

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.

5th Sunday of Lent – 2 April 2017



Week 5: Fiji

Semiti says, *"Through the voice of the poor we can become one, and it's very powerful."*

Semiti grew up in an informal, or 'squatter', settlement in Fiji. More than a quarter of Fiji's people live in these settlements, with little hope of finding permanent housing and land. Their situation is particularly vulnerable – many live in unstable shelters, and there is a constant threat of extreme climate events. Children have few opportunities for education, and unemployment levels are high. There is little access to public services such as roads, water supply, electricity and garbage collection.

Now Semiti is working together with other residents of informal settlements to make positive changes. He is the Director of the People's Community Network (PCN) which Caritas Australia supports. PCN helps empower landless people in Fiji, enabling them to address the issues that affect their lives. The network helps people in each settlement to advocate together to improve their living conditions. They work in committees on issues relating to health and hygiene; care of the elderly and of women who need empowerment; education needs; and unemployment.

All envelopes and boxes need to be back by Easter Sunday.

Easter Mass Timetable 2017 Sacred Heart Tatura

6th April Thursday 2017

7:30 pm Parish Reconciliation

13th April Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

14th April Good Friday

10:00 am Stations of the Cross

14th April Good Friday

3:00 pm The Passion of Our Lord

15th April Easter Saturday

7:00 pm Easter Vigil

16th April Easter Sunday

9:30 am Mass

This is the highlight of the Liturgical Year and we look forward to having you celebrate with us.

CHRISM MASS

The Mass of the Oils is another term for this special Mass. The Bishop, priests of the diocese, parishioners from parishes around the diocese will gather for the blessing and consecration of the oils for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of Sick. All are welcome to attend the Mass at 11am at the Cathedral in Bendigo on Tuesday 11th April. You may wish to present the oils on behalf of the Parish.

Fr Michael

We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Kevin Webster, Kath Webster
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 8 Apr 6pm	M Kelly	R Kelly	J Webster	P Moroney P Newman	P Baldwin S Finlayson A Ciavarella	T Warnett
Sun 9 Apr 9.30am	M Kerrins	Matt Nihill	T Nihill	K Stewart B Maher	C Coulston L Kerrins P Kerrins	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	3 April	No Mass
Tuesday	4 April	No Mass
Wednesday	5 April	9.15am Mass
Thursday	6 April	9.15am Mass
Friday	7 April	9.15am Mass
Saturday	8 April	6pm Mass
Sunday	9 April	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	8 April	11.30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

APRIL DIARY DATES

Mon	3 Apr	
Tues	4 Apr	
Wed	5 Apr	6pm Parish Pastoral Council School Staff Room
Thurs	6 Apr	Parish Reconciliation 7.30pm
Fri	7 Apr	
Sat	8 Apr	6pm Mass
Sun	9 Apr	9.30am Mass Palm Sunday Morning Tea
Mon	10 Apr	Holy Week commences
Tues	11 Apr	11am Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo 7pm St Vincent de Paul at the Centre
Wed	12 Apr	
Thurs	13 Apr	Holy Thursday
Fri	14 Apr	Good Friday
Sat	15 Apr	6.30pm Easter Saturday Vigil
Sun	16 Apr	9.30am Easter Sunday

PASTORAL CARE

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

Fete Raffle Winners

1st Prize C Larkins
2nd Prize Anthony Hutchison
3rd Prize Archie Pogue
4th Prize Kellie Stevens
5th Prize Ingrid Abrahams
6th Prize Tricia Martinek
7th Prize Travis & Sarah Worm
8th Prize Bruce Dowell
9th Prize Ged Pollerd
10th Prize Katherine Ferguson

Congratulations and well done. If you have not collected your prize, it is available in the office for collection.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 2 April 2017

This week on the Journey, we are so very grateful to hear the grounding words from Sr Hilda Scott from the Abbey talking about “Being on the mat with God”. Trish McCarthy reminds us to “Guard Your Heart” in her Milk and Honey section and Marilyn Rodrigues of the Peaceful Parent speaks to us about Family Retreats (repeat). Our music is carefully selected to weave in and out seamlessly to create 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.

Wishing all our students, families and staff at Sacred Heart a happy and holy Easter. Enjoy the sunshine and holidays!



Project Compassion – Sacred Heart School

Total raised was \$585.10
What an awesome effort everyone well

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

LITURGY JOTTINGS CONTINUED

Opening Prayer:

This may seem strange when we have already had an opening hymn, welcome, penitential rite, and Gloria?

We would simply explain this preliminary part by saying this is all preparation: gathering the community; being at rights with God through forgiveness and praise, now we are ready to go!

The Opening Prayer is referred to as one of the three 'Proper' Prayers of the Mass. The other two are the Prayers of the Gifts and the Prayer after Communion. 'Proper' means what is set down or appropriate for the Sunday.

It will often pick up some theme especially on a feast day or feast of a Saint.

The priest extends his hands as he prays on behalf of the gathered community. This prayer now sets the scene as we now sit to listen to the Word of God.

Fr Michael

LENTEN REFLECTION LEAFLETS

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

PALM SUNDAY

9 APRIL 2017

ACTS of SOLIDARITY
with PEOPLE SEEKING OUR PROTECTION

1.00: Prayer Service — St Patrick's Cathedral,
East Melbourne

1.40: Depart Cathedral to join:

2.00 Walk for Justice for Refugees
State Library of Victoria



Proudly supported by -

* Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project * Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum * CatholicCare *
* Office for Justice & Peace * Melbourne Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office * Pax Christi *
* Welcome the Asylum Seeker Parish Support Program *

Inquiries: justice@cam.org.au or 99269727

CWL Annual Mass Crusade – Tatura

Catholic Women's League Members are reminded that the Annual Mass Crusade for Tatura will be April 3 - 7. Masses and Prayers are requested for the intentions of the Holy Father, the universal Church, the work of WUCWO, all the special Works of the Catholic Women's League and the intentions of all Members. **The Pope's Intentions for April - Young People.** That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

The CWL Banner will be in the side chapel for Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

The "Freedom Stories" of Refugees in Australia

Friday 21 April 2017

9.30 am – 2.30 pm

Monsignor Jeffrey Centre
Knight St Shepparton

Keynote Speaker:

Tim O'Connor

**Communications Director,
Refugee Council of Australia**

**For Teachers and Student Social Justice Leaders, Parishioners
All Welcome!**

- Learn about the experience of refugees in detention and post-detention
- Hear case studies from close to home
- Break open a resource for schools and parishes
- Consider ways you can learn more and respond

For Teacher/School Registration please go to: [Professional Learning](#)
Parishioners registration please contact
David Walker, Education Officer: Religious Education on 0439 201 307
or dwalker@ceosand.catholic.edu.au
Morning Tea and Lunch provided



Catholic Education Office Sandhurst



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66



Liturgical Jottings

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. (GIRM 29)

Thought for the Week

'Unbind us, and let us go.' In what ways are we still bound? How does Jesus set us free? How do we set others free?

Did you know?

"Jesus wept." John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the New Testament.

Quote of the Week

Jesus said to Martha, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' John

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Looking at the Readings

The Gospel of the raising of Lazarus and the first and second readings are based on release from what binds us. The Spirit energises us, fills us with life, releases us and sets us free.

Mary, Martha and Lazarus are special friends of Jesus who lived in Bethany, a small town on the outskirts of Jerusalem, just over the Mount of Olives. Some commentators claim that the Beloved Disciple is Lazarus.

The presence of many Jews implies they are engaged in a somewhat ritualised mourning observance, but it is unclear that it is "sitting-shiva" (observing a week of home-based mourning during which time others came to console the mourners).

This resuscitation of Lazarus occurs about a week before the last days of Jesus' life.

Jesus turns towards his 'hour'. The clash between Jesus and "the Jews" has intensified. Jesus returns to the place on the other side of the Jordan where his ministry began. Jesus is now going towards his death. True life cannot be had without death. Lazarus comes to life, as Jesus turns towards death that will give eternal life. However, the life restored to Lazarus is temporary. This is indicated by the clothes of death he is wearing as he comes forth from the tomb. The life, which the death of Jesus produces, will last forever. This will be indicated at the resurrection of Jesus, where the clothes of death will be found carefully wrapped, and laid to one side.

The calling forth of Lazarus from death and darkness of the tomb to new life echoes the Christian belief in the power of Baptism.

Martha pronounces "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world" as a response to Jesus who reveals himself as the resurrection and the life. Her faith does not depend upon or flow from seeing her brother raised from the dead. Faith does not rest on proof.

On the Lighter Side

Some One Liners

You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.



Isaiah 41:10 *fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*