

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.**



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7th DECEMBER 2014

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- Please bring a chair – no rugs) – 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



SVDP. CHRISTMAS A SEASON FOR GIVING ...

This is our "busy" time of the year! St Vincent de Paul is once again, collecting toys for Christmas parcels prepared by Conference. There are still a few 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. Your assistance with purchasing toys for the children helps SVDP enormously.



ROSTERS

Roster to the end of December are available in the Narthex. Please advise Coral (Phone 5824 6383) or the Parish Office (Phone 5824 1049) if you will be **NOT** be available during January to go on the roster.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

For people who put their names down to visit the prison to give out gifts next Saturday (13th Dec).
We will be leaving the SVDP Centre Tatura at 9.00am sharp. Please be there on time.

MORE ADVENT RESOURCES 2014 – ONLINE ACCESS

As well as our favourites (Lectio Divina) there are many other Advent Reflection resources available on the web. There is a printed list of websites in the Narthex and, while I haven't viewed all of them, there are some excellent reflections to lead us through Advent into Christmas.

Lectio Divina

LECTIO DIVINA for ADVENT 2014 (Broken Bay Diocese): pdf booklet, App or Google Play
<http://www.dbb.org.au/news/dsp-default-lectio.cfm?loadref=588>



Those who have died recently	Paolina (Lina) Baldo; Valerio Gobbo; Beth McDonald; Laurie Atkins; Rita Kerlin; Shirley Donovan; Sr Mary Barnes csb
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Evelyn Woodman; Veronica Rosella; Carmel Roche; Gerard Dargan; Alvin Stanley Brunt; Michele Matera
Our sick and their carers	Victoria Stock; Margaret Downs; Peter Kerrins; Kathleen Sell; Carolyn Cooper, Jim O'Donovan; 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
Sun Dec 14th 10.00am	Sue Nihill	John Harford	Judy Randall	M Feehan D Williams	L Kerrins, L McGrath, P Baldwin	T Warnett D Woodman

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 8 th -14 th DECEMBER			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	8	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9	9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Wednesday	10	9.15 am Mass(Int. Evelyn Woodman)	5.00pm
Thursday	11	No Mass	9.15am
Friday	12	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	13	No Mass	6.30pm
Sunday	14	10.00am Mass	8.00am
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		
RECONCILIATION	13		

DECEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	8	
Tues	9	Reconciliation, Tatura 7.30pm
Wed	10	
Thurs	11	End of Year Mass, Tongala 11.30am Reconciliation, Kyabram 7.30pm
Frid	12	Farewell Oronzo 10.30am – all welcome St Aug's College – students last day SVDP End of Year Dinner 7.00pm
Sat	13	
Sun	14	
Mon	15	
Tues	16	Priests Retirement Foundation Mtg, B'go 11.30am
Wed	17	
Thurs	18	Students finish
Frid	19	4 th Term concludes
Sat	20	
Sun	21	
PASTORAL CARE		
Trish Miller 5824 1841, Marli Kelly 0457 772 869 Anne Cheatley 5824 3460		

Let's go on an Advent – ure.....

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the Reign of God. We have all been intrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability. Holding on to our responsibilities as Christians can be uncomfortable. It requires that we be willing stick our necks out, to take risks. We don't know the time of the Lord's coming, so there is no complete 'certainty' to our plans.

In the first reading today the prophet reports the command of the Lord: 'Comfort, give comfort to my people says your God!' the 'fort' in 'comfort' comes from the Latin word for 'strong.' The 'com-' is from the Latin word for 'with.' To give comfort to someone is to lend some of your strength that they may be more able to stand on their own feet and walk because you are with them.

The Gospel says that Christ baptises his own with the Holy Spirit. Because of this baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within each person who comes to Christ. And so no one who comes to Christ and receives his baptism walks the wild and rocky road of life alone. In the person of the Holy Spirit, the strength of God is within them.

And so no wonder that the other name for the Holy Spirit is 'the Comforter.'

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

**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

ST. AUGUSTINE'S TIMOR LESTE IMMERSION 2015

St. Augustine's College and Parish Kyabram have organised two very successful Timor Leste Adult Immersions in 2013 and 2014. It is now time to develop further and provide an adult and student combined immersion. The 2015 Timor Leste Immersion will include both adults from our surrounding community, and students from St. Augustine's College. This group will comprise of three skilled adults, six students, and two teaching staff; a total of eleven participants.

This immersion group will visit our sister school Technical Vocational College (TVC) in Assirimou Village, Aileu, Timor Leste. The projects undertaken will be organised with the collaboration of our Timorese friends, and based around the skills offered by the volunteers. The adults will be paired up with our students, working as a "teaching team" to train students at the TVC in their particular skill.

The immersion will take place from August 28th to 8th September 2015. This experience will not only provide valuable life skills for the Timorese youth, but also provide an opportunity for our students to become more aware of the wider world, cultures and different life experiences. The approximate cost of this experience is \$2,250. All applicants will be selected via a written application process. Applicants will then undertake an interview process.

If you are interested in attending this immersion there will be an expression of interest Information Night held on February 4th 2015. Application forms will be available on this evening.

If you require any further information please contact Mrs. Webb at the College, or cwebb@sakyabram.catholic.edu.au.

On Sunday 7th December the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has asked the Catholic community of Australia to stand in solidarity with the refugees of Iraq and the Middle East region in prayer and through financial support. We ask you to help those in most need by donating to the Caritas Australia Middle East Appeal today!

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

May the God of Peace arouse in all an authentic desire for dialogue and reconciliation, and a genuine belief that violence cannot be overcome with violence, but only overcome with peace!
May the God of hope grant the peoples and leaders in the Middle East the wisdom and strength to pursue the path of peace with determination and to face each dispute with the tenacity of dialogue and negotiation, and the power of reconciliation.
May every decision not be based on particular interests, but on the common good and on respect for each person.
God of love and compassion, we know that all is lost with conflict, and nothing is lost with peace.
Help us to grow in patience and mercy. Amen
Words inspired by Pope Francis' prayers for the Middle East

WEBSITES:

www.sacredheartparishtatura.com.au

<http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au>

SANDHURST ADVENT RESOURCES 2014

"Go up...joyful messenger"

5 weeks reflection and prayer sheets

There are still packs available of the Sandhurst Advent Resources in the Narthex.

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

"REDEEM"

There are "Redeem" booklets available for Advent in the Narthex. The cost is \$3 per copy. They are a beautiful booklet with reflections for each week of Advent. Honest Box applies.

SHEPPARTON 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.

Further information is available on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

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

PATHWAYS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Copies of 'Pathways for Young Adults' is available in the Narthex, for young adults who may return home or visit during the Christmas/summer break. It is hoped that this resource may support them and help them connect with their wider Church community.

This booklet may also be downloaded from the Sandhurst Diocese website.

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.



*Readings for
this week:* Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8



*Readings for
next Sunday:* Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28



Liturgical Jottings

Today's liturgy brings together words that are one dimension of our salvation. First we are told that God is a voice that speaks of peace. To this the words mercy, justice and faithfulness are added. God is love and his love is expressed by the gift of his Son to the world. Our response must be to love one another as God has loved us. For that reason words like peace, mercy, justice and faithfulness express what is involved in preparing the way of the Lord.

Joy of the Gospel

An Advent Invitation

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or, at least, openness to letting him encounter them. I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think this invitation is not for him or her, since no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium n3

Looking at the Readings

The theme of the readings today is summed up in the words, "Prepare a way for the Lord." Those words, spoken for the first time so long ago, are spoken directly and personally to us. They are telling us that Advent is a very important part of our faith lives.

All around us people are preparing for Christmas by buying gifts, organising gatherings of family and friends and even deciding the food and drink for Christmas dinner. This can bring family and friends closer together and create for children in particular memories that last a lifetime.

This in itself is rather special; but preparing a way for the Lord asks much more of people of faith. We are preparing for what Mark's gospel today calls the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Our aim throughout Advent is to worthily celebrate the anniversary of Mary's child coming into our world as the incarnate Son of God.

The elements of this Good News are there in some key phrases from today's readings. The reading from Isaiah has God saying to his prophet, "Console my people, console them." Our world today is urgently in need of the consolation that Jesus alone can give. That same reading, speaking of the one who is to come, says graciously, "Here is your God." We are encouraged to rejoice in the birth of Jesus because this baby child is God with us.

The one chosen to bring to a close the centuries of preparation for the coming of Jesus was John the Baptist. We are told in Mark's Gospel today that all Judea and all the people of Israel went out into the wilderness to discern who he was. He offered them a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin. That ceremony was the final rite of preparation for the coming of Jesus. John made this perfectly clear by telling them, "Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am ... He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." We pray today to be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit in us personally and in our community of faith as we prepare for Christmas.

Feast of the Week: Immaculate Conception 8 December

In 1854 Pope Pius IX proclaimed, "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin." Mary, from the time of her conception, experienced the outpouring of God's love that would be given to the world in the person of Jesus. In that sense she was the first person embraced by the divine mystery of our salvation.

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CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS

Every year Australians spend billions of dollars on Christmas gifts yet so much of what we give and receive is wasted. Meanwhile around the world billions of people will struggle just to feed their families and access clean water this Christmas. **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.