

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 7 May 2017

Child Protection

We had another meeting on Wednesday 3rd May with Anne McIntosh, Child Safety Officer Sandhurst. Anne follows through with our progress on implementing the Child Safety Program in this Parish. We have developed and had ratified a Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct for the Parish. We have put up Child Safety posters in the Parish Office, Sacristy, Parish Hall and Mercy Centre and customised documentation for employment and volunteer employment. We have also customised a Parish Privacy Policy.

Our next task is to obtain Working with Children Checks for all volunteers who come into contact with children in the provision of their volunteer duties within the parish. This is a large task and will involve many people but with your co-operation we will complete it quickly.

Anne will return for another meeting in about 6-8 weeks.

Child Protection – Child Safety Officer

Anne Hutchison has very kindly agreed to be our Parish Child Safety Officer. Anne is well known to the children of the parish as she has taken Children's Liturgy for some years now.

Anne has two boys – Xavier 13 who attends Notre Dame College and Seth 9 who attends Sacred Heart School. Both boys have been active in the parish – operating the screens and participating in Altar Serving.

As our Child Safety Policy reflects, children need to feel safe within our parish and when they attend parish activities. From now onwards Anne will offer support to children if they have any safety concerns. They can approach Anne in person or contact her on 0438 357 030 or 5824 3460.

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

WITNESSING JESUS – Fr Timothy Radcliffe

An invitation to: CEO Personnel, All School Leaders & School Staff, Priests, Pastoral Associates & Interested Parishioners

Touching the Imagination: The Adventure of Faith & What Hope Can We Offer the Young?

When: Tuesday 23 May 2017

Time: 9am – 4pm

Where: The Eastbank Centre, 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton

Fr Timony Radcliffe OP is a Dominican friar of the English Province, and former Master of the Order of Preachers from 1999-2001.

To register your interest please let the Parish office know on 5824 1049.



We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Kathleen Feehan
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 13 6pm	Denise Woodman	Sheila Gregg	Doreen Corrigan	M Corrigan J Cummins	D Bourke G Ranson A Hutchison	T Warnett
Sun May 14 9.30am	CHILDREN'S MASS				L Kerrins P Kerrins P Baldwin	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	9 May	No Mass
Tuesday	10 May	No Mass
Wednesday	11 May	9.15am LWWC
Thursday	12 May	No Mass
Friday	13 May	9.15am LWWC
Saturday	14 May	6pm Mass
Sunday	15 May	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	14 May	No Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

MAY DIARY DATES		
Mon	8 May	Fr Michael on leave
Tues	9 May	St Vincent de Paul meeting 7pm at the Centre
Wed	10 May	9.15am LWWC Finance Committee 5.30pm Parish Hall
Thurs	11 May	No Mass
Fri	12 May	9.15am LWWC
Sat	13 May	6pm Mass with Fr Brendan Byrne
Sun	14 May	9.30am Mass Mother's Day with Fr Brendan Byrne
Mon	15 May	No Mass
Tues	16 May	No Mass
Wed	17 May	9.15am LWWC
Thurs	18 May	No Mass
Fri	19 May	9.15am LWWC
Sat	20 May	2pm wedding Mark Chester 6pm Mass
Sun	21 May	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" ACTS 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

CWL Crazy Whist

The CWL Crazy Whist card afternoon will begin again on Monday 15th. May 2017. In St. Mary's Hall, at 1.30 p.m.

Admission \$5.00 includes afternoon tea and raffle. Everyone very welcome.

Mother's Day next Sunday

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and we will be having Fr Brendan Byrne celebrating Mass with us next weekend. Fr Michael will be holidays and we wish him a safe and fun break.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you the grace to live in harmony with one another.

Romans 15:5

He Ain't Heavy

Daily Bread August 17th

In 2015, a young fellow named Hunter, who was only 15 years of age, decided to carry his brother Braden (8) over a distance of 57 miles to raise awareness for the people who suffer from cerebral palsy. This was no mean feat as Braden weighed 27 kilograms.

Hunter required many stops along the way and he had special harnesses to help distribute Braden's weight.

He achieved what he set out to do, but he said what encouraged him, and gave him the stamina and the 'will' to keep going was the support of friends along the way! Their 'pick me up' was what he needed to finish the journey.

My nephew has just finished the Tour de Cure, a ride from Mt Hotham to Hobart, a trip over nine days. He trained every day for four months. We were following him with his emails each day. He made the comment, that the money that he personally was raising, the emails of support, the children in the schools they visited and the people along the way were his inspiration to keep going when the body was saying no more.

So people were carrying him as he also was carrying a commitment to his nephew, who, at eighteen, was diagnosed with cancer.

He personally raised over \$20,000 and the group on tour raised \$1.8 million for cancer research.

Jesus, when carrying his cross, (our cross) was supported by Simon when it was becoming all too heavy for him to continue to Calvary.

St Paul, in Romans 16 talks of the people who helped him while he journeyed around the towns. He mentions Phoebe, Priscilla and Aquila who served alongside him, encouraged him, and prayed for him.

We hear of tennis stars, footballers, swimmers and so on who comment on the crowd support, who rallied behind them and got them over the line when the odds were against them.

We all need friends who pick us up, and we all know of others who need our encouragement. We can never underestimate the power of support when it is most needed.

Jesus needed support from Simon so he is aware of the support we need and is there to help us carry the burden.

He told us so, "My yoke is easy". But let us help one another.

Fr Michael G Morley

LITURGY JOTTINGS (cont)

HOMILY

I know this is the highlight of the Mass for everyone!!!! Well I know this is not true but it is a great time to break open the Word of God into practical ways of how we can live out the message that is proclaimed.

I finally believe that although we all hear the same words, the message from God to each of us is different. This is why the Word of God is referred to as being 'alive and active'. We keep learning the same Gospel story but it can never become loving.

We have to make the effort to be attentive and open to hear what God is saying to us not just what is being proclaimed by the reader.

So the homily can be a personal time for the priest to share his own insights and story on how the Word of God impacts on his life.

Homily today is the opportunity for the priest to do this in the Gospel. Once we would call it a sermon which is usually longer in time, and is not necessarily based on the readings of the day. It could be any subject whatsoever.

ALONG THE TRACK

"For a brief period I lived in the beautiful town of Marysville. The Australian bush looked down on this picturesque little community where old style guest houses gave such pleasure to holiday makers for decades and decades. They were beautiful rambling buildings which spoke of a by-gone era. Some had been meticulously restored and tastefully modernised. The surrounding bush invited slowness and quiet and nothing encouraged haste or speed. The pristine creeks and waterfalls were incredible. This ancient bush was scarred in places with reminders of the 1939 bushfires that devastated much of Victoria. And then it happened again. On Black Saturday, in a few short hours, this beautiful place was destroyed. Few buildings remained. The loss of life was devastating."

This is the opening paragraph of the latest Along the Track – they are in the Narthex.





Readings for
this week: Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10



Readings for
next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

Month of May

In celebrating the annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love, Mary the Mother of God. She is joined by a special bond to the saving work of her Son. (SC 103)

Mother's Day 14 May

On the fifth Sunday of Easter the Church joins with human society in recognising the gift of mothers by special intentions, prayer cards, décor, symbols etc. in the liturgy.

Pope Francis

Pope Francis explained Christianity is based on three pillars: Carrying, Building and Confessing the Faith. "When we walk without the Cross, when we build without the Cross, and when we profess Christ without the Cross, we are not disciples of the Lord. We are worldly, we are bishops, priests, cardinals, popes, but not disciples of the Lord." Sistine Chapel, his first homily as Pope Francis, 14 March 2013.

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Looking at the Readings

Perhaps we could call this Sunday "Good Shepherd Sunday". The imagery in the readings and psalm strongly present Jesus as the Good Shepherd and He has been depicted this way in many paintings and pictures. It is fair to say that Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd) is probably the best known of all the psalms.

However, this image may not readily sit with the Australian experience of sheep farming which is based upon far different methods and practices. To be likened to "a mob of sheep" is not flattering in our cultural context and indicates a lack of initiative and independent thinking. But rather than the large mobs of sheep driven by motorbikes and patrolled by energetic dogs, the Good Shepherd bases his relationship with us his 'flock' upon tenderness, care and a deep personal recognition – "they know my voice and I know them." This relationship is deeper than mere familiarity as it calls us to pass through the Gate (Jesus) in order to reach the green pastures of God's kingdom. He does not simply point the way and let us muddle our way through but draws us to himself with love and forgiveness.

The second reading reminds us that the Good Shepherd has suffered much and sacrificed himself for us. "That you should follow in his footsteps" indicates the path of the Good Shepherd is not easy. But in the course of our daily lives it is comforting to know that He is not only with us but that He knows each of us by name. We are not simply a mob on the long paddock with a distant drover.

Let us take time and reflect on how well we currently recognise and respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Quote of the Week

You have been taught and fully instructed that what seems to be bread is not bread, though it appears to be such to the sense of taste, but the body of Christ; that what seems to be wine is not wine, though the taste would have it so, but the blood of Christ ... So strengthen your heart by partaking of that spiritual bread, and gladden the face of your soul. *St Cyril of Jerusalem (c 348), Catechesis to the newly Baptised, Sermon 4.9*

On the Lighter Side

Moses was leading the Hebrews to the Red Sea and the Egyptians were coming fast. Moses turned to his PR agent: "Where are all those boats I told you to get!" he replied, "What boats? You never mentioned boats to me." "Just great" said Moses; "what am I supposed to do, lift my staff and part the waters?" The PR man answered: "If you can pull that one off, I can get you a whole section in the Bible."



'... I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me ...' (Galatians 2:20)