

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.

3rd Sunday of Lent – 19 March 2017

FETE NEXT FRIDAY 24TH 5PM

It's finally here!!! We are all very excited about the Fete next Friday.

After Mass tonight we will be selling Super Spin tickets for \$10 for anyone who wishes to purchase one.

The drinks stall is still calling out to parishioners to please donate cans of drinks/bottles of water/juice boxes. **NO ALCOHOL please.** These can be left at the school office or in the Narthex.

Produce – Do your weekly fruit and veg buy up at the fete! 400kg of freshly picked apples and pears straight from the orchard will be sold on the night. A range of vegetables direct from Melbourne Market will be donated to the Sacred Heart community!

Raffle tickets – Please remember to put them in the collection at Mass or drop them in to the school or Presbytery.

Helpers – We are still needing helpers on the night. Anyone who can help out on a stall it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Marli 045 777 2869 or Maria 0418 129 528 know.



Week 3: Australia

Like many First Australians, Uncle Richard was torn from his family and culture as a child. Forced to grow up in the State-run Kinchela Boys Home (KBH), he suffered violence and pain that haunted his adult years. Now through Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, a Caritas Australia partner, he is reconnecting with former KBH boys in a program that restores their wellbeing and helps their families.

Prayer

We pray for the First Australians, who have suffered indignity at the hands of those who colonised their societies: That all Australians may commit to justice and right relationships and embrace the richness to be found in recognising that we all belong to this great south land of the Holy Spirit. We pray as One.

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.

We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Silvano Sgammotta
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 25 Mar 6pm	D Woodman	S Gregg	E Leahy	Finalyson Family	L McGrath A Hutchison C Coulston	G Ranson
Sun 26 Mar 9.30am	L Kerrins	R Kelly	M Kerrins	B & T Miller	L Cowan S Cowan G Ranson	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	20 Mar	No Mass
Tuesday	21 Mar	No Mass
Wednesday	22 Mar	9.15am Mass
Thursday	23 Mar	9.15am Mass
Friday	24 Mar	9.15am Mass
Saturday	25 Mar	6pm Mass
Sunday	26 Mar	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	25 Mar	11.30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

MARCH / APRIL DIARY DATES

Mon	20 Mar	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day
Tues	21 Mar	No Mass
Wed	22 Mar	9.15am Mass 7pm School Board
Thurs	23 Mar	9.15am Mass 2pm Priest Retirement Fund Chancery
Fri	24 Mar	9.15am Mass Year 6 Reconciliation 11.40am Parish School Fete 5pm onwards
Sat	25 Mar	6pm Mass 4 th Sunday of Lent
Sun	26 Mar	9.30am Mass 4 th Sunday of Lent
Mon	27 Mar	
Tues	28 Mar	
Wed	29 Mar	
Thurs	30 Mar	
Fri	31 Mar	End of Term 1
Sat	1 Apr	6pm Mass
Sun	2 Apr	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

Inviting parishioners to join me on the 2017 Celtic and Music Tour of Ireland (September 16 – 30, 2017) Enjoy 2 wonderful weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside; experience the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy Celtic music, cuisine and its unique spirituality. Travel in comfort by coach and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour. (20 people max) If you are concerned about traveling alone or have never before ventured overseas be assured that you will be supported and made welcome by an Irish driver, guests and myself.

For an itinerary please contact Tour Director Maria Forde on 0411158593 or mariaforde1@gmail.com

Or go to www.mariaforde.com and click on Celtic Tour 2017 link then 2017 itinerary.



Fr Brendan Reed's 'engaging the hopes of parishes' was a wonderful night with around 60 participants, at the Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre, in Shepparton.

STILL UNDER
GOD'S CONSTRUCTION

LITURGY JOTTINGS

Penitential Rite:

It's purpose is to bring our failings to the Lord and ask forgiveness, then we are ready to involve ourselves more deeply in the liturgy while offering ourselves as worthy gifts at the Offertory time.

The Confitea is a beautiful is a beautiful prayer when we are humble enough in the midst of friends and parishioners to say we are sinners and we need help.

The form we mostly use is when we recognise the greatest, love and compassion of God in the three prayers and we have the three responses Lord Have Mercy . . .

This form, or three prayers, will often pick up some theme of the day or the Gospel.

But it is a special moment, not to be lost, when we recognise our failings and the love and compassion of God.

St Joseph – Husband of Virgin Mary 18th March

Joseph was the man God trusted to be the provider and protector of the Holy Family.

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24).

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, 20 "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:19-25).

Sending people can be more important than sending money

Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, but especially education, please consider volunteering with Palms Australia.

Information Session: Saturday March 25, 10.30 am to noon

Ross House (247 Flinders Lane)

RSVP joey@palms.org.au or call 0431 995 058

Can't make it? Call now about applying for positions currently available. OR Look first via Palms two week encounter'

<http://www.palms.org.au/encounters/>. Go with a friend and get great discounts!

LENTEN REFLECTION LEAFLETS

The third 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.

'Why is that book in the Bible?' Fr Brian Boyle.

How do we know the word of God is inspired? Who decided which books go in the Bible and why is it so important for Catholics? Fr Brian Boyle is Episcopal Vicar for Education for the Sandhurst Diocese and lecturer in Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne.

7.30 – 9.00 pm

- **Tuesday March 21, St Brigid's Centre, WANGARATTA**
- **Wednesday March 22, Sacred Heart Church, Catholic Parish of WODONGA**

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March 22: Catholic Parish of Wodonga:

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Ph: (02) 6024 3366. **No Cost.**



*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41



Lenten Focus: Prayer

The Gospel on Ash Wednesday serves as an overture for Lent, presenting three exercises: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Prayer is too wide and multi-varied activity to treat briefly. The Christian is encouraged to give extra attention to prayer during Lent. Individual or private prayer, communal prayer and liturgical prayer are three ways. The Scrutinies in the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults have a particular pattern of prayer in which the congregation asks God to assist the catechumens on their path of conversion: to heal, enlighten, strengthen and fill them with the spirit of Christ. In the fifth week of Lent the Lord's Prayer, is presented to them as the paradigm for all Christian Prayer.

Quote for the Week

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.
(Response, Sunday)

Looking at the Readings

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice? © Dianne Bergant CSS.

Pope Francis on Lent

The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol. Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.

(Lenten Pastoral 2017 para 2)

On the Lighter Side

Two men meet on the street: "How are you?" one asks.

The other replies: "I'm fine, thanks." "And how's your son? Is he still unemployed?" "Yes, he is. But he is meditating now." "Meditating? What's that?" "I don't know. But it's better than sitting around doing nothing!"

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28