

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

TATURA

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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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Liz Withall; Brendon Lane(Chair);

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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.**



4th Sunday of Lent

6th March 2016

50th ANNIVERSARY SACRED HEART SCHOOL

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Sacred Heart School being on the current site.

On April 17th 1966, students carried their books across Hogan Street and into their brand new classrooms!



The front of the new Sacred Heart Primary School

Plans are well underway in preparation for celebrating this wonderful milestone in our school's history. We will have a Whole School Mass as well as a Parish Mass as part of our commitment to acknowledging the strong Mercy Charism of our school and how it has been continually 'lived out' throughout the school's life, with a special focus on the time since the move to the current site, beside our Sacred Heart Parish church.

As part of our celebrations, we would like to develop a slideshow of photos so that we are able to tell the story not only orally, but also through pictures. If you or anyone you know has photos of students, the school or parish from around this time, we would greatly appreciate it if you would contact us at school. Remember - A picture tells a thousand words!

50th Anniversary Celebration dates:

Friday 22nd April – Whole School Mass 9:15am

Sunday 24th April – Parish Mass 10am



Fourth
Sunday
of Lent

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
PROJECT
COMPASSION



First Australian Evangeline lives in a remote community that faces many ongoing challenges. She had a limited vision for her future until three years ago, when she started working at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre, a community-owned venture supported by Caritas Australia. Today Evangeline is flourishing, with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help First Australians in remote communities of Australia gain new skills and renewed passion to preserve and celebrate traditional culture.

Reconciliation Lent 2016

Sacred Heart Tatura – Tuesday 8th March
7.30pm

St Augs Kyabram – Thursday 10th March
7.30pm



God's Timing
is always
perfect!

Italian Rosary

Il Rosario sarà recitato ore 2pm Martedì 8 March nella Chiesa.



Those who have died recently	Tatura:	Francesco (Frank) Donia, Peter Robinson
	Kyabram:	Fr Brendan Quirke OSA, Jonathon Barber
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Tatura:	Arcangelina Carrafa, Bernard McNamara
	Kyabram:	Tony Guinan
Our sick and their carers	Tatura:	Michael Thomson, Anne Heathman, Denis Smith, Margaret Woodland, Naomi Moon, Peter Burns, Kevin Wood
	Kyabram:	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.)

	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
13 th Mar 2016 10am Mass	CHILDREN'S MASS				P Kerrins L McGrath A M Nihill	S Cowan

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	7 Mar	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	8 Mar	LWWC	No Mass
Wednesday	9 Mar	9.15am Mass	5pm Mass
Thursday	10 Mar	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Friday	11 Mar	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	12 Mar	No Mass	6.30pm Mass
Sunday	13 Mar	10am Mass	8am Mass
Sat 12 th March	Reconciliation 11.30am		
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		

MARCH DIARY DATES

Mon	7 Mar	
Tues	8 Mar	Italian Rosary 2pm Church Parish History Group 2pm Presbytery Reconciliation Tatura 7.30pm
Wed	9 Mar	9.15am Anointing Mass
Thurs	10 Mar	7.30pm First Reconciliation Kyabram
Fri	11 Mar	Parents' and Friends Meeting 9.15am Reconciliation 3/4 BB
Sat	12 Mar	No Mass
Sun	13 Mar	10am Mass – Cuppa after Mass
Mon	14 Mar	Public Holiday
Tues	15 Mar	11am Mass of the Oils Sacred Heart Cathedral Pastoral Council 5.30pm Parish Hall
Wed	16 Mar	9.15am intention for Giovanni Mazzucco St Vincent de Paul meeting Chinese Rest. 6.30pm
Thurs	17 Mar	St Patricks opening school Mass 10.15am St Augs opening School Mass 12pm
Fri	18 Mar	
Sat	19 Mar	Car Boot Sale Parish Hall carpark 8.30am
Sun	20 Mar	Palm Sunday

PASTORAL CARE

- Trish Miller 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869
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Wills and Bequests

At times, some of our parishioners have left a bequest to the Parish in their will. Have you ever considered doing this?

Forms are available at the back of the Church if anyone is interested in finding out more information or in giving a bequest to the Parish. No matter how large or small the bequest, all is much appreciated.

Our sympathies are with Lina Minutolli on the recent passing of her father Frank Donia.



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. Please note meeting change from the 9th to the 16th of March.

Social Issues and Solutions – ICE

A community forum to tackle issues associated with ICE in our community. Speakers include Mental Health Social Worker, Jenny O'Connell; Geoff Long and Detective Snr Sgt Paul Maher.

When: Tuesday 19th April

Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm

Where: Sir Ian McLennan Centre, Mooroopna

Easter Timetable 2016 Sacred Heart Parish

8th March Tuesday

7.30pm Parish Reconciliation

Holy Week

24th March Holy Thursday

6.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

25th March Good Friday

10.00 am Stations of the Cross

25th March Good Friday

3.00 pm The Passion of Our Lord

26th March Easter Saturday

7.00 pm Easter Vigil

27th March Easter Sunday

10.00 am Mass

Look!

SACRED HEART PARISH & SCHOOL TATURA CAR BOOT SALE & FAIR

When: Saturday March 19th

Time: 8.30am - 12noon

Venue: Parish Car Park

HOGAN ST TATURA

Cost to rent a Car Park Space
(5.2m x 2.8m)

\$20 for individuals

\$50 per Business

No. of spaces available: 48

All
profits
from
goods
sold
are
yours!

Phone
Debbie or
Trish on
5824 1841
to book a
car park

Other activities:

Children's Crafts

Photo Booth

Show Bag Sale

Sausage Sizzle

Cake Stall

Tea, Coffee &



Finance Committee News

The Finance Committee would like to bring you up to date with a few things that are happening at the moment.

Firstly, of great news is that our Planned Giving is standing at 97% of the pledged amount. This is very positive for the parish, and enables us to undertake some projects with more confidence than usual.

During the Easter school holidays, the exterior of the Church will be painted. This includes repairing rendering around the windows and the window sills and maybe some work on the upper levels of the exterior of the Church that we can't really see from the ground. The cost will be approximately \$28,000.

Work to repair the drainage system at the Parish Hall has been completed (this has been a major undertaking). A path at the side of the hall, behind the hall and a concrete pad underneath and surrounding the hot water service has also been completed. To finalise this work the hall toilet block is receiving a partial facelift to close it in, to make it safer and to help keep it clean.

We are continuing to investigate re-purposing for the convent. This along with the vacant land behind the convent is critical to the future of the parish and requires commitment and perseverance.

Drainage between the Church and the Presbytery is also an ongoing task which may take some time.

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 today! It must carry one of these three labels to be slavery free.



OUR LENTEN THEME FOR 2016 – RECONCILIATION: THE JOURNEY BACK Fourth Sunday of Lent

We continue the journey back to reconciliation with the wasteful son, who repents when he realises he has sinned against Heaven and his own father. We also may cry that we no longer deserve to be called God's child. But God too, is overjoyed at our return. "My child was lost but now is found!"

Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32

Today in our second scrutiny for the Elect, we pray that, like the younger son, we acknowledge our sinfulness and recognise the need for God's healing power in our lives.

With find this same attitude in the Psalm: "I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free."

Psalms 34:4

"Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy."

Pope Francis MV 9

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6



Readings for
this week: Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3.11-32



Readings for
next Sunday Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11



Liturgical Jottings

Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Laetare (from the Latin which is still the official language of the Catholic Church) means "Rejoice". The Introit (entrance antiphon) in our Mass today is Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins "Laetare, Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem").

A Thought for Lent

Do you have nice things that you would like to do for others but never seem to get around to it? Like writing a letter to a friend, visiting a lonely person, calling a distant friend etc. Write down a number of things you would like to do – small things count – on slips of paper and put them in a jar. Then, every morning in these remaining days of Lent take out a slip and do the task written on the slip. It is a simple way of doing something for others -giving alms!

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Looking at the Readings

How many of us have at times identified with the older brother in Jesus' familiar parable that we know as The Prodigal Son? Have we wondered was it fair that the bad boy got a party and the good one didn't? Of course on reflection we come to appreciate that at a deeper level the story is obviously more about the father's extravagant, crazy love than the behaviour of his sons.

As we ponder Jesus' story anew perhaps we could begin by asking ourselves do the two brothers represent the two basic ways people try to make life work. Is the older son in Jesus' story every bit as lost as the younger one? The younger son pursues self-discovery - he's on a quest to find and fulfil himself, even if he hurts people along the way - and he does including himself. The older brother is committed to a more socially respectable way of being in the world - toeing the line; the way of honour and conformity. He's on about self-salvation, earning the approval of his community and the favour of his father; when he feels this position is dishonoured, his good attitude dissolves into bitterness and resentment.

For Jesus' audience of the day, respect for one's father was paramount; the younger son's request for his inheritance from a still-healthy father amounts to an unthinkable wrongdoing. But the older son's conduct - refusing to join the party for his brother and arguing with his father in front of the guests is outstandingly bad. Hospitality was of supreme value in first-century Palestine. The entire village would likely have been invited to the party, and the oldest son would be expected to co-host it. Having a feast in one's honour is a blessing, but being asked to help host the banquet a greater gift. His refusal is again an embarrassing rejection for the father who has demeaning himself actually gone out looking for this son, pleading with him to come in and join the party.

Jesus leaves the story unfinished. Will the eldest son abandon his own plan for making life work and accept the generous gift of his father's love and inclusion? Or will he stick to his own terms and exclude himself from his place in the family?

On the Lighter Side

Moses, leading the Hebrews to the Red Sea with the Egyptians coming fast, turned to his PR agent: "Where are those boats I ordered!" The agent said, "What boats? You never mentioned boats to me." Moses said: "Great! What am I supposed to do, just lift my staff and part the waters?" His agent replied: "If you can do that, I can get you a whole section in the Bible."



Today will never come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone.
Take time to care. Let your words heal, and not wound.

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