

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF TATURA KYABRAM

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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 C
Year of the Consecrated Life



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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.



3rd Sunday of Advent

13 December 2015

YEAR OF MERCY BEGINS

Jesus said, "I am the door" (John 10:7), bringing to fruition the words of the Psalmist, who said, "This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter" (see Psalm 118:20).

The Logo and Motto for the Jubilee Year

The logo and motto provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The Motto be *Merciful like the Father* is taken from the Gospel of Luke 6:36 serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father, who asks us not to condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure. The logo is the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik. It represents an image of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul, demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with the power to change one's life.

Living Mercy in our Lives

- **Rediscover the value of silence. Listen to the Word of God in Scripture.** This is a way to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle.
- **Do not judge, condemn or speak ill of others.** Forgive, have compassion and be generous. God is merciful to us and we must be merciful to others.

CHRISTMAS 2015 MASS TIMETABLE



Tatura – Sacred Heart Church

Mass: Christmas Eve (Family Mass) – 6.00pm

Mass: Christmas Day – 10.00am

Saturday 26th Dec Boxing Day – **NO MASS**

Sunday 27th Dec Tatura **9.00am**

Kyabram – St Augustine's Church

Mass – Christmas Eve – **7.30pm**
(Outdoor Family Mass – BYO chair, no rugs)

Mass – Christmas Day – **8.00am**

Saturday 26th Dec Boxing Day – **NO MASS**

Sunday 27th December Kyabram **10.30am**

St Brendan's

24th December - 7.30pm

Midnight Mass Carols – 11.30am



Those who have died recently	Tatura:	Maria Casella, Rod Kilmartin
	Kyabram:	Cletus Gilmour, John Dodd, Tim Levesque (Yarrawonga)
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Tatura:	Colin Jenkins, Evelyn Woodman
	Kyabram:	
Our sick and their carers	Tatura:	Anne Heathman, Denis Smith, Margaret Woodland; Naomi Moon, Lisa Clark, Fr. Chris Reay, Fr. John Ryan
	Kyabram:	Pat Ryan, Bob Taylor, Jennifer Baker, Natasha Smith, Andrea Cocks, Jim O'Donovan, Eileen O'Donovan, Saxon Doidge, Clare Powles, Kelley Toohill

(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 19 th 6pm	Denise Woodman	Denice Bourke	Doreen Corrigan	Anna Ciavarella	G Ransom S Finlayson J Webster	C Coulston
Sun Dec 20 th 8am	Debbie Worm	Coral Reilly	Fiona Cowan	Bryan & Trish Miller	C Coulston L Cowan S Cowan	

MASSSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	14 Dec	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	15 Dec	LWWC	No Mass
Wednesday	16 Dec	9.15am Mass	5pm Mass
Thursday	17 Dec	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Friday	18 Dec	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	19 Dec	6pm Mass	No Mass
Sunday	20 Dec	8am Mass	10am Mass
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		
RECONCILIATION		11.30am Sat	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."
(Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

DECEMBER DIARY DATES

Mon	14 Dec	School swimming carnival St Vincent de Paul hamper packing 7pm at the Centre
Tues	15 Dec	Tatura Reconciliation 7.30pm
Wed	16 Dec	Carols by Candlelight Mactier Park 7pm
Thurs	17 Dec	Last day students dismissal 2.30pm
Fri	18 Dec	9.15am Mass with Sacred Heart Staff
Sat	19 Dec	
Sun	20 Dec	4 th Week of Advent
Mon	21 Dec	
Tues	22 Dec	Parish Pastoral Council 7pm in Parish Hall
Wed	23 Dec	Kyabram Carol Service
Thurs	24 Dec	Tatura 6pm Mass Kyabram 7.30pm Mass
Fri	25 Dec	8am Kyabram Mass 10.00am Tatura Mass
Sat	26 Dec	No Mass in Kyabram or Tatura
Sun	27 Dec	9am Tatura Mass, 10.30am Kyabram

PASTORAL CARE

- Trish Miller 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869
- Anne Hutchison 5824 3460 Debbie Worm 5824 1841

ALONG THE TRACK

The latest article ("Commercialisation") from Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article is now available. It can be found on our Parish website at www.staugsparishky.org.au under 'Parish News'.

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

"WAITING WITH ANGELS" – A TWILIGHT RETREAT FOR ADVENT

To be held on Tuesday, 15th December from 5.30 to 7.30pm at St Kilians Church, Bendigo.

Tatura Football Netball Club

Free Christmas Day Lunch

For anyone in the community who is alone or unable to have a Christmas meal with family or friends.

Delicious two-course set menu

When: Christmas Day December 25th 2015

Where: The Ballantyne Centre, Hastie Street, Tatura

Time: 11am to 2pm

RSVP: Please reply for catering purposes by the 21st December 2015 to Steve on 0412 477 586

Reconciliation for Christmas

15th December at 7.30pm – Tatura

SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY

Stronger Christmas Party: Saturday December 19, 3-7:30pm, De Campo room, 120 Hargreaves St, Bendigo. Cost: \$15. For Tickets see strongeryouth.com/christmas-party-2015 or contact Mary-Anne de Luca on 0488 665 383

World Youth Day (WYD) - If you are between the ages of 16-35 and would like to experience a phenomenal pilgrimage to Poland to join with Pope Francis & millions of faith filled young people visit <http://www.cam.org.au/wydvictoria>. You don't want to miss this incredible opportunity!

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Bishop Les has recorded a Christmas Message to the Diocese in the parish church of Mary Help of Christians at Heathcote.

The message can be viewed on the Diocesan website www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au. It is on the lower half of the front page.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Denice Bourke and Loretta Lilford on graduating their Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) on 7th December. Well done ladies.

Australian Catholics: The Christmas edition is in the Narthex with some wonderful articles in it.

Sandpiper: The December edition is also in the Narthex for you to take.

JESUIT SERVICES – SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE

Whilst most of us enjoy a time of warmth and family love at Christmas, there are some families who will suffer a deep loss through suicide.

A stark truth is that 7 people will die by suicide this Christmas Day in Australia.

It doesn't have to be this way. We must all be aware of those closest to us and how they are travelling. Be mindful of loneliness and isolation of some in our community. Offer friendship and care.

The Jesuit run program "Support after Suicide" supports people bereaved by suicide and tries to assist them to live with this traumatic and stigmatizing experience. It offers hope! The program is in funding difficulty at the moment and requires your help.

Please try to support this program by giving generously this Christmas. Send a cheque to: Jesuit Social Services, PO Box 271 Richmond vic 3121, Email: jss@jss.org.au or go online to www.jss.org.au.

ADVENT WREATH

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life found in Christ.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles, in particular, symbolise the prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolises the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.



Readings for
this week:

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18



Readings for
next Sunday

Micah 5:1-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-44



Liturgical Jottings

The liturgies of Advent and Christmas constantly call to mind beautiful moments in our faith journey. For instance the preface read today offers us two deep and realistic insights. The first is that the Virgin Mary longed for the birth of her child with love beyond all telling. The second is that the gift of God to us each Advent is that we already are rejoicing in the mystery of the Nativity of Jesus.

Pope Francis

And here is the first word I wish to say to you: Joy! Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement. Ours is not a joy born of many possessions but of having encountered a person, Jesus, in our midst. *The Church of Mercy.*

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Focus on the Readings

The words of Saint Paul, which we read today from his letter to the Philippians, especially his words: "I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord", suggest that joy is the key word at this stage of our lead up to Christmas. Think of the joy of a mother as she looks with love at her child who has just been born. That is the extent to which we are invited to personalise our celebration of the birth of Jesus. The presence of a recently born child with parents at midnight Mass can bring this home to us.

Yet everything about the liturgy of Christmas urges us to look beyond ourselves to the community of faith of which we are part. This Christmas let us grow in awareness of God being with us in the person of Jesus so that we will be a faith filled, hope filled, joy filled Church. Paul was so filled with respect and love for the church that he liked to tell its members that they were the body of Christ.

To come to terms with the concept of always being happy in the Lord we need to note that one way John prepared the way for the new order of being that would come to the world through Jesus is that the person with two coats must share with the person who has none. Paul, speaking to the church in Philippi, adds to that by saying, "Let your tolerance be known to everyone." What Pope Francis is asking of members of the church today is that we be respectful of each other, tolerant and generous. These qualities will bring us happiness as we set about preparing the way of the Lord. They will also give credibility to the faith we profess.

A Thought for Today

When Mary first held the baby Jesus in her arms something had already changed for our humanity. Jesus, the Son of God, had become one of us in the person of this child. We could now become one with each other as he had become one with us. It now makes sense to say we can all be happy in the Lord for, there in Mary's arms, he is near to us.

On a Lighter Note

Christmas in Victoria 1855. Christmas Day we celebrated with good old roast beef and plum pudding. We drank a merry Christmas to all our friends in Old England. We tried to believe it really was Christmas in spite of the thermometer at 120°F (48°C) degrees, the diggers' tents in the distance and the bush all around us. *William Howitt*



Dear Lord, When feelings of inferiority, insecurity, and self-doubt creep into my heart,
help me to see myself the way you do.