

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

TATURAKYABRAM

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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.



Readings - Year B
 2015 Year of the
 Consecrated Life

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 Michael, Alma Limbrick; , Katrina Johnson;
 Joe Chant (Deputy Chair), Nick Ciavarella,
 Helen Delahenty, Joan Dickman , Brendon Lane,;
 Barry Pola, Pauline Shortis; Liz Withall

**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 ADVENT

14th 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 – BYO chair, no rugs) – 7.30pm
 Mass – Christmas Day – 8.00am

SACRED HEART SCHOOL AWARDS

For proud parents and grandparents (you know who you are) congratulations to these high achievers. Well done to you all and best wishes to those students leaving Sacred Heart and going on to secondary school. Your parish wishes you well.

YEAR 6 2014 AWARDS

MERCY AWARD RECIPIENT

Imogen Finlayson

TCCC Op Shop Awards

Kaleb Answer

Bronte Innes-Irons

Aaron Miller

Lions Club Award

Cameron Sanders



CHRISTMAS WISHES AND BLESSINGS TO SACRED HEART CHILDREN AND TEACHERS

Thank you for the joy and energy you have instilled in our parish over the past 12 months. We have really appreciated our primary school input into our parish during the year including the fete, School Masses and general school activities such as Caritas fundraising and Mini-Vinnies.

We hope you have a happy, holy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back in 2015.

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS

A big thank you to everyone who completed a Time and Talent Sheet during the Stewardship Program. As it is close to the Christmas break now, new members to the groups will be contacted sometime in January (in time for the start of meetings etc in February!). Training will also be offered to those in some ministries if required.



Those who have died recently	Glenn Spicer; Valerio Gobbo; Sr Mary Barnes csb
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Colin Jenkins; Geradine Kerlin; Robert Borelli; Marge Glover; Jack Noonan; Dick McGowan; Kath Foley; Michelle Mulholland
Our sick and their carers	Noelene McGrath; Heather Carter; Victoria Stock; Margaret Downs; Peter Kerrins; Kathleen Sell; Carolyn Cooper, Jim O'Donovan; Kerry Hogan; Lawrie Dwyer; Margaret Woodland; Andrea Cocks***

(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 20th Dec 6.00pm	Denice Bourke	Denise Woodman	Paul Kerrins	D Turvey J Webster	J Scrimizzi S Finlayson A Ciavarella	A & G Ranson
Sun 21 st Dec 8.00am	Betty Curtis	Anne-Marie Nihill	Lisa Cowan	B Miller Family	S Cowan C Reilly C Coulston	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 15 - 21 DECEMBER			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	15	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	16	9.15 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Wednesday	17	9.15am Mass (Int. Robert Borelli)	4.45pm Intention of Dick McGowan
Thursday	18	No Mass	9.15am Intention of Kath Foley
Friday	19	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	20	6.00 pm Mass	No Mass
Sunday	21	8.00 am Mass	10.00am
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		
RECONCILIATION	20		

DECEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	15	
Tues	16	Priests Retirement Foundation Mtg, Bgo. 11.30am
Wed	17	Tatura Carols by Candlelight from 5.30pm
Thurs	18	Last day for Sacred Heart students St Aug's College staff Liturgy 10am
Frid	19	Last day for Sacred Heart School staff.
Sat	20	
Sun	21	
Mon	22	
Tues	23	
Wed	24	Christmas Eve Mass 6.00pm (Carols 5.30pm)
Thurs	25	Christmas Day Mass 10.00am
Frid	26	Boxing Day
Sat	27	No Mass
Sun	28	Feast of Holy Family – 10.00am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

Trish Miller 5824 1841, Marli Kelly 0457 772 869
Anne Cheatley 5824 3460

Found

A silver chain bracelet was found on the school oval. It has an inscription on it and appears to be a child's bracelet. The children at the school have been asked and to date no one has claimed it. If it is yours please ask at the Parish Office on Wednesday or phone 5824 1049.

New Year's Eve All Night Adoration

St John the Baptist Church, Tocomwal Road, Numurkah. All night Adoration commencing with Mass on Wednesday 31st December at 7.30pm, Rosary by the hour. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3am, Concluding with Benediction and Mass at 9.15am New Year's Day. For information, contact Alfred Seiter on 5862 1740.

Rejoice!

Today is Gaudete Sunday – which means Rejoice Sunday!

It's called Rejoice Sunday because the word is repeated many times today. We hear it in the opening Antiphon *"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."*

Rejoice is also at the heart of today's first reading from Isaiah.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation

and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, What an amazing image to think that we have a God who loves us so deeply that he enfolds us in the very salvation we need.

In the letter to the Thessalonians we hear, *"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks."*

Pope Francis has said that the real joy of a Christian comes not from what our lives are right now - but from what Jesus promised to us. 'Be courageous in suffering,' he said, 'and remember, when the hardships are over, joy will come, after the dark comes the sun.' Pope Francis concluded by praying that God 'give us all this joy in hope.'

This is the Third Sunday in Advent and a day to rejoice as we recognise Jesus in our presence, and feel him healing us in our most unlovable places; encouraging us to offer hope to the downtrodden, and holding us close, wrapped in a cloak of his gentle love.

ROSTERS

There are new rosters in the Narthex – up to the end of February.

Two important points:

If, at any time you are unable to attend Mass on your rostered day, could you please try to swap with another special minister/reader etc. Please let Trish know who will be on.

Please report to Trish before Mass if you are a special minister/reader etc.

Many thanks for these little courtesies – they make life much easier for Fr. Michael if he knows all bases are covered!

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. **For further details, and an application form, please contact:**

Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr: 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN RADIO PROGRAM

This week on "The Journey" which airs on 21 December, Bishop Peter Ingham graces us with his Christmas Message; Peter Gilmore challenges us on "Living the Gospel" and Fr Dave Callaghan reflects on "How Christians should treat their enemies". Tune into LIFE 105.1 FM Sat 4pm or listen in via podcast anytime at www.radio.dow.org.au



APPOINTMENT OF ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

I wish to inform you of the appointment of Luci Quinn to the Principalship of St Augustine's College Kyabram commencing in January 2015. Luci is currently the leader of Teaching and Learning P-12 at the Catholic Education Office Sandhurst.

Luci has been Deputy Principal, Principal, Chair of St Joseph's College Echuca Stewardship Council, and her Masters study in Educational Leadership and her outstanding leadership of Teaching and Learning with our Sandhurst schools.

- Fr Michael

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.

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.

BISHOP LES' CHRISTMAS VIDEO

Bishop Les' Christmas message for 2014 was recently recorded at St Mary's church in Axedale. It can be accessed from the front page of the diocesan website: www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

Do you need a babysitter?

Fiona Cowan, is a responsible 13 year old from Sacred Heart Parish.

Email: cowanl@aapt.net.au

Home Phone: 58243681

Mobile: 0498527934





Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
1Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28



Readings for
next Sunday:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Romans 16:25-17
Luke 1:26-38



Liturgical Jottings

John proclaimed "make a straight way for the Lord" What an unusual phrase! But it really helps our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to make a straight way for the Lord. Although he is our salvation we have an indispensable role in awakening our world bent by violence and greed to the straight way of peace and sharing. Christmas is a time of renewal building our confidence in each other and especially in God's love.

Joy of the Gospel

Acts of the Apostles say Christians "ate their food with glad and generous hearts" Constantly the Gospels invite us to rejoice. "Rejoice!" is the angel's greeting to Mary. Mary's visit to Elizabeth makes John leap for joy in his mother's womb. In her song of praise Mary proclaims, 'My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour'. We should also enter into this great stream of joy.

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* n5.

Looking at the Readings

The focus of the readings today continues to be on John the Baptist. The reason is that he is the last and the greatest of the prophets. The people who flocked to see him in the wilderness thought he might indeed be the Messiah or, if not the Messiah, then surely the reincarnation of one of the great prophets.

John dealt with these people in a way that is relevant to us in these final weeks of Advent. He pointed out that he was not the Messiah and that he was there to tell them to reform their lives because the coming of the Saviour promised so long ago was about to be fulfilled. "There stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me."

The relevance of this for the world today is that there is now with us the one who is the Christ, the Son of the living God. As we prepare for the celebration of his birth we need to be guided by the approach of John and the other prophets. The reading from Saint Paul sums this approach up perfectly, "May the God of peace make you perfect and holy, and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ".

Each Advent we look to the Holy Spirit to inform, inspire and help us to live in a way that looks beyond the whirlwind of Christmas preparations to the real significance of the birth of Jesus into our world. After all John the Baptist and the prophets insisted that the Spirit of the Lord would be given to us to help us know, love and respond to Jesus as the light of the world. "His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone would believe through him."

Quotable Quote - An Advent Prayer

O Lord, look with favour on us your people, and impart your love to us – not as an idea or concept, but as a lived experience. We can only love one another because you have loved us first. Let us know that first love so that we can see all human love as a reflection of a greater love. Henri Nouwen

On the Lighter Side

A Ugandan priest who came to our diocese some years ago was puzzled by one aspect of Australian life. Just after he arrived we were all looking forward to the AFL Grand Final! Shortly after we sold tickets at the Church for a sweep on the Melbourne Cup! Next we started buying presents and organising parties for Christmas before the First Sunday of Advent! Such is life!

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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.