

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.

Third Sunday of Easter – 30 April 2017

ANZAC DAY

We had a beautiful Mass last Tuesday for ANZAC Day with lovely symbols to celebrate this important day. Followed by Sacred Heart students marching to lay the wreath during the ANZAC Day service in Mactier Park. Thanks to everyone who was involved in organising this very special Mass.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New Planned Giving Envelopes are available this weekend. They are listed in alphabetical name order. Please note that the commencement date for these new envelopes is the 21st May 2017. Please ensure you collect your new envelopes or letters for credit card and direct debit contributors, from the Narthex Mass this weekend - this will save on unnecessary postage.

THERE IS A LETTER FOR EVERY GIVER

Pledge Cards are available at the back of the church if you have been away or have not as yet had a chance to complete one. The completed cards may be returned to the Parish Office during the week.

NEW LIFE – ALONG THE TRACK

Victor Frankl, was an Austrian neurologist and psychiatrist as well as a Holocaust survivor, in fact he survived the degradation and abject misery of three concentration camps. At a later stage in his extraordinarily fruitful life, Frankl wrote 'One very important aspect of life after such an experience is that everything gets precious, gets piercingly important. You get stabbed by things, by flowers and by babies and by beautiful things - just the very act of living, of walking and breathing and eating and having friends and chatting. Everything seems to look more beautiful...'

This is the opening paragraph of this month's *Along the Track*. If you have your name down for a copy they are in the Narthex or you can find it under sharings online.

BAPTISM – ALEXANDRA HIPPISELEY

Congratulations to Alexandra Hippiisley who is being baptised this weekend. We welcome you into the Sacred Heart Parish family.



We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Peter Mitchell
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 May 6 6pm	Denice Bourke	Debbie Turvey	Denise Woodman	Pauline Moroney Phyl Newman	A Ciavarella S Finlayson P Baldwin	Bill Woods
Sun May 7 9.30am	Carol Coulston	Karen Nihill	Tim Nihill	Barry & Jan Lowe	B Curtis R Kelly T Miller	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	1 May	No Mass
Tuesday	2 May	No Mass
Wednesday	3 May	9.15am intention for Bill Corrigan
Thursday	4 May	9.15am Mass intention for Tom Flanagan
Friday	5 May	9.15am School Mass Theme - Mothers
Saturday	6 May	6pm Mass
Sunday	7 May	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	6 May	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	



This week's Gospel Luke 24: 13-35

APRIL/ MAY DIARY DATES

Mon	1 May	
Tues	2 May	
Wed	3 May	9.15am intention for Bill Corrigan 11.30am Anne McIntosh Child Protection Officer CWL meeting 2pm Parish Hall 6pm Parish Pastoral Council School Staff Room
Thurs	4 May	2pm Priest Retirement Fund Chancery
Fri	5 May	9.15am First Friday School Mass Theme - Mothers PPR Day
Sat	6 May	6pm Mass
Sun	7 May	9.30am Mass
Mon	8 May	
Tues	9 May	St Vincent de Paul meeting 7pm at the Centre
Wed	10 May	No Mass
Thurs	11 May	No Mass
Fri	12 May	No Mass
Sat	13 May	6pm Mass with Fr Brendan Byrne
Sun	14 May	9.30am Mass Mother's Day with Fr Brendan Byrne

PASTORAL CARE

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" LUKE 24:32

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

My Dad's Better Than Your Dad

Three boys on the playground were bragging about their dads. One said. "My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a song and they pay him 50 bucks." "Oh, yah. My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a poem and they pay him 100 bucks." "That's nothin'," said the third kid. My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a sermon and it takes six people to collect all the money!"

LITURGY JOTTINGS (cont) – GOD’S WORD

We Catholics have often been referred to as Eucharistic people. This is because we put so much emphasis on the Eucharist. We can prove this point by saying what is most important for us when it comes to the Mass? We would say Holy Communion!

The Mass is made up of two important parts: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Both are equally important. We understand that we are fed with the Eucharist but don’t really accept or understand that we are fed with the Word of God.

A part for us here is; do we take particular notice or attention to make sure that we don’t miss anything from the Word of God when it is proclaimed? We wouldn’t miss going up to be fed with the Eucharist, ‘Holy Communion’ so the same with the Word, we need to be nourished with God’s Word to help us in our daily lives.

The Gospel acclamation today at Mass sums this up very well for us. “No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

We try to emphasize the importance of the Word by the symbols and liturgical actions. We do this by a special space called a lectern. We stand to show respect to hearing the Gospel proclaimed. We have a gospel acclamation to sing or proclaim before we listen.

We use the three ‘signs of the Cross’ to help us to remember to listen with our heart.

The priest introduces the gospel by saying the greeting – ‘The Lord be with you’ this is to get our attention and help us to focus from other distractions.

We process with the Book of the Gospels to again highlight the importance that this is ‘God’s Word’ . . . and he is speaking to each of us in a way that is truly ‘Mystery’ because we hear what God wants us to hear.

So don’t deny Him this opportunity to speak personally to his children.

Fr Michael Morley

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.

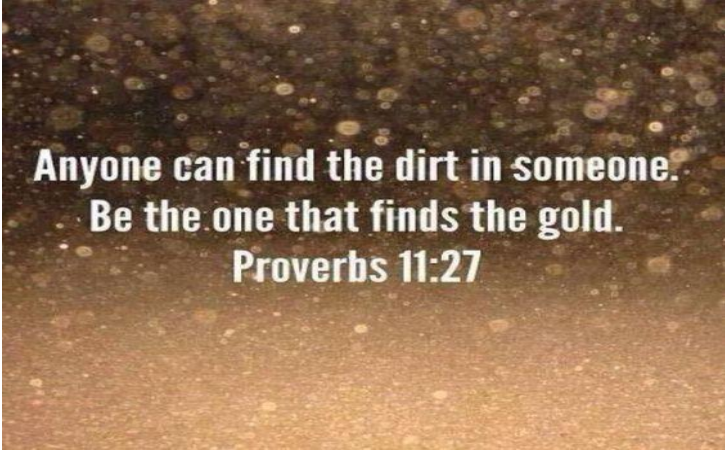
**“LISTENING TO POPE FRANCIS:
CHALLENGING NATIONALISM, MARKET RULE
& OVERCONFIDENCE IN TECHNOLOGY”,
Bishop Robert McElroy, Bishop of San Diego
US. Friday 23 June 2017, 5 pm – 6.30 m,
Newman College, Melbourne University 887
Swanson St, Parkville. Free event. RSVP for
catering purposes: Br Mark O’Connor FMS (Pope
Francis Fellow) on 0429694707 or
mark.oconnor@marists.org.au**

**“POPE FRANCIS & THE COMMON GOOD:
WHERE IS OUR SOCIETY GOING?”
Bishop Robert McElroy, Bishop of San Diego
US. A seminar exploring the current trends and the
contribution of Catholic Social Teaching. **Saturday
24 June 2017, 10 am – 1 pm, Newman College,
Melbourne University, 887 Swanson St, Parkville.**
Free event. RSVP for catering purposes: Br Mark
O’Connor FMS (Pope Francis Fellow) on
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The 100 Year Anniversary of Fatima

COME AND CELEBRATE FATIMA 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY on Saturday 13th May 2017 at Holy Rosary Church, White Hills, Bendigo. Father Peter Dell’Avo, Chaplain of Bendigo Apostolate of Fatima will offer Mass at 9.00am, followed by The Rosary, procession, information and spiritual talks, concluding around lunch time. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided.

Also, on this day Pope Francis, in Fatima, will declare Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta saints of the Church. These are two of the three young shepherds to whom Our Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima for the first time on 13th May 1917. In our present times the Fatima message of hope is more important than ever, and you are invited to attend for all or part of this celebration of the wonderful Fatima events.



**Anyone can find the dirt in someone.
Be the one that finds the gold.
Proverbs 11:27**



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
Luke 10:1-10



Liturgical Jottings

Halleluiah (Hebrew) and Alleluia (Greek) meaning "Praise Yahweh" is an ancient liturgical invitation and response in the psalms (104-150) and in the Mass especially during the Easter season but never in Lent. "Sing ALLELUIA!" St Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves", and there is also an ancient proverb: "whoever sings well prays twice over".

Thought of the week

How do we recognise Jesus in our lives and meet him in those we meet?

Quote from Pope Francis

May the Risen Lord sustain the efforts of all those actively engaged in bringing comfort and relief to the civil population in beloved Syria, so greatly suffering from a war that continues to sow horror and death. May he grant peace to the entire Middle East, beginning with the Holy Land, and in Iraq and Yemen.

Easter Sunday Urbe Et Orbi 2017

Looking at the Readings

On the road to Emmaus, they recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus is the one who walks with them, by their side. We meet in this Gospel the one who walks with us, the one, at times whom we turn away from, the one who never abandons us.

On the first day of the week, the day of resurrection, these two disciples had been told by Jesus to wait in Jerusalem, but they had lost faith and were leaving Jerusalem. They had given up. A stranger, the resurrected Jesus, walks with them. They recognise him in the 'breaking of the bread'; this is how the early Church referred to Eucharist. While the disciples had walked out on Jesus, he had not given up on them.

The two disciples, one of them was named Cleopas. In the Orthodox tradition of the church, icons often display these two as a husband and wife team. The Western, Roman, tradition does not contradict this but often depicts them as two males. But the Cleopas whose wife Mary, was one of the women at the foot of the cross on Good Friday (John 19:25)

Emmaus is seven miles away from Jerusalem, although the exact location of the town is not known. They are going away from Jerusalem, the pivot of Salvation. The perfect number seven may point to them going as far in the opposite direction to salvation as they can, but Jesus seeks them out!

The gospel reflects the structure of the Mass: Jesus first opened the Scriptures (the Liturgy of the Word) and then broke bread (the Liturgy of Eucharist) and after this they are burning with zeal to bring the "Good News" to the other disciples and ultimately the world.

Featured Feast of the Week

St Athanasius of Alexandria (2 May), bishop and doctor of the church, prolific writer and skilled politician, the greatest defender of the divinity and humanity of Christ in the first ecumenical council of Nicea (325). He was both controversial among leaders and very popular among his people.

On the Lighter Side

The late Cardinal Carlo Martini, Archbishop of Milan and renowned scripture scholar asserted that Cleopas' companion on the road to Emmaus could not be a woman because Christ addressed them as "Foolish men, so slow to believe..." (Luke 24:25). Christ never criticised any woman in the gospels for lack of faith but in fact, went out of his way to praise them for their faith, sincerity and perseverance.



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May you have the power to know the love of Christ
Ephesians 3:9