

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.

The Ascension of the Lord – 28 May 2017

PRAYER OF THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming. You have spoken to us through our beliefs. You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus. We thank you for your care. You own us. You are our hope. Make us strong as we face the problems of change. We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture. Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people. So that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land. Amen.

Prayer composed for the meeting between Pope John Paul II and the Aboriginal people.

Who is Eddie Mabo?

Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo was a Torres Strait Islander who believed Australian laws on land ownership were wrong and fought to change them. He was born in 1936 on Mer, which is also known as Murray Island, in the Torres Strait. When he was growing up, life in the Torres Strait Islands was strictly regulated with laws made by the Queensland Government. In his heart, Eddie believed the land he lived on belonged to the Torres Strait Islander people who had lived there for thousands of years. But the Australian Government also believed that it owned the land. In 1981, Eddie Mabo made a speech at James Cook University in Queensland, where he explained his people's beliefs about the ownership and inheritance of land on Mer. A lawyer heard the speech and asked Eddie if he would like to challenge the Australian Government in the court system, to decide who the true owner of land on Mer was—his people or the Australian Government. And this is exactly what Eddie Mabo did.

National Reconciliation Week 2017

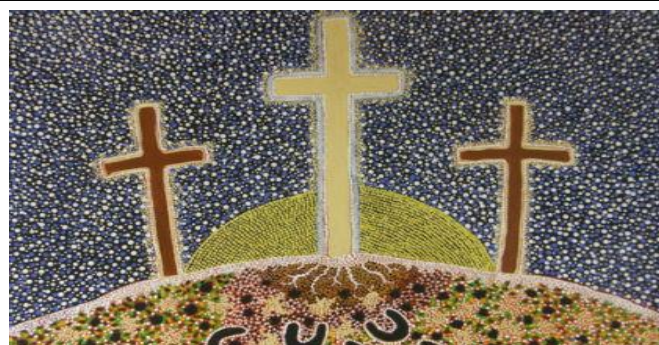
27 May to 3 June

let's take the next steps

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY – 3 JUNE

National Sorry Day May 26th marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week. The theme for 2017 is 'Let's take the next steps.'

As a Parish, we commemorate these significant milestones, taking the next steps and the opportunity to recommit to our efforts to work alongside aboriginal people for reconciliation, recognition and justice.



We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Antonietta Conciello, Michele Conciello, Kathleen Woodman, Jim Curtis, Ivor Kibbey
Our sick and their carers	Dennis Smith, Eileen Ryan, Kelly McNamara, Jim Hamilton, Hugh Nihill, Elli Kleindienst

(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 Jun 3 rd 6pm	Carol Coulston	Marli Kelly	Ev Leahy	M Sgammotta	A Ciavarella S Finlayson P Baldwin	D & L Worm
Sun Jun 4 th 9.30am	Trish Miller	Debbie Worm	Bryan Miller	J Caiafa D Hamilton	B Curtis S Nihill A Hutchison	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	29 May	No Mass
Tuesday	30 May	No Mass
Wednesday	31 May	9.15am LWWC
Thursday	1 Jun	No Mass
Friday	2 Jun	9.15am Mass
Saturday	3 Jun	6pm Mass
Sunday	4 Jun	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	3 Jun	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

MAY / JUNE DIARY DATES		
Mon	29 May	No Mass
Tues	30 May	11am Mass Housekeepers and Secretaries Day Mooroopna followed by Lunch
Wed	31 May	9.15am LWWC 10am Council of Priests Bendigo Reconciliation Echuca 5.30pm Fr Michael
Thurs	1 Jun	No Mass – Reconciliation Kyabram Fr Michael
Fri	2 Jun	9.15am School Mass 4.30pm Prison Mass 7.30pm Serra Mass Shepparton – Fr Michael
Sat	3 Jun	6pm Mass
Sun	4 Jun	9.30am Mass Pentecost Sunday
Mon	5 Jun	No Mass
Tues	6 Jun	No Mass
Wed	7 Jun	9.15am Mass 2pm CWL Parish Hall 6pm Parish Pastoral Council School Staffroom
Thurs	8 Jun	9.15am Mass
Fri	9 Jun	9.15am Mass
Sat	10 Jun	6pm Mass
Sun	11 Jun	9.30am Mass The Most Holy Trinity

PASTORAL CARE

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THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 28 May 2017

This week on the Journey, our very own Fr Steven Varney reflects on the gospel of Matthew. Sr Hilda shares her wisdom from the Abbey that 'All is a gift'. Frances Pirolas reminds us of 'Spiritual Intimacy' in her section SMART Loving, and Pete Gilmore reminds us about our 'Faith in Action' in Living the Gospel. We continue to share 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.

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS - FROM ISLAM TO CATHOLICISM

Deng's Journey in Faith.

When: Sunday 28th May at 6.30pm

Where: St Liborius Parish Centre

Speakers: Deng and Fr Junjun

All Welcome Enquiries 5432 2272

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 Mooropna celebrating together.

May the God of peace make you complete in everything good.
Hebrews 13:20

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



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 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.

2018: International Year of Youth

Archbishop Denis Hart this week announced that the year, to celebrate 10 years since World Youth Day was held in Sydney, will focus on the theme "Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy".

Bishop, Leslie Tomlinson is seeking to promote the Year of Youth in Sandhurst and beyond. As Bishop of Sandhurst, I invite our youth to open their hearts to Christ. My message to Catholic youth is simple and clear: 'You are deeply loved by Jesus and the Church. You have much to offer. More information can be found at: <http://www.youth.catholic.org.au/>

CARITAS APPEAL for EAST AFRICA FOOD CRISIS

23 million people are on the brink of famine in South Sudan and other areas of East Africa. Caritas Australia and their partners are delivering life-saving food and water to countries most in need including South Sudan, Kenya and Malawi. This major crisis is driven by large scale droughts, compounded by climate change, inflation and ongoing conflict in some countries. You can help by donating online at www.caritas.org.au/africa or phoning 1800 024 413 or posting to PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636. Info sheets at the back explain why the appeal.

Video Teaching Series

Fr Rob Galea has produced a series of engaging videos and lesson plans to teach faith and life issues at school, youth groups or for personal study.

These are available on USB. You tube link: <https://youtu.be/aEZ-1dxRgXQ> and web link <http://www.frrobgalea.com/teachingseries>

Contact the St Kilian's Parish Office on 5441 6244 for full details.



Readings for
this week:

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13
John 20:19-23



Liturgical Jottings

Vigils

The day or sometimes just the evening before a major feast is called a vigil. Several feasts have vigil liturgies for the Divine Office and Mass, each with its own particular readings and prayers, eg. Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Ascension, Feasts of the Assumption, John the Baptist, and Sts Peter and Paul. Vigils are also special time for prayer and preparation the evening before the funeral Mass.

Quote from Pope Francis

You might say, "Can't we have a more human Christianity, without the cross, without Jesus, without stripping ourselves?" In this way we'd become pastry-shop Christians, luscious cakes, sweet dainties. Delectable, but not real Christians. We need to strip away that worldliness which leads to vanity, arrogance and pride.

Pope Francis, Assisi, 4 Oct 2013

Looking at the Readings

"And ever has it been known that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation."

These words from the author and poet Khalil Gibran resonate with many of us who have remained on the non-traveller side of the departure doors at an international airport as loved ones depart for overseas. The words capture something of the sense of loss and perhaps sadness that lingers in the background of our hearts. The loss may be temporary or even imaginary but the feeling is certainly real enough. Perhaps this was the feeling within the disciples as they stood on the mountain that morning watching Jesus' resurrected form ascend? Perhaps there was a sense of disbelief and confusion at His going, for He promises at this very moment "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

But just as we can carry those we love with us in our hearts wherever they are, or we are – so too we can be with Jesus even now daily in our lives. Last Sunday this promise was also made by Jesus "On that day you will realise that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you." But the disciples were also reminded of their mission, Christ's mission, our mission, as they gazed skywards. They were told to look outward not simply upward – to put their prayer and entreaty to the task of evangelisation "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations". This was Jesus' final mandate to all His followers – those on the mountain that day and those in our Churches around the world today.

When God breathed His Spirit upon our world He gave it life; and when He called His Son back to Himself, He breathed His Spirit upon us His disciples calling us to go forth in mission to the whole world. And we go out to proclaim that you, Our God, are with us still.

On the Lighter Side



Mr Smith, a travelling salesman and frequent flyer, was always very careful to mark his bags so that no one would mistakenly take them. He always did this with bright ribbons and tape, so he was quite surprised to see a well-dressed man grab his bags at the luggage carousel. Smith walked over to the fellow and pointed out the coloured ribbons tied to the handle, and the fluorescent tape on the sides. "I believe that luggage is mine. Were your bags marked like this?" he asked. "Actually," the man replied, "I was wondering who did this to my luggage."

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

Romans 15:5