

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.

1st Sunday of Lent – 5 March 2017



Week 1: The Philippines

Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children, and the struggle worsened after her husband's untimely death.

But with the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, she now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours in her vulnerable community.

Dinia's story is a story of healing, through her own skill and perseverance, and through support from a Caritas Australia funded program.

Your donations through the 2017 Project Compassion campaign will help people like Dinia develop their strengths and build a better future for their families and neighbours.

Loving Father, we pray for the community in which we live: that this community be fair and just and by its actions allow the participation of everyone in the enjoyment of the gift that is God's creation.
Amen

PANCAKES AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS



Mini Vinnies fundraiser gold coin donation. The Mini Vinnies will be helping.

New roles of the members of the PPC

Chairperson:	Denise Woodman
Deputy Chairperson:	Carol Coulston
Secretary:	Debbie Worm
Liturgy:	Trish W & Anna C
Pastoral Care:	
	Denise Woodman (Vinnies & Prison)
	Sheila Gregg (CWL)
	Anna Ciavarella (Communion to the Sick)
Education / Youth:	Pauline Hindson & Matt Cameron
Finance / Maintenance / Workplace Health & Safety:	Fr. Michael Morley

International Women's Day - 8 March 2017

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, the present and in the future. The theme the Australian National Committee of UN Women has chosen for International Women's Day on 8 March 2017 is *Empower a woman, empower a nation*. Together we can empower women across the globe. We can help through *Project Compassion* during Lent.

- Women make up approximately 70 percent of the world's poor.
- Two-thirds of people unable to read and write are female.
- 11.4 million women and girls are in forced labour.
- 1 in 3 women and girls experience physical and sexual violence.

For more information and resources please visit:

<https://unwomen.org.au/campaign/international-womens-day-2017/>

We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Marianna Basile, Gaetano Basilo, Bernie McNamara
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 11 th Mar 6pm	Carol Coulston	D Woodman	D Turvey	M Feehan J Harford	A Ciavarella J Webster A Ticks	T Warnett
Sun 12 th Mar 9.30am	S Cowan	B Curtis	B Miller	C Serra T Muto	L Cowan T Miller S Nihill	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	6 Mar	No Mass
Tuesday	7 Mar	No Mass
Wednesday	8 Mar	9.15am Anointing Mass
Thursday	9 Mar	9.15am Mass
Friday	10 Mar	9.15am Mass
Saturday	11 Mar	6pm Mass
Sunday	12 Mar	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	11 Mar	11.30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

MARCH DIARY DATES

Mon	6 Mar	
Tues	7 Mar	Italian Rosary 2pm in the Church
Wed	8 Mar	9.15am Anointing Mass 11.30am Anne McIntosh Child Protection Chancery Finance Meeting 5.30pm Parish Hall
Thurs	9 Mar	9.15am Mass
Fri	10 Mar	11.40am Year 5 Reconciliation
Sat	11 Mar	6pm Mass 2 nd Sunday of Lent
Sun	12 Mar	9.30am Mass 2 nd Sunday of Lent
Mon	13 Mar	Labour Day
Tues	14 Mar	St Vincent de Paul meeting 6pm at the Centre
Wed	15 Mar	9.15am Mass
Thurs	16 Mar	9.15am Mass
Fri	17 Mar	9.15am Mass St Patrick's Day
Sat	18 Mar	6pm Mass 3 rd Sunday of Lent
Sun	19 Mar	9.30am Mass 3 rd Sunday of Lent

PASTORAL CARE

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

DIOCESE CHANGES

Father Alex Lim is responding to the pressing need in our neighbouring Diocese of Ballarat and has accepted appointment as Administrator of the Parishes of Hopetoun and Warracknabeal with effect from the beginning of May, 2017.

Father Joven Lustre came to the Diocese of Sandhurst in November, 2006, on loan for three years, from the Archdiocese of Ozamiz in the Philippines. The contract has been extended several times and now Father Joven believes that it is time to return home permanently and accept an appointment from the new Archbishop of Ozamiz. Father Joven will leave South Shepparton at the end of April to return home.

Both Father Alex and Father Joven have been of great assistance and have committed themselves as part of the Diocese during their years of service. I thank them both for this work amongst us and for their dedication to the Gospel. May God reward them richly for this service to Sandhurst in their ministry in the future.

Prayer for Unity

Lord, we realise that everywhere we look there are walls – walls of suspicion that separate our hearts from others – walls of hostility that divide our homes, our country and our word; It's not distance, geography and language that builds walls between, people nations and races. It's the far more sinister walls of selfishness, greed, inequality and injustice that separate us. When Jesus came to the world, he broke down the wall that was keeping us from God. He showed us, too, how to break down the walls that keep us apart from each other. Help us to become a united world. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

WHY I WILL ATTEND MASS THIS SUNDAY

These are difficult days to be a Catholic. We are all seriously impacted by the recent release of a report from the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse. Our Church that aspires to deliver hope and support and comfort and goodness is at the epicentre of so much that has caused despair, damage and hurt. Many authorities and the media have been condemning of the Church and its hierarchy which seemed to do little to protect the most vulnerable. All of these matters have been under the spotlight for some time, so I will not dwell on them here.

Someone mentioned to me that they could not possibly attend Mass this week, such is the impact the report has had. This stopped me in my tracks.

I will be in Mass this weekend and, as is my custom, each Sunday after that. Why?

- This is my Faith. I have always needed the nourishment that the Eucharist provides. This need has not evaporated because of recent events.
- It is my Church. Yes, it is also the Church of the abusers, but they neither determine nor diminish my membership. The Catholic Church is (and always has been) made up of 'Saints and Sinners'. Describing the Catholic Church, James Joyce once said, "Here comes the Catholics. Here comes everybody". Simply, it reflects humanity.
- My relationship with God is too important to me to allow it to be damaged by criminals who betrayed the trust of others. I choose to refuse to give them that power.
- Importantly, I see this as a good opportunity to support my Parish Priest (and the many, many other priests who have not committed crimes and are devoted and loyal) who have served me, my family and the people of the Church faithfully for so long. I want to let these men know that I continue to trust them and respect them and I am thankful for the goodness they bring into the Church I love, despite the hurt they must be feeling on a personal level. I believe the world would be a poorer place without them. Yes, they too were betrayed by their brother priests who ignored their vows and abandoned decent standards of behaviour. They too must feel angry and devastated at the revelations of the Royal Commission. Yet they continue to serve us, difficult though that must be at present.

So I will be in Mass on Sunday, knowing that I belong to a Faith community of good citizens, strugglers and doubters, guided by good clerics, ordinary human beings who have similar frailties, experience the same fears and are weighed down by the same imperfections as me.

FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE FOR EASTER

Buying Fairtrade chocolate makes a huge difference to the lives of cocoa farmers and their families around the world.

Despite growing demand for cocoa, many small producers struggle to earn a sustainable income. Child labour, a significant issue in the cocoa industry, is perpetuated by poverty and unfair terms of trade.

Fairtrade helps to make cocoa farming in places like Ivory Coast and Ghana more sustainable by guaranteeing minimum prices and providing a premium to invest in local communities, so farmers can provide a better future for themselves and their families.

What brands have Fairtrade chocolate?

Cadbury, Greens, Aldi.

'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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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

ITALIAN ROSARY

Il Rosario sarà recitato ore 2pm Martedì 7th March nella Chiesa.

The Italian Rosary will be in the Church at 2pm on Tuesday 7th March 2017. All welcome.



*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9



Lenten Focus

The three good works we are encouraged to take on during Lent are Prayer, Fasting (Jesus' words from Gospel of Ash Wednesday). Prayer may be individually, in a group or attending extra Masses. Fasting is going without to exercise both body and spirit and the money saved and more may go towards Project Compassion or other charities.

Pope Francis

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts", to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Lenten Pastoral Letter 2017 intro.

Looking at the Readings

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin.

The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression.

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Quote for the week

"With all your heart, turn to me for I am tender and compassionate." says the Lord. (Joel 2:12-13, Gospel Acclamation Wednesday)

On the Lighter Side

A Catholic walks into a cafe on the first Friday of Lent and orders fish and chips. He pays the bill, but leaves no tip. He repeats this every Friday during Lent. On the last Friday, the waitress asks "Excuse me sir. You've been eating here every Friday but never left me a tip. Didn't I provide good service to you?" The man replied "Your service is excellent. But because it's Lent, I giving up tipping and giving the money to the poor."



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**IF YOU
LOOK FOR ME
WHOLEHEARTEDLY,
YOU WILL FIND ME.**

JEREMIAH 29:13