

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.



Readings - Year C
Year of Mercy



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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.**



3rd Sunday of Lent

28 February 2016



Third
Sunday
of Lent

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
PROJECT
COMPASSION



Generational poverty has led to many challenges in Dominic's community in Papua New Guinea, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learnt communication and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help empower communities in Papua New Guinea to lead their own development and create more harmonious futures.

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



The School Sports day is Thursday 3rd March including the twilight sports in the evening from 5.30pm. Please bring a chair or rug to sit on.

OUR LENTEN THEME FOR 2016 – RECONCILIATION: THE JOURNEY BACK

Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus is talking about taking the opportunity to fix things. The non-fruiting fig tree is ourselves putting off repentance till later. Like the people caught up in Pilate's murderous rampage, or the accidental falling of the tower – if we don't fix our lives now – it will one day be too late.

Luke 13: 1-9

The Psalm reminds us to "...never forget God's blessings," for it is God who "forgives...heals...redeems...and crowns us with love and compassion."

Psalm 103:2-4

Likewise, today in our first scrutiny for the Elect, we are invited to ask God to give us a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin. We recognise our Merciful God in the man who persists in nurturing the fig tree to bear fruit once more.

The Church also must persist, and "be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can be freely welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

Pope Francis EG 114 (Evangelii Gaudium)



Those who have died recently	Tatura:	Gerald Corbo
	Kyabram:	Sam Barbagallo
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Tatura:	Mons Patrick Collins
	Kyabram:	Anthony Kelly
Our sick and their carers	Tatura:	Michael Thomson, Anne Heathman, Denis Smith, Margaret Woodland, Naomi Moon, Peter Burns, Kevin Wood
	Kyabram:	Bob Taylor, Andrea Cocks, Jim O'Donovan, Jennifer Baker, Natasha Smith, Barry Carrodus

(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 5 th March 6pm	Denise Woodman	Gwen Ranson	Aaron Niglia	John/Mary Lou Ford	D Bourke A Ciavaralla A Hutchison	Denise Woodman Trish Warnett
Sun 6 th March 8am	Ross Kelly	Keith Stewart	Fiona Cowan	Sheila McCann Marg Normington	C Reilly C Coulston L Cowan	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	29 Feb	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	1 Mar	LWWC	No Mass
Wednesday	2 Mar	9.15am Mass	5pm Mass intention for Merv Ryan
Thursday	3 Mar	No Mass School Sports Day, Twilight Sports 5.30pm	9.15am Mass
Friday	4 Mar	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	5 Mar	6pm Mass	No Mass
Sunday	6 Mar	8am Mass	10am Mass 11.30am Tongala
Sat 5 th March	Reconciliation 11.30am		
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		

MARCH DIARY DATES

Mon	29 Feb	Leap Year
Tues	1 Mar	5.30pm Finance Meeting Parish Hall
Wed	2 Mar	Catholic Women's League 2pm Parish Hall
Thurs	3 Mar	School Sports Day – Twilight Sports
Fri	4 Mar	Parish School Fete Kyabram 9.15am 1 st Friday School Mass
Sat	5 Mar	6pm Mass
Sun	6 Mar	8 am Mass
Mon	7 Mar	
Tues	8 Mar	Italian Rosary 2pm Church
Wed	9 Mar	9.15am Anointing Mass St Vincent de Paul meeting Chinese Rest. 6.30pm
Thurs	10 Mar	7.30pm First Reconciliation Kyabram
Fri	11 Mar	Parents' and Friends Meeting 9.15am
Sat	12 Mar	No Mass
Sun	13 Mar	10am Mass – cuppa after Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

50th Anniversary of the transfer of the school to present site

On April 17th 2016 it will be the 50th anniversary of the transfer of the school to the present site.

If anyone has any memorabilia please contact the parish office on 5824 1049

World Youth Day (WYD)

If you are between the ages of 16-35 and would like to join the Victorian pilgrimage to Poland to join Pope Francis & millions of faith filled young people please visit <http://www.cam.org.au/wydvictoria>.

If you have any questions contact Mary-Anne on 03 5445 3658 or email Mary-Anne.Deluca@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

There are limited places and you won't want to miss this amazing opportunity!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Vinnies Centre in Tatura is urgently in need of volunteers. If you have a little time to spare (even half a day) and would like to help out please phone Denise Woodman on 0457 659 314.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

An ecumenical service prepared by the Women of Cuba will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 4th March at 7pm.

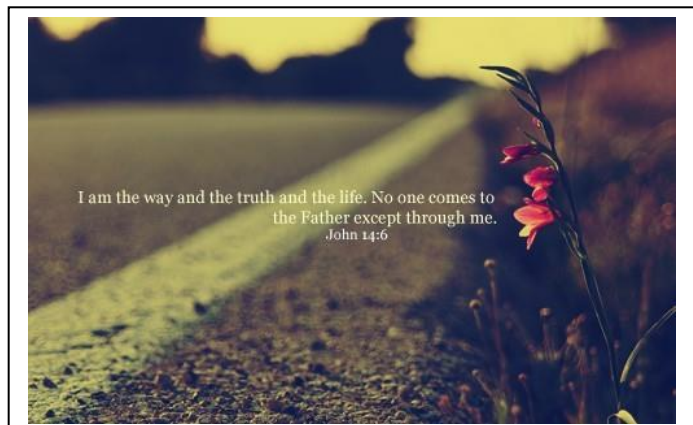


Guest speaker - Kerry Stone, Caritas. Supper in St Mary's Hall will conclude the evening.

All welcome.



The incredibly popular Exploring Easter interactive art show is back again this year. Last year over 500 people went through. Sacred Heart students are participating again this year.



EASTER CHOCOLATE

In 2015 Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.” Can’t find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket?

Did you know that the Easter eggs in Australian Supermarkets might be made with cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved or forced to work in exploitative conditions with no access to education and other human rights? The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa.

ACTION: Join us this Easter and ask Coles and Woolworths to stock more slavery-free Easter chocolate in 2017. Talk to your local supermarket manager about slavery-free ethical chocolate.    must carry one of these to be slavery free.

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 29th February 7.30 – 9 pm** (meals from 6pm optional) Join the conversation following **Palestine /Israel – An Eye-Witness Account** by Rev Joan Fisher, retired Uniting Church Minister, recently returned from **3 months in the West Bank as an Ecumenical Accompanier**. It’s a unique opportunity to explore this important topic. More information on fliers at back of church. Enq: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362 Fran 5829 0301

ALONG THE TRACK

“The Year of Mercy is an extraordinary gift, and an extraordinary challenge. In summoning the Church to a Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is calling on each of us to become a living sign of compassionate love ...”

This is the first paragraph from Jim Quillinan’s Along the Track article.

A printed copy of Jim Quillinan’s ‘Along the Track’ article, is available at the back of the church.



Readings for
this week:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9



Readings for
next Sunday

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Liturgical Jottings

Throughout the Mass, we pray the words of Scripture. When the priest raises the host, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God," we hear words of John the Baptist in John 1:29. There, John points out Christ to the crowd, saying "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." The Lamb of God is the undefiled lamb. The second part comes from Revelation 19:9, in which the angel says, "Blessed are those who have been called to the supper of the Lamb."

Quote of the Week

If one has the answers to all the questions - that is the proof that God is not with him. It means that he is a false prophet using religion for himself. The great leaders of the people of God, like Moses, have always left room for doubt. You must leave room for the Lord, not for our certainties; we must be humble. *Pope Francis*

Looking at the Readings

The Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion that is integral to the act of repentance.

Luke tells us that some among the crowd report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. They want Jesus to explain why good people suffer. At that time it was usual to attribute suffering as evidence of sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than themselves. Jesus replies that violence, fatal accidents or natural disasters ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin. These daily life events should not be attributed to God's will. Jesus strongly warns them (and us) that unless we turn away from sin we will not have life.

The parable that follows of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit. The image of the property owner is often assigned to God the Father – the judge who balances the books and holds everyone to account for the fruitfulness of their life. Similarly Jesus takes on the role of the gardener who toils for three years (in his public ministry) to tirelessly provide the tree with every possibility to yield fruit. The underlying emphasis to the parable is on the mercy of God and the hopefulness that ongoing opportunity will yet bring us life.

These readings remind us that God is offering us life; but eternal life doesn't simply fall into our laps. God does not override our freedom of choice but nurtures and leads us to choose well. Faith is about choice and living with uncertainty; we are offered the tending efforts and grace of the gardener to help us with our choices.

On the Lighter Side

Songs that Biblical people may have inspired:

Noah: "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"; **Adam and Eve:** "Strangers in Paradise"; **Lazarus:** "The Second Time Around"; **Esther:** "I Feel Pretty"; **Job:** "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues"; **Moses:** "The Wanderer"; **Jezebel:** "The Lady is a Tramp"; **Samson:** "Hair"; **Salome:** "I Could Have Danced All Night"; **Daniel:** "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"; **Peter:** "I'm Sorry"; **Esau:** "Born To Be Wild"; **The Three Kings:** "When You Wish Upon a Star"; **Jonah:** "Got a Whale of a Tale"

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Life is an echo. What you send out, comes back. What you sow, you reap.
What you give, you get. What you see in others, exists in you.

~ Zig Ziglar