moment. So the question Advent poses us is not will you be ready but are you ready – here and now? As we all know, the master of the house in today's Gospel, is Jesus who lived among us on earth in time. He is 'on a journey' (ascended into heaven) but he will return. His return will be unforeseen. No one knows the day or the hour of his coming - evening, or midnight, or cockcrow or dawn. The message is- *Stay awake! Be on your guard! Stand ready!*

We are the waiting servants. Jesus will return unexpectedly. The decision to be ready or not, to be awake or asleep is ours and it is not as easy as it might sound. The prophet Isaiah makes the difficulty very clear. *Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?*

Left to ourselves, waiting for the Lord, we all tend to face the same temptation - to start amusing ourselves while we wait. Little Red Riding Hood couldn't resist picking the flowers on her way to grandma's house and got herself lost. Our temptations are not much different. Life can be so exiting or comfortable or we can be so tired. Every second of our life is pregnant with the possibility that the Lord will return. If there is anything we know about that moment it is that it will be unexpected. We need to remember to always do what is required of us. We must be ready *now* because 'yeah-yeah-in-a-minute' may be too late.

Quotable Quote

This is what the Lord asks of you: to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6,8*

On the Lighter Side- More Definitions

Procession The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the readers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

Pew A medieval torture device still found in Catholic churches.

Relics People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

Ushers The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.



Stronger Retreat Registrations for this year's Stronger Retreat have been extended until this coming Tuesday, December 2. If you are between 16 and 26 and had been thinking about joining us for the Retreat, there is still an opportunity to register for the fun and faith-filled weekend with other young people from across the Sandhurst Diocese and beyond. The Retreat will take place from Friday, December 5 (eve) until Sunday, December 7, at Feathertop Chalet, Harrietville. Our theme for this year is 'The Truth Will Set You Free' (Jn 8:32) and our speakers will unpack this during the Retreat. Registrations cost \$185 (inclusive of meals and accommodation) and are open until Tuesday, December 2, at www.stronger.org.au. Subsidies up to 50% of the cost are also available. For more details, visit www.stronger.org.au, call Sandhurst Youth Ministry on 03 5445 3615 or pick up a flyer in the church foyer. We also ask parishioners across the Diocese to keep this event in your prayers and encourage you to invite any young people you know to register for the Retreat.