

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

TATURA

KYABRAM

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Readings - Year A
Matthew
Weekday Year 1

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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.

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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A - 18th December 2016

A BIG PLEA!! CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

If you can help in any way for the Christmas Liturgies please put your name on the roster against the day you are available.

Clipboards are in the Narthex

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

As we begin our celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, let us prepare to light the fourth candle on our Advent Wreath, the Angel's Candle or the Candle of Love.

We pause to pray for faith that opens our lives to the Spirit of God.



Advent Wreath
Signs of Faith

FRANKLY MAGAZINES HAVE ARRIVED

For those who ordered the Frankly magazine they are in the Narthex. If you haven't paid they are \$3 each.

2016 Christmas Mass Timetable Sacred Heart Tatura

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

Carols 5.30pm

Mass 6.00 pm

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

Mass 10.00 am

Kyabram - St Augustine's 63 Church St Kyabram

Mass – Christmas Eve 24th Dec. – 7.30 pm

(Family Mass) bring a chair (no rugs)

Mass – Christmas Day 25th Dec. – 8.00 am

Boxing Day (on. 26th Dec.) No Masses

DECEMBER / JANUARY MASS TIMES

Saturday 31st December 6pm

Sunday 1st January 8am

Sunday 8th January 10am

Saturday 14th January 6pm

Sunday 15th January 8am



Those who have died recently	Tatura:	
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Kyabram:	Geoff Northausen, Mary Ellen Ryan
	Tatura:	Robert Borrelli (10 years), Lucia Villani, John Heathman
	Kyabram:	Felisa Baric, Guiseppina Quattrocchi, Thomas Jude Bourke, Ted Tomazin, Fr Jim Bolton OSA, Thomas Morley, Dick McGowan, Rufina D'Aloia, Simone D'Aloia, Alan Baker
Our sick and their carers	Tatura:	Kevin Wood, Dennis Smith
	Kyabram:	Carmel McCarthy, Bill Nicholson, Kaydn Mitchell, Bailey Guinan, Gisela Crook, Julie Shaw, Jim O'Donovan, Jessica Vile, Lyn Carey, Anthony Lingard

(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 the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counters
24/12/2016	CHRISTMAS ROSTER					Trish Warnett
25/12/2016						

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	19 Dec	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	20 Dec	9.15am LWWC	No Mass
Wednesday	21 Dec	9.15am Mass intention for John Heathman	5pm Mass
Thursday	22 Dec	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Friday	23 Dec	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	24 Dec	5.30pm Carols 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass	7.30am Family Mass
Sunday	25 Dec	10am Mass	8am Christmas Mass
Saturday	24 Dec	11.30am Reconciliation	
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass		

DECEMBER / JANUARY DIARY DATES		
Mon	19 Dec	
Tues	20 Dec	5.30pm Parish Pastoral Council
Wed	21 Dec	9.15am Mass intention for John Heathman
Thurs	22 Dec	
Fri	23 Dec	9.15am Mass
Sat	24 Dec	Christmas Eve Mass 5.30pm Carols, 6pm Mass
Sun	25 Dec	Christmas Day Mass 10am
Mon	26 Dec	No masses
Tues	27 Dec	
Wed	28 Dec	
Thurs	29 Dec	
Fri	30 Dec	
Sat	31 Dec	6pm Mass
Sun	1 Jan	New Year's Day 8am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

CARITAS AUSTRALIA ADVENT PROGRAM

Learn, act and pray for a more just and peaceful world this Advent by using Caritas Australia's Advent program.

Divided into the four weeks of Advent and exploring the themes of hope, peace, joy and love you can reflect on the Gospel, learn about the people Caritas Australia serves, pray and take action. There are resources for Parish groups/individuals, Catechists, Young Adults, Secondary and Primary schools.

Download the resources at www.caritas.org.au/advent.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."
MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

St Vincent College Re-Union 18th & 19th February 2017

All past students, partners and friends of St Vincents College Bendigo are invited to attend the Marong Cup Bendigo Racecourse Saturday February 18th 2017. A designated hospitality area will be provided followed by a get together at the Bendigo Club. Peter Sweeny's 1967 group will be celebrating their 50 year get together. Contact your old St Vincent buddies and join in for a great day out.

For details contact; Tim Cootes 5443 9129 or 0407 403 574: Jim Brennan 5448 3645: Kevin McGrath 0408 124 829: Barb Lomas CCB blomas ccb.vic.edu.au

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

To your enemy, give forgiveness.
To an opponent, give tolerance.
To your loved ones, family and friends, give your heart.
To a customer, give exemplary service.
To your work and employer, give 110%
To all, give charity.
To every child, be a good role model.
To yourself, be kind and give the gift of respect to all.

Q: Why did the elf put his bed into the fireplace?

A: He wanted to sleep like a log!

Q: What do reindeer always say before telling you a joke?

A: This one will sleigh you!

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Summer School Melbourne - 8-15 Jan 2017 – Registrations now open!

Join other young people aged 16-35 for a powerful week of teaching, live music, sacraments, prayer, praise and great speakers. Register before 15th Dec for earlybird rates and/or register as a group of 4 and save \$100 (3 participants must be new to Summer School). More info:

melbourne@summerschool.org.au, 0490 157 556 or summerschool.org.au

The Christmas Mass times for all Churches in our Diocese are now on the Web, please follow the link below to see your Parishes Mass times.

<http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/index.php/parishes5/mass-times7>

MASS FOR THOSE ILL OR FRAIL AT HOME: Find Mass 'Streamed Live' or 'On Demand' via the internet or mobile devices:

- **'Mass on Demand'** St Mary's Church, North Sydney (Our Lady of the Way, a Jesuit Church): CathNews YouTube channel OR www.northsydney Catholics.com/spirituality/liturgy/mass-on-demand
- **Mass Streamed Live 9.30 am each day** from Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, NSW. Plus Adoration and Benediction on Saturdays: www.dbb.org.au Click 'Watch Mass Live' button.
- **'Mass for You at Home'** –6 am Sunday Mass and saved program. Channel 10 TV. tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/mass-for-you-at-home

CHOOSE BETTER SAFER CARE NOT EUTHANASIA

The Legal and Social Issues Committee report presented 29 recommendations for the improvement of palliative care and 19 recommendations for improving advanced care plans and directives. Their evidence and suggestions advanced our knowledge and furthered the discussion of care in the dying phase of our lives.

Copies of the statement from Episcopal Vicar for Life, Marriage and Family, Very Rev Tony Kerin EV PP are available for you at the back of the church.

'BEGINNING THEOLOGY'

Starting **March 2017**. Explore your faith with a course for adults who would like to understand Catholic faith traditions and explore questions of faith at a deeper level: *Complete readings and activities in your own time and meet with a local small group once a month for discussion and to share learning. *Focus is Catholic faith and belief. *Topics broken into bite-size units. *Reflection questions help you apply learning to life. * 15-18 months. *An Institute of Faith Education (Brisbane Archdiocese) course offered in the Sandhurst Diocese in collaboration with Adult Faith Education, Sandhurst. Cost \$200. Expressions of interest email: Lyn Breen, Adult Faith Education Sandhurst, Lyn.Breen@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

SANDPIPER

The latest edition of the Sandpiper is in the Narthex. An article on the new learning space at Sacred Heart is on page 4.

"COME HOLY SPIRIT – FILL US WITH THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE"

Guest Speaker – Ulf Ekman

Tuesday, 24th January 2017 at St Brendan's Parish, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton.

Bring your bibles. Please bring shared lunch. Morning and afternoon tea. An offering will be taken up.

RSVP if possible – Margaret West ph 5722 2821 or email margaret.west4@bigpond.com or Brigita on mobile 0412 042 196 or email brigitajh@bigpond.com.

See noticeboard at back of church for full details.



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14
Is 62:11-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:15-20
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
John 1:1-18



Emmanuel

It appears from the passage that Mary's child is to be called both Jesus and Emmanuel. Emmanuel is not intended as a different name for Jesus but rather one of the many titles that will be applied to him. The title means God-is-with-us. That one word, Emmanuel, sums up the essence of Jewish and Christian belief. The Jewish people's faith in God was built on the basis that God travelled with them and through their lives. Christians believe that God took on an even closer sense of being with us through God's incarnation in the life of Jesus.



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Looking at the Readings

Despite all of the excitement associated with eschatological fulfilment, despite all of the assurance we have that it will be an experience of peace and abundant life, the mystery for which we long requires the risk of faith. Despite all of the times that we have celebrated the Nativity, we still do not have full comprehension and understanding. Still we are invited to enter deeply into the event that is before us. Will we step into a life of deeper faith and commitment, or will we merely participate in the external celebration of the feast? Only we can decide, and only we will really know the decision that we make.

The circumstances of our lives influence the way we live out our faith. As Christians, we are called to devote ourselves to the service of Christ. Our primary commitment must be to Christ and to the way of being human that he has shown us. We must be committed to what enriches life and not to what diminishes it. We must be committed to the good of people and not to the hoarding of things. We may not be official heralds of the gospel, but we proclaim our faith in the way we live our lives, in the kindness with which we treat others, in honesty of our business transactions. We proclaim the gospel when we stand for justice, when we forgive those who have offended us, when we show compassion to those who suffer. As we step into the eschatological age, we are called to recommit ourselves to genuine Christian living. © Dianne Bergant CSS

The Great Advent: 17-24 December

The season of Advent intensifies in the last seven days. These days have dedicated texts in the Lectionary, Missal and Liturgy of the Hours, there are no feasts days or other occasional celebrations except funeral Masses. The focus is clearly the first coming of Christ by his birth at Bethlehem. The seven Great O Antiphons in the Liturgy of the Hours, the Gospel Acclamation and the hymn O Come O Come Emmanuel provide a way of highlighting this week within a season.

Prayer for the Week

Come quickly, we pray, Lord Jesus, and do not delay, that those who trust in your compassion may find solace, relief and joy in your coming. *Collect, 24 December, morning Mass, 2011 Roman Missal*

On The Lighter Side

Q: Why is Christmas Day just like another day at the office? A: You end up doing all the work and the fat guy in the suit gets all the credit.



Happiness keeps you sweet. Trials keep you strong. Sorrows keep you human.
Failures keep you humble, and God keeps you going.