

o.WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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Readings - Year B
Year of the Consecrated Life

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.

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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st MARCH 2015



“SCHOOL/PARISH FETE - SUPER SPIN”

This year all Super Spin Tickets will be pre sold to enable more entrainment to be included on the evening of the fete. The Prize Pool of donated prizes is approximately \$2000. Large Prizes will stand alone.

Smaller prizes will be grouped into valuable hampers and baskets!

Buy a \$10 Ticket for a chance to win valuable prizes multiple times!!!!

Tickets will be available for sale after each Mass before the fete and are also available from the Sacred Heart School Office.

For more information please contact Trish Miller or Debbie Worm.



Second Sunday
of Lent

PROJECT
COMPASSION



This week we meet Mariama who is raising her daughter in Niger, a country that suffers widespread poverty. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Marists Brothers Old Boys Association

The annual reunion will be on Easter Sunday 5th April next, between 11.00am and 1.00pm at the former school yard of the Marist Brothers College (McCrae Street Bendigo) admission \$20.00. *Please come and enjoy the day.*



Those who have died recently	Mary Kerlin; Peter Kerrins; Sr Mary Hunt RSM.
Those whose Anniversary occurs	
Our sick and their carers	Jim O'Donovan; Noelene McGrath; Carolyn Cooper; Wade Reddrop; Lawrie Dwyer; Margaret Woodland; Andrea Cocks*** Knowles Beattie; Brian Closter; Natasha Smith; Terry Doolan; Margaret Jensen

(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
8 March 10.00am	CHILDREN'S MASS				Sue Nihill Lou Kerrins A M Carroll	Bill Woods

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 2 nd – 8 th March			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	2	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	3	9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Wednesday	4	9.15am Mass	5.00pm
Thursday	5	No Mass	12.00 noon St Aug's College Opening Mass
Friday	6	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	7	No Mass	6.30pm
Sunday	8	10.00am Mass	8.00am
ROSARY	15 mins	before weekday Mass	
RECONCILIATION	7	11.30am	

PARISH/SCHOOL FETE RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return your raffle tickets ASAP. You may place them on the collection plate to make things easier.

Evangelii Gaudium

“True love is always contemplative, and permits us to serve the other not out of necessity or vanity, but rather because he or she is beautiful above and beyond mere appearances.”

Par 199 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

MARCH DIARY DATES		
Mon	2	
Tues	3	5.30pm Finance C'tee Meeting Parish Hall Council of Priests, Bgo – Fr Michael
Wed	4	CWL Meeting 2.00pm Parish Hall
Thurs	5	St Aug's College Opening School Mass 12 noon
Frid	6	World Day of Prayer 7.00pm Generations Church
Sat	7	
Sun	8	
Mon	9	
Tues	10	Deanery Meeting, Nathalia – Fr Michael
Wed	11	SVDP Meeting 7pm at the Centre
Thurs	12	SSEB (Education Board) Fr Michael
Frid	13	St Aug's Fete 5.00pm
Sat	14	
Sun	15	Council of Priests, Bgo – Fr Michael
PASTORAL CARE		
- Trish Miller 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869 - Anne Hutchison 5824 3460 Debbie Worm 5824 1841		

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Here I am!” he answered.” – Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, “Here I am, Lord,” when we go home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the places where Jesus calls us to be.

FOR COLLECTION –
ROSTERS - Please collect your new LECTORS, SPECIAL MINISTERS, COLLECTORS & READERS roster in the Narthex.

EXPLORING EASTER

Exploring Easter is an interactive walk through an art event which aims to bring the Christian Easter story to life in a new way. Opening on Palm Sunday, it will be open from 10.00am -1.00pm and from 5.00pm -7.30pm each day for people in the community to come through. The art has been created by a number of community groups in Tatura and the Goulburn Valley. The event will be held at All Saints Church in Tatura. Posters and leaflets are available in the Narthex.

Words of Wisdom – [Vatican II](#)

“The heavenly kingdom is the goal of the earthly society and the earthly kingdom is a means and condition for attaining the heavenly.”

A quote from [Gaudium et spes 41](#) (Vatican II documents)

LENTEN PROGRAMS

A series of reflection leaflets from Faith Education Sandhurst are available at the back of the church. Please feel free to take a set of these free leaflets.

LENTEN GROUPS

There are many options for private and group reflection for Lent /Easter this year.

Books & CD can be obtained from the following websites for any groups wishing to meet.

Rich in Mercy Lenten Program 2015: six sessions of *Rich in Mercy* can be obtained from www.lentenprogram.com.

INTO THE DESERT: Lenten Program 2015 is an online six-week Lenten resource which is totally FREE! <http://intothedesert.org.au/>

REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

Mark 9:2-10 The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration is quite a unique event in the life of Jesus. One evening Jesus took three disciples up a mountain to pray – probably not the first time Jesus had done this. They thought they knew what they were in for – when suddenly they were knocked to the ground by a blinding light.

Jesus was transformed, his face and clothes dazzling like the sun – something of the divinity of Jesus had broken through.

There is a parallel in our own lives. Long hum-drum days can be pierced by a momentary insight of eternity. We realise with a new certainty that we are loved by God, that we have an eternal destiny, and that life is of immense value.

This is true for every human being. Hence arises our duty to show respect for others and to support them in securing the basic needs of life.

In Niger, West Africa, almost 3 million people are living on the brink of survival, unable to access the food they need for themselves and their children.

This is the reality faced daily by Mariama, a 29-year-old single mother, struggling to find food for her 2½ -year-old daughter, Fati, suffering from malnutrition.

Fortunately Mariama has been able to take Fati to a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia, which daily provides undernourished children with medical care, nutritional supplements and food so they can recover and gain weight. Around 509 malnourished children are admitted to the centre each week, 15 of them severely underweight.

As Fati recovers, Mariama attends daily classes at the Nutrition Centre learning about nutrition, feeding and hygiene and she is taking a sewing course with a view towards earning an income, so that she and Fati can look forward to a more secure, hopeful future. Life for them has been transformed!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF ST AUGUSTINE'S

Last Thursday evening I, along with other new Principals, was commissioned at a celebration of the Eucharist at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo. On Friday we were addressed by Bishop Vincent Long who challenged us around the diocesan theme for 2015 'Leading for Mission.' It was a privilege to listen to Bishop Vincent who came to Australia as a Vietnamese refugee and is now the Auxiliary Bishop for Western Melbourne. Principals, School Board Chairs and Parish Priests engaged in dialogue around reflection questions. Our table pondered:

What are some of the missing values and major needs of our culture that Catholic education should address in order to challenge and to raise it up? How does Catholic education form students to be true evangelisers, passionate critics of culture as well as stewards of what is best in it?

Fr Michael and Michael Villani, our College Board Chair, were also present. It was fantastic to have them share the experience. - Luci Quinn

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub will be held at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 2nd March 7.30 – 9 pm** (meals from 6pm).

In Conversation with Aoife McGrath from Ireland who has a PhD in Catholic Marriage and a Masters in Lay Ministry. Brought to Australia for the Helder Camera Lectures, she's spending a year in Australia working with the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Bishops.

Much more info on fliers in the Narthex.
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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Please join in the World Day of Prayer which is an ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action. It is a worldwide movement led by Christian women who call us together to observe a common day of prayer and who, in many countries have a continuing relationship of prayer and service.

The World Day of Prayer is on Friday 6th March at Generations Church at 7.00pm.

PRAYER GROUP

Are you thirsty and looking to quench that thirst? Then come along and join Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer group for a time of praise and worship, breaking open God's word and fellowship on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7.30pm at St. Augustine's church Kyabram. For more info please call Mary on 58 546 332.



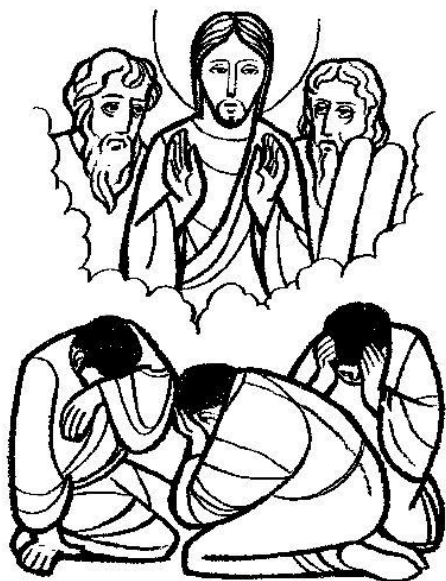
Readings for
this week:

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18
Romans 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10



Readings for
next week

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-35



Liturgical Jottings

Autumn Ember Day

The first Friday of March is designated "Autumn Ember Day" in Australia. "On ember days we offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give God thanks (GNLYC 45). A day of penance expresses our solidarity with those who are disadvantaged, and victims of famine and inequitable distribution of the world's goods and people affected by natural disasters. Our prayers are for the productivity of the earth, for human labour, victims of famine and exploitation and for the grace to be good stewards of God's creation. The World Day of Prayer is also celebrated on the first Friday of March each year.

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Focus on the Gospel

We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means.

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Quote of the Week

The Lord never tires of having mercy on us and he wants to offer us once again his forgiveness, inviting us to turn to Him with a new heart, purified of evil, to take part in his joy. Do not let the "favourable moment" pass in vain. *Pope Francis at Ash Wednesday Mass*

Prayer for the Week

God our Father, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word that we may find the way to your glory.

On the Lighter Side

An elderly man says to his wife: "My memory is gone Mildred, so I changed my password to "incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me "Your password is incorrect."



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* **2015 Melbourne weekend dates : 17-19 Apr, 19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct.** Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

