

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH TATURA

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**Sacred
Heart
Parish**
TATURA

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
Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians
of this land We commit ourselves to actively
working alongside Aboriginal people for
reconciliation and justice.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 July 2017

ST DONATO FESTA

Saturday 5 August

Mass 10.00am

With Fr. Morley and Fr. Vito Pegola

Smorgasboard Feast 12.00pm

Bookings essential

Adults \$35 Youth \$10

RSVP – 25 July

Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989

Nick Lagozzino 5829 0171

Luigi DePalma 5823 1742

Pino Lagozzino 5826 0206

Music and Charity Auction

Raffle and great prizes

Profit from Festa donated to Charities and

Tatura and District Communities

See notice board in Narthex.

Please check to notice board for notices
which are not printed in the Bulletin.

**Rosters for all who assist with our
liturgies are available for August – in
the folder in the Narthex.**

We welcome back all the teachers and
children after the holiday break. We hope
everyone had a refreshing break.
We also welcome back Fr. Michael after
his short break away with his sister. We
hope he had a good rest.

Letter from Bishop Les about Euthanasia and Voluntary Suicide

Dear Friends. The media continues to present the issue of Euthanasia and Voluntary Suicide in the public debate both directly and through news items sympathetic to the success of the proposed legislation. The impression seems to have been created whereby the legislation is seen as a foregone conclusion. This in itself can be discouraging of efforts to present a contrary view and campaign for the defeat of the legislation. It is important that we not let this lethargy determine our commitment to upholding the principles of our faith that protects the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

It is important that our elected members of State Parliament clearly know our view on this important issue and that means contact with our local members of both Houses by letter, email or personal contact to express our views. It is important to encourage parishioners to be involved in representing their views as well. It is anticipated that the Bill will be introduced to Parliament shortly and depending on its passage through the two Houses, could move quickly to a vote. Now is the time to ensure that members of Parliament know our views.

Due to the importance of this issue, I ask that you might give a plan for manifesting opposition to the Bill priority, in your own efforts and encourage others to do likewise.

Matthew McDonald of the Office of Life, Marriage Family in the Archdiocese of Melbourne has offered assistance in this matter and can be contacted at the Office on: 03 9287 5587, Fax: 03 9926 5617; email: lmf@cam.org.au;

Web: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

With prayerful best wishes,

+ Les Tomlinson

Bishop Les Tomlinson DD
Bishop of Sandhurst
Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

We pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Margaret Cartmel (Mandy McGrath's mother), Christopher Mitchell
For those whose anniversary occurs	Paul Femino, Louie Pegoraro
Our sick and their carers	Eileen Ryan, Elli Kleindienst, Margot Kerrins, Anne Heathman, Brian O'Meara (Kyabram)

(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 July 29 th 6pm	Sacha Finlayson	Sheila Gregg	Debbie Turvey	Denise Woodman M Sgammotta	R Kelly D Bourke A Ciavarella	Carol Coulston
Sun July 30 th 9.30am	Debbie Worm	Betty Curtis	Keith Stewart	T Muto C Serra	AM Nihill C Coulston K Gaffy	

MASSSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	24 Jul	No Mass
Tuesday	25 Jul	No Mass
Wednesday	26 Jul	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	27 Jul	9.15 am Mass
Friday	28 Jul	9.15 am Mass
Saturday	29 Jul	6pm Mass
Sunday	30 Jul	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	29 Jul	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

JULY/AUG DIARY DATES

Mon	24 Jul	
Tues	25 Jul	
Wed	26 Jul	R.E.C. day in Mercy Centre
Thurs	27 Jul	
Fri	28 Jul	Bishop's send off for Margaret Watson (Bishop's Secretary) Bendigo
Sat	29 Jul	
Sun	30 Jul	
Mon	31 Jul	
Tues	1 Aug	
Wed	2 Aug	Jubiliarians 11am Mass and Luncheon CWL Meeting 2.00pm Parish Hall Pastoral Council Meeting 6.00pm Staff Room
Thurs	3 Aug	
Fri	4 Aug	9.15am School Mass
Sat	5 Aug	10.00 am St Donatos Mass & Festa
Sun	6 Aug	Baptism Brooke Barnett

PASTORAL CARE

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

STRONGER RETREAT

Registrations for the 2017 Stronger Retreat are now open on strongeryouth.com

Register now if you're 13-26 years old to join 130 other young people from our diocese having fun, growing in discipleship and learning about your faith with our keynote speakers Fr Rob Galea, Fr Dan Serratore and Sr Bernadette Toohey!

Date: September 15-17

Venue: Kyneton

Cost: \$165

Registrations are now open at strongeryouth.com. Transport may be available.

For more info follow @StrongerYouth on Facebook or contact Danielle at Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Our Good Friday collection for the Holy Land totalled \$356.50.

The donation will be used to provide local Christians with health care, education, employment and housing. Many thanks to all who were so generous.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 23 July 2017

This week on the Journey we have some fabulous God Spots including, The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes reminding us "About the promise written in the stars" (Repeat), Sr Hilda with her Wisdom from the Abbey, and Francine Pirolas talks to us about Romance and Mystery in her SMART Loving segment. We are blessed to have such talented Christian music artists helping us to create 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.

Liturgy Jottings (cont)

THE COMMUNION RITE

The word communion explains what is happening in this part of the Mass. It is a convening - a sense of coming together, being one, a family.

This is expressed in three ways:

1. The first being the Our Father, a time for the gathered community to remember that we are brothers and sisters as we call the one God our Father.
2. The second is the 'Sign of Peace' this is the more social reminder of our closeness as a community of believers who are wishing each other well in the peace of the Lord.
3. The third is the climax or the highest moment of our togetherness in all forms as we communion – take Holy Communion and we are all united in the greatest union possible as the Body of Christ.

Fr. Michael

It's drawing nearer – the next eConference! **Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis**

The 13th Annual National eConference will be held on **Thursday 10 August 2017** from **10:30am-2:45pm (AEST)**.

***Would you, perhaps with an invited local team, like to host a local community gathering for this eConference?**

Find out about it here:

<http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short-courses/eConference-2017>

ENGAGING WITH THE HOPES OF PARISHES'

Fr Brendan Reed will be at St Kilian's NEXT WEEK 25 July 2017, 7.30 – 9.30 pm, St Kilian's Church, BENDIGO. Fr Brendan Reed, Parish Priest of Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Catholic Parishes, Catholic Theological College lecturer, with practical findings from his research *Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes*. ALL WELCOME. RSVP: St Kilians StKilians@sandhurst.catholic.org.au 'Ph: 03 5441 6244 or Chancery adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au 'Ph: 03 5441 2544.

Jubilarians' Mass and Luncheon

You are invited to join our Jubilarians: Fr Michael Grace (50 years), Fr Brian Boyle (40 years) and Fr Joseph Pothenparampil (25 years) on: Wednesday, 2nd August at 11am Mass at St John the Baptist, Numurkah.

Luncheon afterwards at Monichino's Winery. \$65 per head. For Clergy.

RSVP by 26th July 2017 to the Chancery with any dietary requirements.

COMMUNITY CLIMATE PETITION Thank you to those who have been working on this petition. The good news is that the **deadline has been extended to mid-August** so we can gather hundreds more signatures! Climate change is one of the greatest human rights challenges of our generation. It's hurting vulnerable communities around the world, entrenching poverty. Caritas Australia within a coalition of faith-based agencies is organising **the largest multi-electorate petition in Australia's history** to make it impossible to ignore that people of faith want climate justice. "We must not forget the grave social consequences of climate change. It is the poor who suffer the worst consequences... when we mistreat nature, we also mistreat human beings." Pope Francis, Laudato Si. Please join the call on our Government to take stronger action to reduce our emissions, transition to clean energy and support our most vulnerable neighbours face a changing climate by signing the petition today. If you would like a Petition Sheet to gather more signatures amongst your friends or colleagues, please ask the parish office.

THERE IS A CLIPBOARD IN THE NARTHEX FOR ALL THOSE WHO MISSED SIGNING LAST TIME. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN AGAIN.

INNER PEACE IN DIVINE LOVE

A 'retreat in daily life' - it is for busy committed people who cannot afford to take time off work and pay for increasingly expensive retreats in spirituality centres. The retreat is made over four weeks (31/7/2017 – 27/8/2017) and is based in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

(Dependent on numbers) the retreat will be offered with a choice of times:

Mondays: 31st July; 7th August; 14th August; 21st August

Times: 1:30pm – 3:00pm or 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Venue: St. Mel's Parish House, 18 Hamilton St., Shepparton South.

Cost: \$30.00 (covers the cost of the retreat book.)

Registration is required by Sunday 23rd July at St Mel's 5831 2194 or St Brendan's 5821 2633

SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY FATIMA MAGAZINE

In this year of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, The Catholic Weekly has produced a special commemorative magazine focusing on the remarkable events that occurred in Portugal in 1917. To help spread the message far and wide and partnering **with The Mustard Seed Bookshop** we have made a Special Discount available, should you be interested in purchasing copies. Please see flier on Notice Board.



Readings for
this week:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43



Readings for
next Sunday:

1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52



Liturgical Jottings

Praying the Creed

The Creed, from the Latin “Credo” means: “to put one’s heart into it.” In Mass it is both a confession of faith in what God has done and an acclamation of the glory of God. The Creed promotes Christian unity among Western Churches and now, since the *filioque dispute* has been somewhat resolved, a symbol of unity between East and West.

Pope Francis on Parables

Despite being the smallest of all the mustard seed is full of life and grows until it becomes the greatest of all shrubs. And so is the Kingdom of Heaven on earth: a humanly small and seemingly irrelevant reality. To become a part of it, one must be poor of heart; not trusting in their own abilities, but in the power of the love of God. ... The strength of Christ bursts through us and transforms what is small and modest into a reality that leavens the entire mass of the world and of history.

Looking at the Readings

The problem of evil has captivated the minds of believers and unbelievers alike over centuries. Related to this are questions of why crimes go unpunished, natural tragedies occur, or appeals for help are slowly answered. How is it that God does not intervene to put injustices right? The writer of Wisdom (first reading today) asked all these questions and we read a reflection of how God acts and how humanity might behave. Today’s reading is the conclusion to this reflection.

First we cannot reproach God for his conduct (Wis 12:12). Secondly God is unlike the strong and powerful man. He does not wield his power, build fortresses to hide, act forcefully upon humanity or oppress the weak. God’s power shows justice, patience, mercy, forgiveness and gives the believer a “Beautiful Hope”.

The parables in today’s Gospel passage also manifest patience (the wheat and the darnel), begin small, grow strong (mustard seed) and God’s word is at work in us (yeast in the dough).

Do not despise God’s patience.

His kindness calls you to repentance.

When God’s judgment is revealed,

he will render to all according to their works.

A Cistercian Prayer

Text for the Week

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter the house and dine with them and them with me. (*Psalms 110:44-5*)

Feast of the Week: Sts Joachim & Anne, Wed 26 July

Joachim and Anne, named as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, and therefore, patron saints of grandparents, are venerated in Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Islamic traditions. They are not mentioned in the Bible. The story of Joachim and Anne first appears in the apocryphal Gospel of James. St John Damascene, Bishop and Doctor of the Church offered thanksgiving for them in a sermon in the 7th century.

On the Lighter Side

One cannot say, except as a joke, that ‘I won the game;



pity that my team lost!’ Yes; an individual must be part of a team, just as a Christian must be part of the community. Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven: the wheat and darnel, the mustard seed and leaven give us insights into patience and goodness and working together to achieve the “reign of God”.

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“May the Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in all ways.”

2 Thess 3:16