

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH TATURA

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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.

"Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th February 2017



Today is Project Compassion Sunday.

Project Compassion officially begins on 1 March 2017 – Ash Wednesday. This year's theme is: "Love your Neighbour".

Prayer for Project Compassion

God of all peoples and nations, You accompany us on our Lenten journey.
Through the life and mission of Your son, You give us the gift of mercy.

May we learn to walk Your way of mercy and compassion with all Your people.
In a special way, we keep in mind our neighbours, the men, women and children around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion.

Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive Your grace to love our neighbours as ourselves.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

NEW LOGO

Thanks to all the parishioners who voted for our new logo. Over the next couple of weeks we will have it edited professionally to make it officially Sacred Heart's new logo. It will be slightly altered so we do not breach copyright.

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 is a basket in the Narthex for all donations.

WHY IS THE FETE AND THE RAFFLE SO IMPORTANT?

Catholic schools are not fully funded by the government; therefore, we require private income for running costs.

Our school's government grants are calculated on the basis that we raise funds through the local school community ie; Parish, Donations and Bank Interest (this is on top of school fees) The "Fete and Raffle" are vital, as they are the major fundraisers, which assist in meeting this target.

We thank you again and ask for your continued support of both the raffle and fete to ensure this success.

We pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Bill Kilmartin, Sr Mary Griffiths CSB
For those whose anniversary occurs	Anthony Kelly, Arcangelina Carrafa
Our sick and their carers	Dennis Smith, Fr. John Ware, Eileen Ryan

(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 4 th Mar 6pm	Sacha Finlayson	Steph Hicks	D Corrigan	M Corrigan J Webster	L McGrath D Bourke D Woodman	B Woods
Sun 5 th Mar 9.30am	CHILDREN'S MASS				R Kelly D Worm A Hutchison	

MASSSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	27Feb	No Mass
Tuesday	28 Feb	5.45pm Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass
Wednesday	1 Mar	9.15am Ash Wednesday School Mass
Thursday	2 Mar	9.15am Mass
Friday	3 Mar	9.15am School Mass
Saturday	4 Mar	6pm Mass
Sunday	5 Mar	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	4 Mar	11.30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

Mon	27 Feb	
Tues	28 Feb	5.45pm Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass
Wed	1 Mar	Ash Wednesday 9.15 am Mass
Thurs	2 Mar	2pm Priest Retirement Fund Chancery
Fri	3 Mar	9.15am School Mass, 11.40am Yr 5 Reconciliation
Sat	4 Mar	
Sun	5 Mar	Children's Mass 9.30am pancakes
Mon	6 Mar	
Tues	7 Mar	S.P.F 3pm Shepparton
Wed	8 Mar	11.30am Anne McIntosh Child Protection
Thurs	9 Mar	
Fri	10 Mar	11.40am Year 5 Reconciliation
Sat	11 Mar	6pm Mass
Sun	12 Mar	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

Spirituality in the Pub

Where: Terminus Hotel, Shepparton

When: Tuesday 7th Mar 7.30 – 9 pm
(meals from 6 pm optional).

Come and join the conversation with internationally renowned Aboriginal artist, **RICHARD CAMPBELL**, a Stolen Generations survivor, as he shares his journey towards healing through his faith, his art, and through coming together with his fellow survivors at the Caritas supported Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation which offers a peer model of support and empowerment founded on brotherhood & neighbourly love. Information fliers are at the back of church.

Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Do you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and may like to receive Communion during their illness or on a more regular basis. Please contact Denise Woodman on 0457 659 314 or Parish Office on 5824 1049.

NEW MEETING TIMES AND DAYS

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

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| 1 st Wednesday of the month | Parish Pastoral Council 6.00pm in the school staffroom. |
| 2 nd Wednesday of the month | Finance Committee 5.30pm in the Parish Hall |
| 3 rd Wednesday of the month | - |
| 4 th Wednesday of the month | School Board 7.00pm in the school staffroom. |

Project Compassion Lent Calendar App

Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your iPhone or Android? You can also view it on the Caritas Australia website!

Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent and learn about Caritas Australia's work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions.

View or download at
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar



Catholic Charismatic Golden Jubilee Cross

The Catholic Charismatic Golden Jubilee Cross will be placed in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, for the 8am Mass on Wednesday 8th. March and will remain during the regular Eucharistic Adoration time until 2pm. Petitions can be placed in the base of the Cross during this time. The Cross will then be present at the Charismatic meeting in St. Joseph's Hall 7.30pm Wednesday evening.

All are invited to join in celebration, prayer, praise and petition. All Christian faiths are invited.
Contacts: Denise Ilott 544 11 087 Elaine McGrath 0400 820 239

'ENGAGING WITH THE HOPES OF PARISHES'

When: Wednesday 15th March

Time: 7.30 – 9.30 pm,

Where: Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre, Knight Street, Shepparton.

Fr Brendan Reed, Parish Priest of Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Catholic Parishes and Catholic Theological College lecturer in Theology, will give an interactive presentation based on his research work *Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes*. All are welcome to join the St Brendan's PPC for a dynamic and thought provoking evening.

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LITURGY GROUP

We are forming a Liturgy Group.

To date the following people have indicated an interest: Anne Hutchison, Denise Woodman, Denice 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.

FINDING TREASURE IN THE FIELD

A friend of mine spends a lot of his spare time looking for the treasure in the field, any field or creek or patch of bush will do. He joins many others who systematically scan sections of land using metal detectors, in the hope of discovering buried treasure.

This is the opening paragraph of February's Along the Track. If you put your name down it is in the Narthex.



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



Ash Wednesday 1 March

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season. It is not just a period of self-discipline but an opportunity for self-development and growth.

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Looking at the Readings

One of the hardest things to do in our busy modern lives is to live in the present moment. Our lives are almost consumed by a mixture of anticipating what we have to do next and reliving what we have done. We are constantly making plans for catching up with friends, organising chores that need to be done, working or studying to 'get ahead' and create a better future for ourselves. We live our lives in the future and in anticipation of what is to come so much so that we often don't seem to actually enjoy the event when it comes because we're already planning what we'll be doing next. In this incredible rush of living our lives forward, suddenly out of nowhere we'll be swamped with regrets about some mistake in the past or how we might have handled a situation better.

There is an incredible challenge to simply be mindful of the now. If we can be mindful of what we're doing now then we can be purposeful and intentional about our actions rather than operating habitually on auto pilot or operating reactively. When we live in the now, instead of the once was or soon to be, then we find ourselves actually listening to our friends when they speak to us; savouring the food we eat; noticing both the beauty and the pain around us; and sometimes even becoming aware of the presence of God around and within us.

Today's gospel tells us not to worry about what is to come but be attentive to the way we are living our lives. It tells us to be attentive to living in accordance with the will of God and when we do that it will be amazing just how other things seem to fall into place. © Greg Sunter

Autumn Ember Day (Friday 3 March)

Ember days have been observed in the Church since the fifth century. They mark the start of each of the four seasons. The Autumn and Spring ember days (first Friday of the month of March and September respectively) are special days of prayer and penance. The practice of the Church is to offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give God thanks. (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year Calendar* 45).

On the Lighter Side

A man walked up to a Franciscan and Jesuit and asked, "How many novenas must I pray to win a Mercedes Benz?" The Franciscan asked, "What's a Mercedes Benz?" The Jesuit asked, "What's a novena?"



Pope Francis has declared it is better to be an atheist than a hypocritical Catholic.

Pope Francis was speaking during a private morning Mass recently in his residence when he accused some Catholics of pretending to be good churchgoers despite exploiting people.

Pope Francis criticised Catholics leading a "double life". He said: "It is a scandal to say one thing and do another. That is a double life."