

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.

Palm Sunday – 9 April 2017

LITURGY JOTTINGS CONTINUED

The Word of God:

We have three readings for Feast days, Solemn Feasts and Sunday Masses.

We have two readings for weekday Masses.

The first reading is usually from the Old Testament, the second reading from the New Testament and usually one of Paul's letters.

The Gospel is from the four evangelists and Matthew, Mark and Luke share it year about and John is included during special seasons like Lent.

The Responsorial Psalm is what it says, a response. It is our way of responding in praise to hearing the word of God.

The verse before the Gospel is to help us to be ready to welcome the 'Word' (Christ) in the Gospel. We reverence this moment by standing.

Fr Michael

Easter Mass Timetable 2017 Sacred Heart Tatura

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.***

Reconciliation Thursday 6th April



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	Sister Imelda Gain rsm
For those whose anniversary occurs	Giuseppina Peluso, Jerko Devic
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	EASTER ROSTER					Trish Warnett
Sun 9 Apr 9.30am						

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	10 April	No Mass
Tuesday	11 April	No Mass
Wednesday	12 April	9.15am Mass intention for Giuseppina Peluso
Thursday	13 April	Refer to Easter Timetable on front page
Friday	14 April	
Saturday	15 April	
Sunday	16 April	
Saturday Reconciliation	15 April	No Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

APRIL DIARY DATES		
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	Intention for Giuseppina Peluso
Thurs	13 Apr	Holy Thursday
Fri	14 Apr	Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross 3pm The Passion of our Lord
Sat	15 Apr	6.30pm Easter Saturday Vigil
Sun	16 Apr	9.30am Easter Sunday
Mon	17 Apr	Easter Monday
Tues	18 Apr	
Wed	19 Apr	
Thurs	20 Apr	
Fri	21 Apr	
Sat	22 Apr	6pm Mass
Sun	23 Apr	9.15am Mass Baptism Joshua Blake Wright

PASTORAL CARE

- Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869
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Nature prayer

My Lord, Thank you for my family.
Thank you for cats and dogs and the birds that tweet and other animals. Thank God for the fun we have at school. Thank you God for my home and all the parks and everywhere else in the world.
Amen. Olivia Zobec

Bishop Les Tomlinson's Easter Message

Bishop Les recently recorded his Easter Message in the parish church of St Mary's, Golden Square. The message can now be viewed on the Diocesan homepage
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

ANZAC DAY – TUESDAY 25TH APRIL.

Catholic War Veterans Mass of Remembrance

The annual Mass of Remembrance sponsored by Catholic War Veterans of Bendigo and District will be held at St Kilians Church, McCrae Street, Bendigo on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 9:00am.

Veterans, currently serving personnel, family members, descendants and other interested parishioners are invited to attend.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Parishioners please return your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes. They can be placed in the collections or given to Trish

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 9 April 2017

This week on the Journey, we are invited by Bruce Downs, the Catholic Guy to focus on “being grateful”, which is sometimes very difficult. Sam Clear talks about “Pain and suffering in God’s plan” and we hear a wonderful reflection by Francine Pirola in *SMARTloving* about “committed to being committed”. We have some amazing Christian music artists in our line-up this week to help us create a show that is all 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.

Young Adult 18+ Bible Study Group

"A Young Adult 18+ Bible Study Group is being held on Wednesday 24th May with Fr Rob Galea - St Kilian's Youth Centre at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to deepen your faith. For further information please email: stkilians@sandhurst.catholic.org.au Second meeting is 14th June."

VOCATIONS AND POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2017 is, "That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life". Let us join with Pope Francis during this month and pray daily for this intention. From Bendigo Serra Club.

SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY for parishioners & teachers focussing on **Refugees in Australia** with Tim O'Connor (ex-Tongala) Communications Director, Refugee Council of Australia on Fri 21 April from 9.30 – 2.30 at Mons Jeffrey Centre, Knight St Shepparton. Morning Tea & Lunch provided. To register, contact David Walker 0439 201307 dwalker@ceosand.catholic.edu.au

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT WHEN BUYING YOUR EASTER CHOCOLATE

Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.” World Vision in its 2015 report, *Chocolate’s Bitter Taste*, estimates that **Australians spend up to \$3 billion on chocolate a year**, with sales peaking at Easter. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by enslaved children, particularly in West Africa. You can make a difference to the world, and to the lives of these children, by buying only slavery-free chocolate.

Action: Please buy and eat only slavery-free Easter eggs and chocolate this Easter? Look for one of these three symbols on the chocolate wrapper and make a difference.



Seeking climate champions

Right now it's more important than ever to raise our voices for climate justice. Caritas Australia is seeking volunteers to help build the largest faith-driven climate justice campaign in Australia's history. We'll provide you with training and ongoing support, and connect you with a network of like-minded community advocates. To learn more and register your interest see www.caritas.org.au/climate-petition

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.”

MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross”. These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.



*Readings for
this week:*

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



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8
John 20:1-9 or Matt 28:1-10



Liturgy Notes

The liturgy is the action of Christ in his Body. The church must be designed for the entire gathered assembly, provide for the participation of all, never designed for performers and audience, for players and spectators. The unity of Christ and the Church is revealed and experienced in the celebration of the liturgy.

Thought of the week

Read the passion putting yourself into the story. Become one of the people there and see it through their eyes. Would you be with Jesus at the foot of the cross? Would you as a follower of Jesus look on from a distance? When Jesus breathes his last breath would you be affirming him as a Son of God like the Roman Centurion?

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Looking at the Readings

The Gospel, which begins this celebration of the Lord, commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and into our lives. In the Passion according to Matthew we enter into the most solemn time of our Liturgical Year. We receive Jesus as our King in the first Gospel read and reject him in favour of Caesar in the Passion story. How often this reflects our own lives where we fervently proclaim our love of Jesus and yet in our life fail to love him fully? Thankfully we can seek reconciliation and begin again. We can take heart in that we are like Peter: redemption and salvation is available. It is better to follow the example of Peter rather than Judas.

When Jesus calls out "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" he is quoting Psalm 21 not despairing and losing faith in his Father. But praying in trust to God his Father

Celebrations of Holy Week

- Tuesday: Chrism Mass where the Bishop will bless the oil for the sick and oil of Catechumenate and consecrate Chrism that are used in the sacraments. Bendigo Cathedral at 11am
- Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper with washing of the feet and procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose
- Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: reading of the Passion according to John and veneration of the Cross. Many parishes also have the Stations of the Cross and/or an ecumenical Way of the Cross.
- Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil, the greatest night of the year has the Liturgies of Light, the Word, Baptism and the Eucharist. The new Paschal candle is lit from the Easter Fire and processed into a darkened church, Baptisms are celebrated and all renew their baptismal promises with lighted candle. The Great Alleluia is sung and the Easter Eucharist celebrated
- Easter Sunday: The Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord, renewal of Baptism promises.



On the Lighter Side

An atheist complained to a Christian friend, "You Christians have such great holidays, such as Christmas and Easter. Jews celebrate their holidays, such as Passover and Hanukkah. But we atheists have no recognised holidays, It's unfair." His friend replied, "Why don't you celebrate April first?"

Ephesians 1:18 *May you know the hope to which God has called you.*