

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH TATURA

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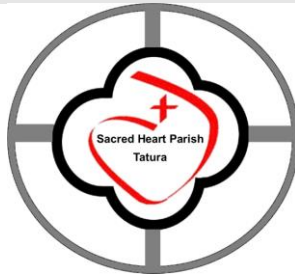
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Readings - Year A

Matthew

Weekday Year 1

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th February 2017

"WE MUST ALWAYS SAY 'NO' TO VIOLENCE IN THE HOME" – POPE FRANCIS

The Parish has received a resource kit on domestic violence. The kit has been developed for parishes and contains the following items:

1. Introductory letter
2. Statement by Bishops of Victoria
3. 'Fast facts' about victims of violence – '
4. A guide for women experiencing violence
5. A guide for men experiencing violence.
6. A guide for men seeking to change behaviour
7. A guide for family, friends, workmates
8. A Prayer to End Domestic and Family Violence
9. Services that can help – emergency referrals

And, for distribution and display:

10. Overview of Catholic response
11. A4 Poster

The material in the kit is designed to assist you in supporting such people, including the provision of succinct information about family and domestic violence, together with phone numbers for referrals. The key messages in responding to victims are **sensitivity** and **confidentiality**. We do not advise you to counsel or attempt to mediate.

If you or someone you know has experienced domestic or family violence please contact the 24-hour counseling and referral service 1800 RESPECT.

If someone is in immediate danger, contact 000.

NEW LOGO VOTING CARD

We will be handing out pencils during Mass for everyone to fill out their form.

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL FETE – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Over the next few weeks we are asking Parishioners if they would donate to the hamper baskets that we are preparing for the Super Spin at the fete. There is eleven in total with the following themes:

1. Party
2. Animal
3. Sport/Fitness
4. New baby
5. Toys
6. Foodie
7. Pamper pack
8. Just for him
9. Just for her
10. Picnic/BBQ
11. Gardening

There will be a basket in the Narthex for all donations.

FETE RAFFLE BOOKS

The Fete raffle books are in the Narthex for collection. They are in alphabetical order in the boxes and we ask you to please collect them to save us postage (which is expensive now!) The prizes are substantial, useful and appealing so we shouldn't have any trouble selling tickets. Please return your books by (sold or unsold) by 10th March. To make it easy you can put them on the plate at Mass on Sunday – clearly marked Fete.

We pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Tom Danaher, Kevin Myers
For those whose anniversary occurs	Gerald Corbo, Aislinn Kelly, Mons Patrick Collins, Gerard Morley
Our sick and their carers	Dennis Smith, Fr. John Ware

(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
Sat 25 th Feb 6pm	Marli Kelly	Denice Bourke	D Woodman	D Turvey M Sgamotta	S Finlayson G Ranson J Webster	D & L Worm
Sun 26 th Feb 9.30am	Marie O'Meara	Debbie Worm	Rob Miller	B & J Lowe	L Kerrins P Kerrins P Baldwin	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	20 Feb	No Mass
Tuesday	21 Feb	No Mass
Wednesday	22 Feb	9.15am
Thursday	23 Feb	9.15am
Friday	24 Feb	9.15am
Saturday	25 Feb	6pm Mass
Sunday	26 Feb	9.30am
Saturday Reconciliation	25 Feb	11.30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES		
Mon	20 Feb	
Tues	21 Feb	10am - Council of Priests Chancery
Wed	22 Feb	9.15am Mass
Thurs	23 Feb	9.15am Mass
Fri	24 Feb	11.40am - Year 5 Reconciliation
Sat	25 Feb	6pm Mass
Sun	26 Feb	9.30am Mass
Mon	27 Feb	
Tues	28 Feb	Vigil Mass 5.45 pm Ash Wednesday
Wed	1 Mar	9.15am Mass Ash Wednesday 11.00 am Notre Dame's Opening Mass
Thurs	2 Mar	2pm - Priest's Retirement Fund Chancery
Fri	3 Mar	9.15am School Mass
Sat	4 Mar	6pm Mass
Sun	5 Mar	9.30 Mass

PASTORAL CARE

- Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869
- Anne Hutchison 5824 3460 Debbie Worm 5824 1841

CAR PARKING IN THE CHURCH YARD

I would like to be pro-active and put some guidelines in place before we have a mishap in the Church driveway.

If you have a mobility problem and the car-park is too far away for you to walk; then we need to make it easier for you.

I need to have some idea of how many parishioners this is affecting and maybe an idea of what Mass you usually attend. I can then assess proper parking guidelines for you to follow and I ask others who have no reason to park in the Church driveway to remain outside.

Those who ride bikes or use scooters need to be vigilant once entering the grounds and upon leaving.

Interested parishioners are asked to contact the presbytery on 5824 1049 and speak to me.

Fr. Michael

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Please check out our website and FB page as we are constantly updating it with articles from Fr Michael and other useful information.

NEW MEETING TIMES AND DAYS

After some negotiation the meeting times (where Fr. Michael attends) have been finalised. They are as follows:

- 1st Wednesday of the month
- 2nd Wednesday of the month
- 3rd Wednesday of the month
- 4th Wednesday of the month

- Parish Pastoral Council 6.00pm in the school staffroom.
- Finance Committee 5.30pm in the Parish Hall
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- School Board 7.00pm in the school staffroom.

Let us make a home for Him

Presently I am moving furniture around; asking myself, what looks better where; is there a more practical use; and do I need to purchase something else?

There are views to be considered, so I need to consider chairs, couches and beds etc and what has pride of place?

The finished arrangement needs to be welcoming and comfortable.

If I look at the scriptures in the Old Testament, King David wanted to build a house for the Ark of Covenant because it was in a tent for a long period of time.

God was not interested in David's idea. God wanted a place which would be worthy of his presence. One wonders what David had in mind?

So this begs the question of us, we might indeed desire to live with the presence of God in our lives but are we willing to prepare a place for him?

We can't just say to God, 'Come and visit!' God wants the right kind of place.

He will not just be included amongst all the other furniture of our lives. He is God and deserves the highest place.

We would it when special people come to visit as I am now reorganising furniture so it is something special when people come to stay.

Like David we must build a tabernacle for the Lord in our lives and it must be according to what is fitting for God.

God wants the highest place in our lives and for us to know him as God means moving things around so it is fitting for someone special, as in God.

It is easy for me to rearrange the furniture, but to discard something and remove it may be more difficult.

We are the temple of God, the temple of the Holy Spirit. So what place do we give God in our lives?

Are we prepared to give God priority in our lives, move things or habits around so they are conducive to God's presence.

Or what things in my life do I need to discard? What am I harbouring in my every day activities that need to be removed so that I am truly the temple of God, a place fitting for God, a place where God dwells comfortably.

Fr Michael Morley

LITURGY GROUP

We are forming a Liturgy Group.

To date the following people have indicated an interest: Anne Hutchison, Denise Woodman, Denise Bourke, Marli Kelly, Father Michael.

We still need more parishioners to come onboard. We particularly would like people who are interested in the music and making our liturgy more appealing.

We will only be meeting bi-monthly so it will not be an onerous task.

The group will be planning special liturgies such as Easter, Christmas, special Feast days, etc.

This is an opportunity for us to make our Masses even more personalised and vibrant.

Please consider joining the team by speaking to either Fr Michael or Marli and Judith.

THE GREAT AMEN – LITURGY JOTTINGS

Q . . . what is the most important response of the Mass?

Answer . . . It is one word. 'Amen'. But which 'Amen' in the Mass? It is the one which concludes the Eucharistic Prayer with the Doxology. This word basically means 'common belief' and for us it is really an act of faith.

In the Doxology prayer when the priest holds up the Body and Blood and says: Through Him, and with Him and in Him, O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever 'Amen'.

These powerful words remind us that it is through Christ and his action on the Cross that we are caught in Christ's saving work to make an offering to the Father, His perfect act.

This brings our liturgy to its culmination our liturgy, what we have come for, has been fulfilled.

We express it with a joy filled response of Amen or as it is often called the Great Amen.

C.P.R NIGHT

The Rotary Club kindly organised an information evening on C.P.R and the use of a Difibulator in the Mercy Centre last Wednesday. Several from the parish attended and I found it most informative and helpful. Thank you to Rotary. You will notice posters in the Narthex if you wish to have a read. *Fr Michael*



*Readings for
this week:*

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 49:14-15
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34



Liturgical Jottings Proper of Seasons

Most Mass-goers will experience the Seasons of the Liturgical Years more than, perhaps the other types of celebrations that featured in this column in previous weeks: Ritual Masses, Special Occasions and Needs and the Commons of saints. Sundays have five seasons: Advent, Christmastide, Ordinary Time, Lent and Easter. In Advent there is Great Advent (17-24 December) and in Lent, Holy Week (Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday) and the Paschal Triduum (from Holy Thursday night to Saturday night of the Easter Vigil). These various seasons have particular characteristics and themes. In Advent the two comings of Christ. In Lent Baptism (A), Covenant (B) and Reconciliation (C). Easter Season readings give account of the witness of the risen Lord and the growth and faith of the infant Church.

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Looking at the Readings

The first part of today's gospel passage is perhaps one of the most misunderstood of Jesus' teachings. The notion of turning the other cheek usually brings up notions of non-violence, submission, or even sometimes a victim mentality. It seems an odd teaching to tell someone who is being hit to simply stand there and present the other cheek to also be hit. It's odd because we generally fail to understand the cultural context that is the setting for this teaching.

In the first century, a master would discipline a slave or servant by striking them with the back of his hand. Assuming the master is right handed, a back-handed strike would be delivered to the right cheek of the person he faced. If the servant were to then present his left cheek to the master, it becomes impossible for the master to strike with the back of his hand and forces him into using an open-hand slap or a closed-fist punch to the left cheek. Not much of an improvement, you might think. However, servants were disciplined with the back of the hand and only equals fought in such a way that would deliver blows to the left side.

What Jesus is saying to those who are oppressed is to offer no resistance but at the same time stand up for yourself and make your oppressor recognise you and treat you as an equal, not an inferior. It is extremely dangerous advice! Its aim is to shame the oppressor.

The other two examples, surrendering your cloak when sued for your tunic and walking two miles when required to walk one are also examples of seeking to shame the one who would use their power and strength against you. That's not being a submissive wimp; that's staring the bully in the eye! © Greg Sunter

Quote from Pope Francis

Jesus himself lived in violent times. Yet he taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart. Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence. He walked that path to the very end, to the cross, whereby he became our peace and put an end to hostility. Become an instrument of reconciliation. In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: "As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that you have greater peace in your hearts".

Message of Pope Francis, 50th World Day of Peace 1/1/2017

On the Lighter Side

Jokes are better than wars. Even the most aggressive jokes are better than the least aggressive wars. Even the longest jokes are better than the shortest wars.

George Mikes comedian (b Hungary 1912, d England 1987)



LENT NOTICE

There are two Lent books ("Hope" and "Up from the Waters") available for parishioners to have a look at and see if you would like to do a Lenten program yourself or form a group. Please put your name on the clipboard in the Narthex if you are interested.