

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.



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time 17 September 2017

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It is that time of the year when we again ask parishioners to consider being a member for the Parish Pastoral Council, or is there someone you would nominate?

The role is becoming more and more important with the number of priests decreasing in the diocese. Parishioners need to reflect where the parish is going or should be going in the future. This direction can change overnight if there are not good people with the knowledge and foresight to continue the journey.

Our Parish Pastoral Council consists of Fr Michael and an advisory group of parishioners chosen by the parish community. They share responsibility for building a vital Christian community focused on living and promoting God's values of love, justice and peace.

Our Parish Pastoral Council will:

- Produce a Parish Vision and Mission Statement
- Grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in our Parish
- Develop practical responses to the challenges facing the parish

Copies of Guideliness are in the Narthex.
Fr Michael

ITALIAN ROSARY

The Italian Rosary will be held on Tuesday 19th at 2pm in the Church – in October it will go back to the 2nd Tuesday of each month – 10th October at 2pm.



Congratulations to Ella Kerrins on making her debut.

SPACE ROCKET RIDE CONCERT A HUGE HIT



Last Wednesday night I had the absolute pleasure of attending the Sacred Heart School concert. What a wonderful night of entertainment it was as students and their classes ventured into space.

The finale performed by the teachers and staff brought the house down as the children roared with excitement at seeing their teachers performing. Congratulations to all involved for another wonderful school event.

We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Carmel Carrafa, Michael Lawlor
Our sick and their carers	Eileen Ryan, Elli Kleindienst, Anne Heathman, Brian O'Meara (Kyabram), John Harford

(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 23 rd Sep 6pm	Denise Woodman	Sacha Finlayson	Hutchison Family	Ev Leahy J Webster	G Ranson T Miller A Ciavarella	Carol Coulston
Sun 24 th Sep 9.30am	Marli Kelly	Rob Miller	Tim Nihill	Terry & Carmel White	K Gaffy D Bourke C Coulston	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	18 Sep	No Mass
Tuesday	19 Sep	No Mass
Wednesday	20 Sep	9.15am Mass
Thursday	21 Sep	9.15am Mass
Friday	22 Sep	9.15am Mass
Saturday	23 Sep	6pm Mass
Sunday	24 Sep	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	23 Sep	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER DIARY DATES

Mon	18 Sep	
Tues	19 Sep	Italian Rosary 2pm in the Church
Wed	20 Sep	Fr Michael's birthday
Thurs	21 Sep	St Matthew
Fri	22 Sep	End of term three school finishes at 2.30 pm
Sat	23 Sep	Padre Pio 6pm Mass
Sun	24 Sep	9.30am Mass
Mon	25 Sep	
Tues	26 Sep	
Wed	27 Sep	
Thurs	28 Sep	
Fri	29 Sep	Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Sat	30 Sep	6pm Mass
Sun	1 Oct	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another. **Romans 15:5**

Men's Weekend – Men Alive

21st – 22nd October
Bishop Noel Daly Centre
121 Knight Street
Shepparton

Men Alive Weekend is suitable for all men over 18 years.

Program

Saturday 21st October
8am – 8.45am registration
9pm end of day 1
Lunch and Dinner provided

Sunday 22nd October
8.30am start
12.30pm Mass
1.30pm Finish

Cost: \$50 per person includes workshops, morning and afternoon tea and BBQ dinner on Saturday.

For more information: Anthony Kilmartin
0408 269 426 or Paul White 5831 8700

Sandhurst Catholic Charismatic Renewal Annual Conference

Sandhurst Catholic Charismatic Renewal Annual Conference coming up 23rd & 24th September in Shepparton. 9.30-5.30pm.

For more information phone: Brigita Hore
0412 042 196 for more details.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 24 Sept 2017

This week on the Journey, the Gospel of Matthew is reflected on by Fr Stephen Varney of Shellharbour City Parish. Wisdom from the Abbey with Sr Hilda encouraging us In The Memory of God, Pete Gilmore reminds us of “What We Search For?” in his Living The Gospel segment, and Francine Pirolas has an interesting take on a Relationship Meltdown in IKEA. Our music this week is a lovely thread to weave our show together helping us to create a show for you 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.

Blessings cont. (No 3)

As I concluded last week that the Church is okay with blessings in fact it encourages them.

I have spoken on a number of occasions, particularly at our grandparents Masses to encourage the adults to bless their children.

This is a beautiful gesture to establish whether it is when saying goodbye or when a child is going to bed. Maybe a prayer to say at the same time.

There are many versions.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord, my soul to keep;
Guide me Jesus through the night
and wake me with the morning light.
Amen

The Papal Blessing is also special to many married people at the anniversary of their marriage whether 30th, 40th or 50th. It is also nice to follow this up with an official presentation with a blessing and prayers during a weekend Mass with the congregation.

Fr Michael

**MERCY
ACCESS**
Aboriginal
Ministry

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2017-2018



**Would you like helping children with their work in the
Classroom or Homework?**

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in education (any level) to mentor children of all ages. If you can give three hours a week regularly during the day or after school hours then

BE A VOLUNTEER. YOU ARE NEEDED!

You can assist a child in the classroom or at Gowola Homework Club at Rumbalara Football Netball Club. On receiving your expression of Interest an application form will be forwarded together with other necessary information. Training days will be offered. You will be asked to commit for three hours on one day per week.

Expression of Interest for Mercy Access

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/MOB _____

Email address _____

RETURN TO email: ma@mercy.org.au; or ring 04 28996975

Mercy Access Office
St Mel's Parish House,
18 Hamilton St, Shepparton
Vic 3630

**CLOSE
THE
GAP**

Voices from the Past – Along the Track

Sometimes TV shows can hook you in. I have become addicted to a rather dark, police drama series on TV, because of the acting and particularly because of the script. It is extraordinarily good, thoughtful and at times, almost poetic. Just about every episode offers some gem, something that makes you think, something that makes you reconsider the mundane things of life, the ordinary, the things we take for granted, to see them in a new and perhaps more appreciative light. I will let you guess what the series may be.

This is the opening paragraph of Along the Track. Copies are in the Narthex.

2018 FETE - FRIDAY 23rd March from 5:00pm

We are still looking for a Secretary (this could be shared between 2 or more people), Raffle Coordinator (this could also be a shared job also), Super Spin Coordinator and a Milkshakes/Drinks Coordinator. Other volunteers will be sought closer to the Fete.

If you are interested in these positions or you have another idea for a stall that you would like to coordinate please contact Maria Spedding or Debbie in the office.

All families and parishioners are welcome to attend the fete meetings and new ideas for the fete are always welcome and appreciated.

Happy birthday to Father Michael for Wednesday 20th September.





Readings for
this week:

Sirach 27:30-28-7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24,279
Matthew 20:1-16



Liturgical Jottings

It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord's Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that ... they partake of the chalice so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated. *GIRM 85*

Pope Francis on Creation

"We urgently appeal to those in positions of social and economic, as well as political and cultural, responsibility, to hear the cry of the earth and to attend to the needs of the marginalised, but above all to respond to the plea of millions and support the consensus of the world for the healing of our wounded creation," *Joint Message by Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew 1, to mark the Season of Creation, from 1 September to 4 October 2017.*

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Looking at the Readings

Ten thousand talents is an enormous, unimaginable sum for one person to owe to another, even a king. Flavius Josephus, Roman historian about the time of Christ records 100 talents as the sum taxes of two Roman provinces, Galilee and Perea for the year. 100 times that is 10,000 an impossible debt to ring up and then to pay back. We should have grown accustomed to extravagant claims and exaggerated sums in the parables of Jesus. They grab our attention; overwhelm our minds and we must marvel in awe at God's extravagant mercy to exaggerated charity.

Peter's seemingly generous offer to forgive his brother seven times pales into insignificance. The other apostles would not laugh at his offer, they may have been thinking the same or perhaps less times.

God's offer is, of course countless. But the call to us also is be generous. We pray the "Our Father" out aloud at Mass. It bothered one Mass-goer who remarked that other would hear him praying for forgiveness (Our Trespases) and then be forgiving to others (Their Trespases). What if they expect me to do that each time? Yes, as Christians, we must!

Feast of the Week: Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions on Wednesday 20 Sept

Korea must be unique in that the first seeds of Christianity were planted there by lay people. The Catholic faith came to Korea in the early 17th century, inspired by the reading of some Catholic books which had come from China. When the first missionaries priest arrived in 1836, they found strong and dynamic Catholic communities led almost entirely by lay people. However, in the years 1839, 1846 and 1866, the Christians underwent severe persecutions, resulting in at least 8,000 martyrs. Most noteworthy among these were a Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon, and a lay catechist, Paul Chong Hasang. The vast majority of the martyrs were lay people and they included men and women, married and single, teenagers, middle-aged and elderly.

Season of Creation Prayer 2

O Lord, help us to protect the poor, both at home and around the world, who are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

On the Lighter Side

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo, while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both very old," he replied.



Jesus says to him, "I say to you not up to **seven** times, but up to **seventy times seven**!"