

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 21 May 2017

HOW WE SPEAK – ALONG THE TRACK

Words matter. How we speak, what we say and how we say it, how we describe things matters. How we address each other, how we speak to each other or about each other matters. Words are powerful – they can be invitations, they can welcome, encourage, amuse, express love and gratitude, hope and enthusiasm. They can inspire and touch people's hearts and they even invite dialogue. They can also divide, we can use them to bully and intimidate, they can be vehicles for hurt and division, for fear and loathing, they can encourage suspicion and even hatred and persecution.

This is the opening paragraph of this month's Along the Track. If you have put your name down for a copy they are in the Narthex.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FR MICHAEL

On Tuesday 23rd May, Fr Michael celebrates 42 years of his ordination. Congratulations Fr Michael we hope you enjoy this special day.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK LITURGY

Parishioners are warmly invited to join students and staff for the National Reconciliation Week Liturgy and commissioning of fire carriers on Friday 26th at 11.40am in the Mercy Centre.

EUTHANASIA IN VICTORIA

Many of you will have seen the recent pastoral letter from the Bishops of Victoria expressing their concern at the prospect of euthanasia and assisted suicide being legalised in Victoria. To help people better understand the issue, the serious risk that these proposals pose and what you can do about it, you are invited to attend an information session.

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

When: Tuesday 30th May

Where: Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre (located directly behind St Brendan's Church)
St Brendan's Parish
121 Knight Street, Shepparton

The session will be presented by Paul Russell, Director of HOPE, an anti- euthanasia advocacy group, and Matthew MacDonald, Director of the Life, Marriage & Family Office of the Melbourne Archdiocese.

The session is open to anyone interested in attending.

To assist with preparation for the evening, we ask that you RSVP to shepparton@cdos.org.au or phone 5821 2633.

WELCOME BACK FR MICHAEL

We hope you had a lovely break.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The latest edition of Australian Catholics is in the Narthex.

We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Felice Carrafa, John Reilly
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 27 6pm	Marli Kelly	Denice Bourke	Hutchison Family	Ev Leahy Joan Webster	L McGrath A Hutchison C Coulston	S Cowan
Sun May 28 9.30am	Rob Miller	Simon Cowan	Fiona Cowan	Bryan Miller Marie O'Meara	L Cowan T Miller D Worm	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	22 May	No Mass
Tuesday	23 May	No Mass
Wednesday	24 May	9.15am Mass
Thursday	25 May	9.15am Mass
Friday	26 May	9.15am Mass
Saturday	27 May	6pm Mass
Sunday	28 May	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	27 May	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

MAY / JUNE DIARY DATES		
Mon	22 May	
Tues	23 May	Timothy Radcliffe Seminar Shepparton
Wed	24 May	3.30pm Pauline Fisher 6.00pm AGM School Feast-Our Lady Help of Christians
Thurs	25 May	
Fri	26 May	11.40am National Reconciliation Week Liturgy
Sat	27 May	6pm Mass
Sun	28 May	9.30am Mass
Mon	29 May	No Mass
Tues	30 May	11am Mass Housekeepers and Secretaries Day Mooroopna followed by Lunch
Wed	31 May	10am Council of Priests Benalla Reconciliation Echuca 5.30pm
Thurs	1 Jun	
Fri	2 Jun	7.30pm Serra Mass Shepparton
Sat	3 Jun	6pm Mass
Sun	4 Jun	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 21 May 2017

This week on the Journey, our very own Fr Steven Varney reflects on the gospel of John as read by Nick Weir. The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes reminds us to 'Act before it's too late', Sr Hilda shares her wisdom from the Abbey about 'God's memory' and Marilyn Rodrigues, The peaceful parent inspires us about 'Creating Memories'. As always, we have some fabulous Christian music creating 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

So, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

(Col 2:6-7)

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 29th May 7.30 – 9 pm** (meals from 6 pm optional). This year is the 500th anniversary of The Reformation which began with Luther. Come and join the conversation with Franciscan friar, Matthew Beckmann, as we learn some history and discover **LUTHER'S CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH... THEN and NOW**. Information fliers are at the back of church. Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362



SCHOOL NEWS

The **School Board AGM is taking place at 7pm on Wednesday May 24th** in the Mercy Centre, where Sr. Geraldine Larkins [Deputy Director Catholic Mission and Identity] will be a guest speaker. Supper will follow and it will be a good opportunity to mix with current Board members, other parents and staff. There will be no new positions required for the coming year on the Board at this AGM. We hope many of you can join us.

On Monday, May 29th at 7pm there will be a meeting to discuss the possibility of reforming the **Sacred Heart School Parents and Friends** group. There is much research to show the real benefits of parent involvement in schools. We invite you to come along and share your ideas as to how P&F might best work at Sacred Heart.

HOUSEKEEPERS & SECRETARIES DAY MASS St Mary's Church, Mooroopna TUESDAY 30th MAY @ 11am

This has been tradition for many years (approx. 20) in the Diocese. All the Housekeepers, Secretaries and Priests, along with Bishop Leslie come together to acknowledge the amazing work, support and assistance given by these people to the Priests/Bishop. This year St Mary's Parish will be hosting the day's events.

*Everyone is most welcome to attend the
11am Mass on TUESDAY 30th May.
It is not often we have this many Priests in
Mooroopna celebrating together.*

FETE

A whopping **\$19,736.28** was raised at this year's fete.

Thanks to all helpers, coordinators, people who donated goods and/or services, parishioners who sold raffle tickets, CWL and the parents, families and parishioners who in some way supported the fete and raffle, we thank you.

As you can see it was most successful and the proceeds will be going to the school and parish. Pauline will advise the school community what the money that was raised will be used for when a decision has been made. Thank you once again to all who supported the very successful fete.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES- please collect yours and your neighbours this weekend to save us postage costs.

Envelopes 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.

**THERE IS A LETTER FOR EVERY
GIVER**

Greater Bendigo Regional Pastoral Network

PASTORAL AND CLINICAL ASPECTS OF DEMENTIA

Annual Forum

Guest Speakers

Rev. Cheryl Williams

(Chaplain Team Leader: Mission Development - Baptcare)

Libby Wade

(Community Dementia Nurse Consultant - Bendigo Health)

Light refreshments will be served

Date
Tuesday 27 June 2017

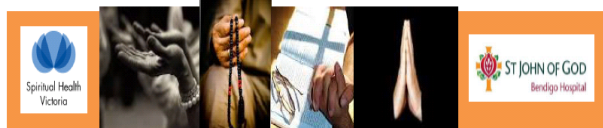
Time
1.30pm - 4.00pm

Venue
St John of God Bendigo
Hospital
Atrium Meeting Room

Cost
\$20

RSVP
Friday 16 June 2017

*Registration & payment
details on the back of this
flyer*





*Readings for
this week:* Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21



*Readings for
next Sunday:* Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



Liturgical Jottings

Ascension Day next Sunday

Ascension was first mentioned as a separate feast by Eusebius, Bishop of Nicomedia (341). From those early centuries the feast remained a holyday of obligation up to this day. In those places where the Ascension is not observed as a holyday on Thursday, it is assigned to the Seventh Sunday of Easter and then considered its proper day in the calendar. Cf. General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar no.7

Quote from Pope Francis

Despite the slowness, the infidelity, the errors and sins it committed and might still commit against its members, the Church, trust me, has no other meaning and goal but to live and witness Jesus.

Letter to Italian daily La Repubblica
11 Sept 2013. Read more at:
www.brainyquote.com/authors/p

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Looking at the Readings

Jesus continues to remind the disciples not only of his relationship with the Father, but that through Him we also share in that same love and relationship. He will “not ever leave us orphans” as we will always have the Father to love us even though the world cannot accept that this is the case. Perhaps the world relies too heavily upon empirical evidence and scientific method before it will accept the reality of what it cannot see. But in the last 2000 years the Church, founded upon Jesus’ example, teaching and love, has flourished under the guidance of the Holy Spirit – that Spirit of Truth which enables us to ‘see’ Jesus and for us to know Him, because He remains with us and in us. Compare this to any other human organisations over the same 2000 years – mighty empires with huge armies and command of great resources; rulers over millions of people who were often exploited like natural minerals and products. Where are they? What truth sustained them? Across the years others had declared themselves as Gods but what inheritance did their ‘truth’ provide for posterity? Even today across the world people are struggling to identify ‘truth’ and we hear about ‘fake news’ and no longer trust major institutions or their integrity.

It is true that the Church has had its own share of crises – heresies and schisms that caused great divisions and hardships for the people of God. Similarly the recent crisis regarding the child sexual abuse within the Church has people predicting that this is the end. But these catastrophes are the result of human weakness on the part of the leaders and members of the Church. The Holy Spirit regardless, remains within our midst guiding the Church towards an ongoing unity with Jesus and His Father. In today’s Gospel Jesus makes it entirely clear what we need to do - keeping and observing His commandments – and He will love us and reveal Himself to us. We can do this through the power of the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot accept.

On the Lighter Side

Some tourists in the Chicago Museum of Natural History are marvelling at the dinosaur bones. One of them asks the guard, "Can you tell me how old the dinosaur bones are?" The guard replies, "They are 3 million, four years, and six months old." "That's an awfully exact number," says the tourist. "How do you know their age so precisely?" The guard answers, "Well, the dinosaur bones were three million years old when I started working here, and that was four and a half years ago."



Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13