

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.

4th Sunday of Lent – 26 March 2017



Week 4: Vietnam

In a small town in Vietnam, a severe disability kept young Nguyet behind closed doors. Constrained by the high demands of her condition, her parents were also isolated from their neighbours. There is a high level of disability in Vietnam, particularly as a legacy of war, but little support for families whose children have disabilities. People with disability have poorer health outcomes, lower educational achievements, lower economic participation and higher rates of poverty than people without disability.

The future seemed bleak for the whole family, until Nguyet's family became participants in a program supported by Caritas Australia.

A neighbour kindly introduced the family to the Capacity Building for Parent Associations Supporting Children with Disabilities program, which has given them several levels.

Nguyet has learnt to read and write and better manage her physical needs, and her creative gifts have been unlocked. Now she is increasingly engaging with her neighbours, and she and her parents are more confident about the future.

Nguyet now has great hope for her future.

Child Protection

As you are aware, the Diocese is implementing Child Safety in all parishes. Anne McIntosh has been appointed as the new Child Safe Co-Ordinator to assist parishes with the implementation of this critical program in parishes. There are 7 standards that we have to implement to ensure a strong culture of child safety in Sacred Heart Parish to protect children from all forms of abuse.

We have developed a draft Child Safety Policy and a draft Child Safe Code of Conduct. These two documents will be discussed and signed off by the Parish Pastoral Council and then presented to the parish. These are living documents and parishioners are welcome to make suggestions for amendments. These documents will be displayed with the posters which are already in the Narthex, placed on the parish website and made available to all families.

We have ensured that Fr, Michael, staff and volunteers who have any contact and regular dealings with children have a Working with Children Check. Records are kept in the parish office.

We are working though all of the standards and our progress will be documented and clearly communicated to the parish.

HELP FOR EASTER CEREMONIES

We still 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. Thank you to all who can assist.

We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Pat Kilmartin
For those whose anniversary occurs	Pasquale Giorgio, Adolorata Corbo, Agelina Romano, Vera Kerrins, Pat Kerrins, Colleen Feehan, Gabrielle Feehan
Our sick and their carers	Dennis Smith, Fr John Ware, Eileen Ryan, Kelly McNamara, Jim Hamilton, Hugh Nihill

(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 1 Apr 6pm	S Hicks	C Coulston	J Harford	D Woodman P Baldwin	D Bourke A Hicks R Kelly	C Coulston
Sun 2 Apr 9.30am	S Nihill	M Spedding	T White	K & T Nihill	C Coulston B Curtis T Miller	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	27 Mar	No Mass
Tuesday	28 Mar	No Mass
Wednesday	29 Mar	9.15am Mass intention for Maria Borrelli relatives
Thursday	30 Mar	9.15am Mass intention for Colleen & Gabrielle Feehan
Friday	31 Mar	9.15am Mass
Saturday	1 Apr	6pm Mass
Sunday	2 Apr	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	1 Apr	11.30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

MARCH / APRIL DIARY DATES		
Mon	27 Mar	
Tues	28 Mar	No Mass
Wed	29 Mar	9.15am Mass intention for Maria Borrelli relatives
Thurs	30 Mar	9.15am Mass intention for Colleen & Gabrielle Feehan
Fri	31 Mar	9.15am Mass 1 st Term Ends
Sat	1 Apr	6pm Mass 5 th Sunday of Lent Baptism Alec Mercuri
Sun	2 Apr	9.30am Mass 5 th Sunday of Lent Baptism Joshua Wright
Mon	3 Apr	
Tues	4 Apr	
Wed	5 Apr	
Thurs	6 Apr	Parish Reconciliation 7.30pm
Fri	7 Apr	
Sat	8 Apr	6pm Mass
Sun	9 Apr	9.30am Mass Palm Sunday

PASTORAL CARE

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FAREWELL FOR FATHER JOVEN – ST MEL'S

St Mel's, Shepparton South, are holding a farewell evening for Fr Joven in the St Mel's School hall on Tuesday the 28th of March from 7pm to 9pm.

The evening will provide parishioners and friends with an opportunity to thank Father Joven for his faithful service over the past years.

Those attending are asked to bring a plate to share on the night. If you would like to contribute anything for Father's going away, which will assist him to continue his apostolate and pastoral work back home in the Philippines, please contact the St Mel's Parish office or see any of the Parish Pastoral Council members.

There will be a donation box available on the night. Thank you

Prayer

For our sisters and brothers throughout the world who face discrimination and are prevented from reaching their full potential: May the love and support of family and community sustain them as they participate fully in decisions that affect them. We pray as one.

Amen

Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you.
Romans 15:7

LITURGY JOTTINGS CONTINUED

The Gloria

The prayer is omitted during Lent and Advent. It is normally only said at weekend Masses and special feast days but not week days.

The Mass itself is our time to give praise and thanks to God. We do this by offering gifts which then become Jesus' offering (his life) to the Father.

So we anticipate this with the Gloria, a prayer uniting the congregation in praise and glory to God. Whenever possible this should be done by singing.

Fr Michael

'The Power of One'

This phrase is used so often these days, and with good reason. There are individuals with the power to dream with courage, passion and faith. They are having an enormous impact on our world.

I was reading in the Australian Catholic about Pope Francis and the new app he has created – clicktopray.org. He didn't want to pray alone for the needs of the world, so, by creating this app he has people around the world joining him.

He also puts out a monthly video at thepopevideo.org. In the first month when the video was released it was shared by 500 million. It settles down to average 10-14 million a month.

I wonder where this man gets the time to do what he does, but when he receives such amazing reviews and responses with millions hanging on his every word he cannot say no. What pressure!

Pope Francis is one who certainly deserves and shares the title – the Power of One.



This adorable 3-year-old got a chuckle out of Pope Francis when she tried to steal his skullcap.

SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Week Liturgies in the Mercy Centre:

All parents and parishioners are encouraged to come along to our Holy Week Liturgies. They are a key element of our Religious Education learning this Lenten season.

Monday 27th March 3pm - Palm Sunday Liturgy led by P/1s

Wednesday 29th March 3pm – Holy Thursday Liturgy led by 3/4s

Thursday 30th March 3pm – Good Friday Liturgy led by 5/6s

Friday 31st March 10:30am – Easter Sunday Liturgy led by 2s

LENTEN REFLECTION LEAFLETS

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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 26 March 2017

This week on the Journey, we have Sr Hilda Scott OSB from the Abbey sharing her Wisdom on The Arthritic Heart. Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy reminds us about Developing Our Spiritual Lives and Francine Pirola in SMART Loving talks about The Single-Minded Search. To add to this great line up, we have some fabulous contemporary Christian musician, and this creates a show that is all about faith, hope 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.

Lenten Blessing:

As evening comes, keep our focus on you.

As evening comes, keep our hearts true.

As evening comes, may we become your peace.
May God, the Creator, bless us.

May God, the Word, Jesus Christ, guide us.

May the Holy Spirit enlighten us and give us what we need.

Thank you God for today and every day.

Amen.



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45



Lenten Focus: Almsgiving

The third Lenten discipline read on Ash Wednesday was Almsgiving or giving to the poor. It is linked to fasting and follows the call of the prophets for justice and charity for the needy. There are many worthy people and causes to support. Donors do not like cheats. St Francis of Assisi, poor himself, gave to the poor, knowing it is better to err on judgement than to deny the genuine poor. Trusted aid agencies like Caritas, Project Compassion, and Red Cross rely on volunteers, international sister agencies and partners to ensure the bulk on donations are rightly and justly delivered in helping others.

Quote for the Week

"Create a clean heart in me,
O Lord, give back to me
the joy of your salvation."
Gospel Acclamation, Tuesday

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Looking at the Readings

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ? © Dianne Bergant CSS

Pope Francis on Lent

The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that "we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" (1 Tim 6:7). (Lenten Pastoral 2017 para 3)

On the Lighter Side

At a cathedral door a beggar always stretched out his hand, pleading for alms. One day he stretched out both of his hands. A man asked him: "All these days, you were stretching out only one hand—why are you today stretching out two hands?" The beggar replied: "Praise God! Business was so good that I opened another branch!"



See! I will not forget you . . .
I have carved you on the palm of my hand. Isaiah 49:15