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Readings - Year C
Year of Mercy



As Christ's disciples our mission is:

- *to be inspired by Christ
- *to actively live out Christ's message and the Gospel values of respecting, celebrating and honouring our Catholic tradition
- *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.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Refugee and Migrant Sunday 28 Aug 2016

REFUGEE & MIGRANT SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate with the universal church, **Refugee & Migrant Sunday**. On this occasion, Pope Francis says, "The tragic stories of millions of men and women daily confront the international community as a result of the outbreak of unacceptable humanitarian crises in different parts of the world. *Indifference and silence lead to complicity whenever we stand by as people are dying of suffocation, starvation, violence and shipwreck ...* Faced with these issues, how can the Church fail to be inspired by the example and words of Jesus Christ? The answer of the Gospel is mercy." We give thanks for the variety of gifts with which our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters have enriched the tapestry of Australian life. We pray that Australians will work together to "welcome the stranger".



Fleeting Glimpses: Along the Track

Some time ago, Clive James wrote a very poignant article during a lull in his struggle with leukaemia. It contained the following extract:

So I look out into the garden with anticipation as well as apprehension. My Japanese maple tree is now in its first flames. Last year I saw the transformation as a sign of the end. Now I prefer to see it as a portent of spring.

Each glimpse of the tree reminds me of a beautiful Italian word my future wife taught me 50 years ago in Florence. The word was scorcio (say "score-cho"). It means a glimpse. From one of our coffee bars we could look down a narrow street and see the spire of the abbey-church of the Badia outlined against the sky. The spire was a revelation of elegance, as my tree is now. Looking back, you realise that glimpses are all you ever get. There is so little time.

FATHERS' DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

A Fathers' Day Special Collection will be taken up next weekend, 4th September for the Retired Priests of the Sandhurst Diocese.

The Diocese has 16 retired priests who depend on the support from the diocese, which means the support of the people of the diocese. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10, please use the envelopes provided.



Those who have died recently	Tatura: Kyabram:
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Tatura: Kyabram: Antonio Cerrone, Gerard Berry, David Atkins, Eugenia Ciavarella, Nicola Villani
Our sick and their carers	Tatura: Ray Leddick, Denis Smith, Caleb Smith, Isabele Leddick Kyabram: Gisela Crook, Fr Chris Reay, Tricia Mokryj, Julie Shaw, Jim O'Donovan, (baby) Jessica Vile, (baby) Charlie O'Connor

(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office.)

DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTER
Sat 3 rd Sept 6pm	Denice Bourke	Debbie Turvey	Margaret Corrigan	Ev Leahy Nell Noonan	D Woodman S Finlayson A Hutchison	A & G Ranson
Sun 4 th Sept 8am	Carol Coulston	Betty Curtis	Bernie Maher	B & J Lowe	G Ranson T Miller R O'Meara	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	29 Aug	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	30 Aug	9.15am LWWC	No Mass
Wednesday	31 Aug	9.15am Mass	5pm Mass
Thursday	1 Sep	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Friday	2 Sep	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	3 Sep	6pm Mass	No Mass
Sunday	4 Sep	8am Mass	10am Mass
Sat 3 Sep	11:30am	Reconciliation	
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Masses		

AUGUST DIARY DATES

Mon	29 Aug	
Tues	30 Aug	
Wed	31 Aug	
Thurs	1 Sep	
Fri	2 Sep	9.15am School Mass
Sat	3 Sep	Psalms of Mercy see notice Wedding De Palma and Davidson
Sun	4 Sep	
Mon	5 Sep	
Tues	6 Sep	Finance Meeting 5.30pm Parish Hall
Wed	7 Sep	CWL 2pm Parish Hall
Thurs	8 Sep	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri	9 Sep	
Sat	10 Sep	
Sun	11 Sep	10am Mass cuppa after Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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What is an Asylum seeker?

Fact: An asylum seeker is someone seeking protection because they have a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of their race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group. An asylum seeker could also be someone who is fleeing other serious human rights violations, including torture or cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment. Not every asylum seeker will ultimately be recognised as a refugee, but every refugee is initially an asylum seeker.

What is a Refugee?

Fact: A refugee is a person who has fled persecution, has sought protection and has been granted refugee status. A refugee may be residing in a refugee camp waiting for an opportunity to return to their home country, waiting for resettlement in another country, or may have been resettled in another country such as Australia.

What is a Migrant?

Fact: A migrant is a person who chooses to leave their country, generally to seek work, undertake study or be reunited with family. They can return home at any time if things don't work out. 1 Kaldor Centre, UNSW, Debunking Myths on Refugees and Asylum Seekers

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

**"THE RENNAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE
CONFERENCE - UNPACKING AMORIS LAETITIA"**

The **2016 National Marriage Conference in Sydney October 21-22**, organised by the Marriage Resource Centre, CSME (Catholic Society for Marriage Education) and ACMFC (Australian Catholic Marriage & Family Council), will draw inspiration from Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, and have a strong emphasis on initiatives that meet the real needs of Australian Catholic families. Local and world renowned speakers, will provide insights and practical tools you can use to go forward and make a difference to marriage culture in our world.

See: www.rom.org.au for full details.

'A SPIRITUALITY OF MERCY', Dr Susan Timoney (US).

When: 7 SEPTEMBER 2016

Time: 7.30 pm - 9.15 pm.

Where: Starkey Hall Notre Dame College, Knight Street, SHEPPARTON.

Our final Helder Camara 2016 Series presenter, Dr Timoney, brings a wealth of experience and insights into parish ministry, evangelisation, lay vocations and mission and Catholic Spirituality. 'Google' to view YouTube videos of some of her talks. No Cost. RSVP Ph: 03 5441 2544 or adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

'THE PSALMS OF MERCY'

Sandhurst Diocese Day of Prayer & Reflection for the Year of Mercy.

Bishop Les Tomlinson with Fr Brian Boyle, Maria Weatherill, Lyn Breen.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 10.30 am – 3.00 pm

Mercy Centre, Sacred Heart Primary School, Hogan St, **TATURA.**

No Cost. Lunch provided - donation if possible.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Sandhurst Diocese

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Refugee Facts: Amnesty International

1. An Asylum Seeker is someone seeking protection whose claim for refugee status has not yet been assessed
2. A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee their country because of persecution, war or violence.
3. It is not illegal to seek asylum in Australia, even if arriving by boat.
4. There is no queue
5. Asylum seekers arriving by boat make up less than 8% of Australia's annual immigration
6. In Australia there are 1.3 refugees for every 1,000 people
7. Australia receives a very small number of asylum seekers by international standards
8. An asylum seeker in the community does not get paid more than those on Newstart or a pension.



For collection:

Sandpiper and Australian Catholics Spring edition 2016 in the Narthex.



*Readings for
this week:*

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Wisdom 9:13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33



Liturgical Jottings

Variety in the colour of the vestments is meant to give effective outward expression to the specific character of the mysteries of the faith being celebrated and, in the course of the year, to a sense of progress in the Christian life. White symbolises the presence of the resurrected Lord in the church and his saints, Red reflects the burning intensity of Christ's love in his death on the cross, in the blood shed by his martyrs, and in the fire of the Spirit poured out. Purple (violet) connotes both the church's share in the kingship of Christ (John 19:1) and how it was realised through the suffering and death caused by our sins. Finally, green recalls how the same Christ through whom the outer green world was created (Col 1:16) is also the source of the church's inner life and growth throughout the year. New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship,

Looking at the Readings

Reversal continues to be our theme, from last Sunday: choosing the lowest place rather than the place of honour, and inviting the poor and handicapped rather than the well-off who might reciprocate.

Our society has become increasingly self-centred, and less community focused. "Look after Number One" underlies much of the culture that surrounds us. Jesus invites us to follow a different path, the way of putting others first. Think of people you know who are like this – maybe your parents, grandparents or those quiet back-room workers that make things happen for others in every community. We can think of what these people do as self-sacrifice, or even self-denial. But there is really a reversal in play here, as these people actually help to create a community where life is much richer for them and for everyone else too.

Life is not all about me as an individual. It is more about what we can enable and empower in our family and our community. As we give our time and energy to build a better and stronger community, we do not in fact do harm to ourselves. Quite the contrary, we reap the reward of a much richer community to live in and enjoy sharing with all whom we love.

Feast of the Week

The Passion of John the Baptist, Monday 29 August

John the Baptist has two feast days, his Birth on 24 June and his Passion (formerly the Beheading). Described as the greatest prophet for even at his birth he was proclaimed to make known to the people their salvation. He is also described as the most tragic because of his death at the hands of a weak and fearful king. He preached forgiveness of sins and pointed out the Saviour.

On the Lighter Side

A Teacher described to her class that John the Baptist wore animal skins and ate wild locust. His clothes and food were quite different to his family and friends. Then she asked: "Where did John the Baptist get his clothes? Heather immediately answered, "From California!"



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Often in life, we forget the things we should remember,
and remember the things we should forget.