

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.



The Transfiguration of the Lord

6 August 2017

NOT SMILING – ALONG THE TRACK

As I write this piece, I am sitting in a large, very, very busy IT store. It is noisy – people are waiting, some patiently, some becoming increasingly frustrated and angry, others are bargaining, a few being tutored....and no-one is smiling. I wonder why? Outside the IT store in this large and very busy retail complex, people are rushing from one shop to the next, intent on getting the tasks done. After all, it is Friday. But no-one seems to be smiling. No-one seems to be enjoying this experience. I wonder why?

This is the opening paragraph of Along the Track. Copies are in the Narthex for those who put their name down or you can look at it on our website under sharings.

GRANDPARENTS MASS

We had a wonderful Mass on Friday with all the grandparents. It is always a big event and the children just love it. We thank all the teachers and Pauline Hindson and Matt Cameron for organising such a beautiful Mass.



Grandparents Mass



We pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Esme Doolan
Our sick and their carers	Eileen Ryan, Elli Kleindienst, 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 12 Aug 6pm	Denise Woodman	Steph Hicks	Hutchison family	P Moroney D Corrigan	J Webster S Finlayson A Hicks	Trish Warnett
Sat 13 Aug 9.30am	Children's Mass				B Curtis R Kelly Evert Worm	

MASSSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	7 Aug	No Mass
Tuesday	8 Aug	5pm Mass Mary MacKillop
Wednesday	9 Aug	9.15am Mass
Thursday	10 Aug	9.15am Mass
Friday	11 Aug	9.15 am Mass
Saturday	12 Aug	6pm Mass
Sunday	13 Aug	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	12 Aug	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

AUGUST DIARY DATES

Mon	7 Aug	
Tues	8 Aug	2pm Priest Retirement Foundation, Sick Priest Fund 2pm Italian Rosary in the Church 5pm Mass Mary MacKillop 7pm St Vincent de Paul at the Centre
Wed	9 Aug	5.30pm Finance C'tee Meeting Parish Hall
Thurs	10 Aug	2.45pm address Prison Officers
Fri	11 Aug	St Clare
Sat	12 Aug	6pm Mass
Sun	13 Aug	9.30 Mass
Mon	14 Aug	St Maximilian Mary
Tues	15 Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed	16 Aug	
Thurs	17 Aug	
Fri	18 Aug	
Sat	19 Aug	6pm Mass
Sun	20 Aug	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

- Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869
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Pope Francis

"You must not teach just content, but the values and customs of life. A computer can teach content, but to understand how to love, to understand what the values and habits are that create harmony in the world, you need a good teacher."

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

See further activities advertised on the notice board in the Narthex

Scripture day with Fr Rob Galea 'The Power of the Word'

DATE: Saturday 12th of August 2017

TIME: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

St Brendan's Parish

Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre
121 Knight St, Shepparton
(directly behind St Brendan's church)
Bring your bibles
Please bring shared lunch

Tea/coffee provided
RSVP: Brigita Hore.

MOB: 0412 042 196

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COMMUNION & QUIET TIME

When we come forward to receive Holy Communion what is going on in our mind? We could be distracted by the people in the pews, those returning from receiving Communion or are we reflecting on who I am about to receive. In doing so, the Eucharist doesn't become part of me, like eating an apple, but we become what we receive so it is the reverse.

So to reflect on this reality while we move forward is quite daunting. We become the actual Body of Christ.

There is no greater union or closeness that we can have with Christ than through the Eucharist.

Some people may show other gestures or signs like blessing themselves, a bowing before receiving if this helps, then by all means.

Otherwise the internal disposition of the heart and saying a very meaningful, Amen, to the invitation – 'The body of Christ'.

How humble we can feel in the presence of Christ. We now need some quiet time.

Fr. Michael

**'Why is that book in the Bible?'**

Fr Brian Boyle

Tuesday August 22, De Campo Hall, 120 Hargreaves St, BENDIGO

Time: 7.30 – 9.00 pm

Fr Brian will look at issues about inspiration, the canon of Scripture, and why some books are in the Bible and other similar books are not.

How do we know the word of God is inspired? Who decided which books go in the Bible? Why is the Bible so important for Catholics? Fr Brian Boyle is Episcopal Vicar for Education for the Sandhurst Diocese and lecturer in Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. **No Cost.**

RSVP:

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Ev Leahy and Ged Pollard for 10 year's service to St Vincent de Paul.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

Child Protection Week is from 3rd to 9th September 2017. It invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. "Protecting children is everyone's business."

We will have more information of this event later in August.

Men's Weekend For The Young, Old, Strong, Weak, Faithful,

MenALIVE is a ministry to MEN that helps bring men to a more full life. It brings them together to find inspiration, encouragement, enrichment in their relationships, and a deeper sense of purpose. The Pyramid Hill Parish will be hosting this wonderful weekend on 19/20 August. Join us for this local opportunity, or encourage your loved ones to attend. The cost is only \$30 including all meals. Accommodation available. Enquiries: John Wallinger 0488 337 728 johnwallinger@bigpond.com, or Rommel 0431 193 021 or Fr Jun stpatker@bigpond.com More information is also available www.menalive.org.au

The Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, August 8th.

The Council for Australian Catholic Women invite everyone to commemorate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on August 8th. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842 – 1909) our first Australian saint, had a passion to ensure that education was available to poor children right across the Australian countryside. Relying on the providence of God, Mary provided care for neglected children, girls in danger and for the aged, poor and incurably ill, as well as refuge for women off the streets or newly from jail. She is remembered for her significant contribution to education, as Mary established a system of elementary Catholic education that would prepare the children of ordinary working class people for suitable employment. For Prayer and reflection resources for women please visit <http://opw.catholic.org.au/prayer-and-reflection/blog.html>

Useful websites:

www.marymackillop.org.au/prayer

www.catholic.org/saints

www.sydneycatholic.org

www.sosj.org.au/who-we-are



Readings for
this week:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9



Readings for
next Sunday:

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



Liturgical Jottings

Feast of the Transfiguration

This feast of the Lord, replaces the Sunday in Ordinary Time, the last time was in 2006. It celebrates the Lord coming into his glory at the end of his Paschal journey yet to be. It celebrates our coming to glory, inwardly illuminated by baptism, while outwardly we age. Our inner self is renewed while our outer self is fading away until we also come to our transfiguration.

Pope Francis on Vocations

Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love.

Message World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2017

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Looking at the Readings

In the midst of Ordinary Time we are invited to behold the transfiguration of Christ. By some horrible coincidence, we recall Christ's brilliance on the day that the world marks another cosmic event, its birth into the atomic age at Hiroshima. The paradox of these events should not be lost on us. The white light that shone from Christ was a mere suggestion of the divine splendour that is beyond human comprehension; the flashing light from the atomic explosion was an omen of the destructive force that is within human grasp. It is imperative that the horror of the latter be brought under the control of the glory of the former.

The transfiguration was a moment in time when Jesus' divine glory broke through his humanity and shone with a brilliance that was blinding. We sing of this glory time and again in the psalms. Yet when it really appears we can hardly believe it ourselves. The readings outline three different moments when this glory was revealed. The first was reported by the visionary in the book of Daniel. The second moment was the scene of the transfiguration. The third is hidden in the resurrection testimony of the author of the Letter of Peter.

We are the ones who today possess the prophetic message; we are the present day eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. We too have moments when we might behold his glory and hear the voice proclaiming his identity, but we need eyes of faith and ears that are open.

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Quote of the Week

On mountaineering: "It's not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves." *Edmund Hillary*

Prayer for the Week

God of glory, it is good for us to be here. Reveal your Son to us now in the message of the prophets and the witness of the apostles, that we may heed his voice and receive him in faith.

Opening Prayer Transfiguration ICEL 1995

On the Lighter Side



A young parish priest walks into his church and sees Jesus Himself praying at the altar. He alerts the bishop who in turn consults with the Pope. The bishop phones the young priest back: "The Pope says — look busy!" Did not St Peter want to look busy in front of Jesus, Moses and Elijah?

God is love, and whoever remains in love, remains in God,
and God in them. 1 Jn 4:16