

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.

2nd Sunday of Lent – 12 March 2017



Week 2: Timor-Leste

Like many women in Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. Facing poverty and an uncertain future, she sought refuge at Uma PAS shelter, a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program in Timor-Leste. The program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering economic empowerment, the chance to afford education for her children, and a safe life in a supportive community.

Prayer

For our global community: That those with power and wealth may take seriously the call of the Church this Lent and place themselves at the service of all in need.

Amen

HELP FOR EASTER CEREMONIES

We need assistance with the Easter ceremonies from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. There are clip boards in the Narthex for you to provide your details and the ceremony/ies with which you can assist. Someone will contact you in plenty of time prior to Easter to advise you of where you can be of most help.

8 SNNEWS



Leading the way: School captain Eliza Brodie with vice-captains Shaun McDermott and Ella Kerrins.

Congratulations Ella

Ella Kerrins has been elected vice captain at her school. Well done Ella we're sure you'll do a terrific job.

Thank you to all the families who came along to our **Children's Mass** last Sunday and were able to stay for pancakes. We raised \$68.40 for CARITAS.



We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	
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 18 th Mar 6pm	D Bourke	M Kelly	Hutchison Family	J Webster Ev Leahy	G Ranson S Finlayson P Baldwin	D Woodman
Sun 19 th Mar 9.30am	B Curtis	T Miller	K Stewart	D Woodman	L Kerrins P Kerrins C Serra	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	13 Mar	No Mass
Tuesday	14 Mar	No Mass
Wednesday	15 Mar	9.15am Mass
Thursday	16 Mar	9.15am Mass
Friday	17 Mar	No Mass
Saturday	18 Mar	6pm Mass
Sunday	19 Mar	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	18 Mar	11.30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

MARCH DIARY DATES

Mon	13 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues	14 Mar	St Vincent de Paul meeting 6pm at the Centre
Wed	15 Mar	9.15am Mass 7.30pm Fr Reed (see notice)
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
Mon	20 Mar	
Tues	21 Mar	
Wed	22 Mar	9.15am Mass 7pm School Board
Thurs	23 Mar	2pm Priest Retirement Fund Chancery
Fri	24 Mar	11.40am Year 6 Reconciliation School Fete
Sat	25 Mar	Annunciation
Sun	26 Mar	4 th Sunday of Lent

PASTORAL CARE

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CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 12 March 2017

This week *The Journey* Catholic Radio program will bring you a reflection from the Gospel of Mathew spoken by the inspiring Shane Dwyer, director for the National Centre of Evangelisation for Australia. Our music has been selected from amazingly talented musicians to be the conduit for our program and we have ourselves a show about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

A Lenten Reflection

We fast from judging others,
But feast on patience.
We fast from apparent differences,
But feast on the unity of all life.
We fast from words that pollute,
But feast upon works that affirm.
We fast from complaining,
But feast on appreciation.
We fast from bitterness and anger,
But feast on forgiveness and mercy.
We fast from discouragement,
But feast on hope.
We fast from suspicion,
But feast on trust.
We fast from idle gossip,
But feast on purposeful silence.
We fast from problems that overwhelm,
But feast on prayer that strengthens.

LITURGY JOTTINGS

If we understand the Mass and its symbolism we will appreciate its meaning more.

Let's start at the beginning: Why do we have the Entrance Antiphon or a Hymn? Its is to bring us together and unite us as a community.

So it must reflect this, therefore we all need to participate, we all need to sing!

Remember we sing to praise God not the person beside us.

Fr Michael

The Easy Road

I have always wondered why the Israelites wandered around the desert for so long or at all?

If we think back to that time in Exodus 13:17-22 we hear, 'When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter!'

Maybe they were not ready for it? They had been in bondage for hundreds of years and all of a sudden they were free! God didn't send them straight home. Instead he sent them into the desert which would be much harder for them and as we know, many times they grumbled at what God was doing to them.

The desert gave them time and opportunity to establish themselves and grow as a nation and very importantly to learn to trust in God that he would look after them.

God wanted to establish a relationship with his people first and a covenant.

We look at their situation, their journey and we can liken it to ours. Our journey is made up of experiences, challenges and doubts in God.

Recently I was doing what I thought was a good deed for someone. It was a manual task but the job seemed to fight me all the way. I even remember saying at one stage, 'Lord what are you doing? I am trying to help someone but you don't seem to be helping me?' Yes in the end it all worked out, the job was fine. It didn't stop me asking the question, 'Why was it necessary to make it so difficult?'

The only answer I could come up with was that I had to learn to trust in God and not get frustrated on the way. Learn to trust and to be patient.

If I think of this in relation to the Israelites. They were not ready to go the short or the easy way to the promised land.

They had to grow through their trials and then they would be ready to enter and enjoy the land promised to them.

Jesus told his disciples, as he tells us, to follow him will not be easy.

So God used the time in the desert to instruct and prepare his people. The easy road would have led them to disaster.

We may not understand the mind of God (but who does) but we must trust Him to lead us and care for us no matter what we face.

Our journey in life is a time of preparation, a time to adjust, grow and deepen our faith so we won't be lost on the way.

He knows us better than we know ourselves, so we have to trust his guidance on how long or how short, how difficult is our journey to the Promised Land.

Fr Michael Morley

HOW IS YOUR EYE SIGHT?

We can see a lot by just looking. Or very little at all. I was wandering around in a famous art gallery some years ago and one of the guides was speaking about one of the great art works to a small group of onlookers. I had just taken some time to look at that particular painting so I stayed to listen. It was incredible. She revealed features I had not noticed, details I had overlooked, colours I had missed. But that's life – we rush past, glance at things, just a quick look. Sometimes we need help just to see.

This is the opening paragraph of *Along the Track*. For those who receive a copy it is in the Narthex or available on our website in full.

'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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LENTEN REFLECTION LEAFLETS

The second Sunday of Lent leaflets are in the Narthex for you to take.

MIDWEEK MORNING MASS

For any parishioners wishing to attend midweek Mass it is in our lovely chapel to the right of the altar. Rosary begins 15 minutes before the 9.15am Mass.





*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42



Lenten Focus: Fasting

Partial or total fasting is found in all religions and in all times for various purposes: strengthening against evil, repentance, remembrance, supplication in times of trouble, mourning, preparation for a great undertaking. Christian motives also include a means of uniting with the suffering of Christ, and acts of prayer and humility. Christ in his great teaching on fasting (Matt 6:16-18) relates it with humility, justice and charity so that we share our bread with the poor. Fasting and the Eucharist are also connected: as Christ's body is bread for the life of the world, so our giving to others, especially to the needy, our communion with Christ is more completely realised.

Quote for the Week

"Your words, Lord, are spirit and life" you have the words of everlasting life." (John 6:63,68 Gospel Acclamation, Monday)

Looking at the Readings

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Pope Francis on Lent

I would like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16:19-31). Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognising their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbour or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognising in them the face of Christ. (Lenten Pastoral 2017 para 1)

On the Lighter Side

An announcement in New York city church bulletin for the National Prayer and Fasting Conference stated: "The conference registration fees include all meals and snacks."

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One smile, can start a friendship. One word, can end a fight. One look, can save a relationship. One person, can change your life.