

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.

Second Sunday of Easter – 23 April 2017

A prayer for ANZAC Day

Protector God

We thank You for the freedoms we enjoy. We remember there is a cost that comes with freedom, the great sacrifice. We know that in our nation today, we are free to speak, to move, to share, to protest, to worship as we wish. For these gifts, we are incredibly grateful. Yet we understand how quickly these freedoms can be taken away.

We thank you for the brave women and men who have fought so courageously for our nation and for those who continue to defend the safety and rights of people across the globe. We ask for Your blessing on them and upon their families, encircling them in Your peace.

Please be with those who wear the uniform, who serve our communities and our nation every day. We ask that You provide them with Your protection, drawing them to Yourself amidst the dangers they face in a world which is too often dark, for You are the Truth, the Way and the Life.

When voices of hate rise up against them, we implore You to silence them. When the plans of an enemy are in place, we ask You to cause them to falter.

When violence is at hand against the innocent, we pray that You will stop it. When the agents of evil endanger our service personnel, we ask Your mighty protection. We ask this, and all our prayers, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

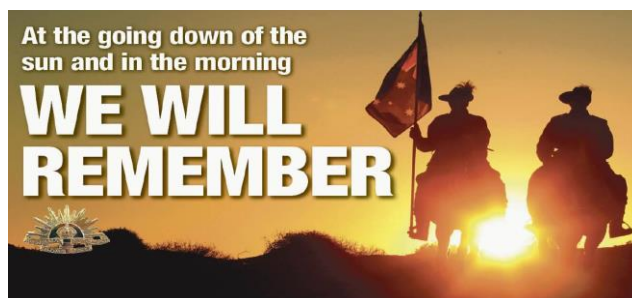
Amen

HAPPY 80th PAT BALDWIN

On Easter Monday Pat Baldwin celebrated her 80th birthday with family and friends in the Parish Hall. It was a beautiful celebration. Pat's family decorated the hall superbly and the food was magnificent. We hope Pat that you had a wonderful time surrounded by all your loved ones.



ANZAC DAY MASS 9AM TUESDAY 25 APRIL



We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Carolyn Moore, Garrett Boak (son of Principal Wangaratta), Chris Harford
For those whose anniversary occurs	Michelina Pietropaolo, Tom Flanagan, James Kearney, Michael Kearney, Jack Smith
Our sick and their carers	Dennis Smith, Fr John Ware, Eileen Ryan, Kelly McNamara, Jim Hamilton, Hugh Nihill, Mons Peter Jeffrey

(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 April 29 th 6pm	C Coulston	G Ranson	P Baldwin	D Turvey M Sgamotta	L McGrath A Hutchison J Webster	D & L Worm
Sun April 30 th 9.30am	R Kelly	R Miller	C White	M Kerrins E Kerrins	L Kerrins P Kerrins D Worm	

MASSSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	24 April	No Mass
Tuesday	25 April	ANZAC Day Mass 9am
Wednesday	26 April	Funeral Mass 10.30 Chris Harford
Thursday	27 April	No Mass
Friday	28 April	9.15am Mass intention for Jack Smith
Saturday	29 April	6pm Mass
Sunday	30 April	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	29 April	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

APRIL/ MAY DIARY DATES

Mon	24 Apr	
Tues	25 Apr	Special ANZAC Day Mass 9am
Wed	26 Apr	10.30 Funeral Mass for Chris Harford
Thurs	27 Apr	No Mass
Fri	28 Apr	9.15am intention for Jack Smith
Sat	29 Apr	6pm Mass Baptism Alexandra Hippisley
Sun	30 Apr	9.30am Mass
Mon	1 May	
Tues	2 May	
Wed	3 May	9.15am intention for Bill Corrigan CWL 2pm Parish Hall
Thurs	4 May	9.15am intention for Tom Flanagan 2pm Priests Retirement Fund Chancery
Fri	5 May	9.15am School Mass
Sat	6 May	6pm Mass
Sun	7 May	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

Did you know?

Historically, ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) was an acronym devised by Major General William Birdwood's staff in Cairo in early 1915.



*I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)

Divine Will Meeting at Holy Rosary Church

Divine Will Meeting at Holy Rosary Church, Hamelin Street, White Hills commencing with Mass at 9am, Thursday May the 11th. The day will conclude with Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm to 3:30pm. B.Y.O. Lunch. Tea and coffee are provided.

NEW ROSTERS ARE IN THE FOLDER IN THE NARTHEX

Amazing Grace

Olaudah Equiano (1745 – 1796) was only 11 years old when he was abducted and sold into slavery. He made the harrowing journey from his homeland in West Africa to the West Indies. He eventually ended up in England.

Some how, by the age of twenty he had purchased his own freedom; but by no means free of the emotional and physical scars of the treatment he had experienced over the nine years.

He became involved in the movement to abolish the slave trade in England. He met up, in 1782, with William Wilberforce, William Pitt, John Newton, and, with others formed a formidable group.

Wilberforce who eventually had the Bill passed in Parliament in 1807; Pitt who became Prime Minister and John Newton who wrote the words to Amazing Grace.

The Spirit was very active in these men, particularly Wilberforce because he was thinking of becoming a Minister in the Church of England but his friends encouraged him to continue in his work of abolition as that was God's work for him.

We wouldn't doubt that God would be encouraging William in his work, as God, in Jesus, wanted people to be free.

Jesus died that we would be free from the bonds of sin and free to enter into eternal life. He wanted people to turn away from sin whatever was enslaving them, so they could be free. Many times Jesus uses the word 'slave' to talk about sin.

He would make comments, "go and sin no more", "unbind him, let him go free", "your faith has set you free", "the Truth has set you free".

God's greatest gift to us was free will and he doesn't want it compromised. He wants us to be free to love him and give him glory and praise. He healed people in their sickness such as leprosy or blindness because they were not free. He wants us to be in control of our lives not be dominated, driven or enslaved by our sinful ways.

When Jesus came, He fought a battle for all of us who are enslaved and unable to fight for ourselves. Our slavery is not one of outward chains. We are held by our own brokenness and sin. Jesus said, "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin."

So, we have this responsibility to set ourselves free but what about others? Are we guilty of putting the shackles on people around us? We could do this by dominating their lives; leading them into our bad habits; what pressures and demands do we inflict on others? Jesus says what do you inflict on others then don't lift a finger to ease their burden?

Freedom is a wonderful blessing and we are blessed to enjoy it in Australia. We should never jeopardize it in any form whatsoever, on ourselves, or others.

We can applaud William Wilberforce for what he achieved in the abolition of the slave trade in England but could he challenge us in some aspects of our lives? We all need Amazing Grace working in our lives.

Fr Michael G Morley

EUTHANASIA / ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION FROM BISHOP LESLIE

As you may know, the Victorian Parliament will debate an assisted suicide or euthanasia bill sometime in the second half of 2017.

I write to you noting the Church's concern at this development. Over the next few months, the Life, Marriage and Family Office in the Melbourne Archdiocese will develop resources that will support our efforts in providing prayer support, information and opportunities for the faithful to become involved. We should be open to and supportive of the work of the various family and life organisations in Victoria who will be likewise seeking the engagement of Christians and people of good will across the state.

I would ask that you read the accompanying pastoral letter at parish Masses the weekend of the 22nd/23rd April, 2017 and/or make copies available for people to take home – there are copies in the Narthex.

Our response to this grave concern will be developed further over coming months where we will consider the Church's public role and further opportunities for Catholics and others to become involved.

We are seeking lay people in each parish who are willing to be involved in this issue. If there is someone in your parish who has already made known their interest, I would ask that you forward their details to the Life, Marriage & Family Office. If more than one person in your parish is interested in volunteering, I ask you to select the person you believe will do this work with wisdom, sensitivity and discretion. In the absence of any sign of volunteerism, please seek out a suitable person.

Once a suitable person has been found, please ask them to pass on their name, parish and contact to the Life, Marriage & Family Office at lmf@cam.org.au or on (03) 9287 5587 as soon as possible.

CHILD SAFE - Sacred Heart Church Tatura Child Safe Policy Child Safe Code of Conduct

The Parish has now had a Child Safe Policy and Child Safe Code of Conduct ratified by the Pastoral Council and signed off by Fr. Michael. These documents are on the notice board in the Narthex and copies are available on the table. They will also be available on the website. If you would like a copy please contact the Parish Office. Child safety is a priority in this parish, consequently a Child Safety Officer – Anne Hutchison – has been appointed. We will elaborate on Anne's role in later Bulletins.



Readings for
this week:

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35



Liturgical Jottings

The MASS consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed. (GIRM 28)

Pope Francis

Jesus, Lord of glory by your resurrection, which this year (2016 & 2017) we celebrate together with the Churches that follow the Julian calendar, we ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace. ... On this day, may we be able to proclaim, as brothers and sisters, that Christ is risen, *Khrystos voskres!* Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace! Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Easter Sunday Urbe Et Orbi 2016

Looking at the Readings

Today in the Gospel we have the famous affirmation of faith by Thomas, a twin, when after wanting concrete proof he makes the famous statement of faith: 'My Lord and my God!' How so like us. We often demand unreasonable types of 'scientific' proof before we will believe. There are many things we cannot see but we believe in such as 'love', an 'idea in our mind'. We cannot touch these but we know they exist. Thomas asks the question we all want to ask. Jesus does not condemn him but praises those who believed on hearing the testimony of other creditable witnesses. The disciples are commissioned to go out to the world, proclaiming Jesus, forgiving sins. He breathes the Holy Spirit on them and sends them out. We are called and sent out too through our Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Indeed at the end of each Eucharist we too are sent forth to witness to Christ Jesus.

Quote of the Week

'My Lord and my God!' St Thomas (John 20:28)

ANZAC Day: Tuesday 25 April

No greater love: today we remember the heroism and courage of Australians and New Zealanders who sacrificed their lives on the field of battle. We also remember all the civilian victims of war. In the words of the Psalmist 'O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful'. (Psalm 114:15)

Feast of the Week Our Lady of Good Counsel

The Feast is now celebrated on 27 April in Australia. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of Christ, whom Isaiah with prophetic vision called "wonderful Counsellor" (Is 9:5) In celebrating this feast we earnestly ask God for the gift of counsel, to teach us how to know his will and to guide us in all we do (Opening Prayer). Through the work of Augustinian order, devotion to the Mother of Good Counsel has spread worldwide from the Italian town of Genazzano. Our Lady of Good Counsel is the patroness of the Diocese of Sandhurst.

On the Lighter Side

A young child was "acting up" during a long Easter Vigil Mass. The parents did their best to maintain a sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. After the Litany of the Saints, his dad picked him up and walked sternly up the aisle. Just before reaching the exit door, the little fellow called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"



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Romans 8:31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?