

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.

We acknowledge the Yora Yorta nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, as they have occupied and cared for this country for many generations. We also celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region.



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time 24 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

OCTOBER ROSTERS

October rosters are in the folder in the Narthex please remember to take a copy.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today we celebrate **Social Justice Sunday**. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: **'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'**. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person.

The Bishops' Statement is built around the Gospel for Social Justice Sunday, 24 September 2017. Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where all are active contributors and are recognised for their human dignity.

Australia has experienced a quarter of a century of continuous economic growth, but the benefits of this good fortune have not been distributed equally. In our workplaces, conditions and security of employment have been eroded, while those who are unemployed subsist on incomes well below poverty levels. Australia is experiencing a housing crisis. And our Indigenous brothers and sisters struggle with economic and social burdens that most Australians cannot imagine.

In the light of these challenges, the Statement calls us to build an economy founded on true solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. Such a society will reject an 'ideology of the market' that forgets the principles of justice and equity. Justice must be built into the very foundations of our community, and business can work for everybody's benefit, not just for shareholders. The excluded and vulnerable must have a voice in decision-making. God is calling us to use his bounty wisely, for the good of all and of our planet.

There is some wonderful reading on this at:

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Joyce Kerrins
For those whose anniversary occurs	Mary Anne Curtis, Vito Prinzi, Maria-Aurelia Prinzi
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 30 Sep 6pm	Steph Hicks	Marli Kelly	Ev Leahy	D Woodman P Baldwin	S Finlayson A Hutchison G Ranson	Simon Cowan
Sun 1 Oct 9.30am	Denice Bourke	Karen Nihill	Carmel White	Barry & Jan Lowe	L Cowan S Cowan R Kelly	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	25 Sep	No Mass
Tuesday	26 Sep	No Mass
Wednesday	27 Sep	9.15am Mass
Thursday	28 Sep	No Mass – Funeral Mass Joyce Kerrins 11am
Friday	29 Sep	9.15am Mass
Saturday	30 Sep	6pm Mass
Sunday	1 Oct	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	30 Sep	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER DIARY DATES

Mon	25 Sep	
Tues	26 Sep	
Wed	27 Sep	St Vincent de Paul Feast Day
Thurs	28 Sep	11am Funeral Mass Joyce Kerrins
Fri	29 Sep	Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Sat	30 Sep	
Sun	1 Oct	
Mon	2 Oct	Guardian Angels
Tues	3 Oct	
Wed	4 Oct	11.30am Anne McIntosh 2pm Catholic Women's League Parish Hall
Thurs	5 Oct	
Fri	6 Oct	
Sat	7 Oct	
Sun	8 Oct	9.30am Mass – Baptism of Joshua David Little Morning Tea after Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

Join the fight against poverty

Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor.

Anti-Poverty Day is October 17th. During Anti-Poverty Week October 15-21 you can take part in an activity to highlight or overcome poverty here in Australia or overseas.

The main aims are to: strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

To find out more:
www.antipovertyweek.org.au



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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 1 October 2017

This week on the Journey, the Gospel of Matthew is reflected on by our very own Fr Stephen Varney of Shellharbour City Parish. Wisdom from the Abbey with Sr Hilda encourages 'To believe the Good News, Trish McCarthy asks us in her Milk & Honey segment, 'Are we doing too much?' and Fr Dave Callaghan talks to us about 'Dealing with the enemy'. We are truly blessed to have such amazing Christian music artists 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.

Reconciliation 2017

Please keep the following students in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reuben Saddler
Amelie Crawford
Cooper Deane
Max Macreadie
Gerard McCarthy
Cadel Nicholson
Amelia Rosella
Remmi Webster
Xavier Powles

TIPS ON PARENT/CHILDREN COMMUNICATION

Principal John Cortese had some good tips in this week's Notre Dame Newsletter on communication and relationship between parents/guardians and their children, I encourage the following to occur:

Daily I ask that: Students tell their parents/guardians 3 fantastic things that happened at school that day. Students also ask their parents/guardians how their day went and discuss what happened.
Obviously parents/guardians ask their children how their day went and discuss events that occurred.

Weekly I ask that: Parents/guardians and their children read the 2 quotes below and have a discussion about what each quote means and how it may be relevant to their lives.
Please make this a regular part of your daily and weekly routine and the benefits will be enormous.

We pray for all those in Mexico caught up in the earthquake. May God be with all those affected and give them the strength they need at this difficult time.

LITURGY JOTTINGS cont.

Blessings cont. (No 4)

Over the past three weeks I have spoken of blessings that we ask of God. It is also appropriate that we thank God for the blessings already received or ones that we receive on a regular basis in our lives.

This week having celebrated my birthday I found myself thanking God for the many blessings that I have received, and more so, over the past few years.

I think it is because I am more more aware of what it means to enjoy good health the older I become.

When we reflect on many things given to us by God, they are all gifts, all blessings.

It is important to call them blessings because then we are bringing God into everything and not just thinking 'that's life', it would have happened anyway.

Let's see the hand of God in all things that we receive and enjoy and realise we are blessed in many ways.

He looks after us.

Fr Michael



THANKS TO DEBBIE WORM FOR THE CAKE



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24,27-9
Matthew 20:1-16



Readings for
next Sunday:

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32



Liturgical Jottings

Today we celebrate Social Justice Sunday with the bishops' Statement 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. It calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. It recognises the great benefits of economic growth Australia has achieved over recent decades. However, not all Australians have shared in this national prosperity. We are all called to play our part in building an inclusive economy founded on true solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. This Sunday's scripture passages challenge us to view our world, with its economic opportunity and societal displacement, through the eyes of God. As such the readings do not make for comfortable hearing, yet are replete with the implications of the mercy, compassion and forgiveness of God.

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Looking at the Readings

The concern of the workers, especially those who started early and of the listeners of this Parable of Jesus is expressed in the final statement of the vine-owner: "Why be envious because I am generous?" This era may have new concerns about wage justice and workers' rights. In these times we seem to get more stress and anxiety over "Our Rights" or rather not receiving our full measure of our entitlements. While human's rights are essential in our society and a duty of all authorities to protect and promote, we need a broader vision than just "my rights". The Shakespearean quote "Methinks the person protests too much" may be apt here. Some go too far in demanding rights and entitlements and they protest or forget about duties, responsibility, and the right balance of personal and community well-being and principles of cooperation and participation.

The Gospel passage is enlightened for us by the first reading in which we read: "for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways as my ways are above your ways, ..." (Isaiah 55:8). Indeed my thoughts and ways may be self-centred, God's thoughts and ways are for all peoples and all times. Again, God's thoughts and ways exceed those of all peoples and times.

Feast of the Week

Sts Cosmas and Damian Tues 26 Sept

These saints are very much revered in Rome with a small but impressive basilica dedicated in their names. Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers born in Syria in the third century. They were also barbers and doctors, and they became known as "the holy moneyless ones" because they cared for the sick free of charge. They are patrons of physicians, surgeons, barbers and twins.

Season of Creation Prayer 3

O Lord, we pray that all people learn to love and care for your gift of creation, and to safeguard the creatures and places endangered by human activity, neglect or exploitation of our resources.

Quote of the Week

The economy, which has come to be the dominant consideration in our society, should be seen as existing within a total culture. Economic concerns must be consistent with social and spiritual values and must be directed towards the good of all. *Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (1992)*

On the Lighter Side

An employee went to his boss and said that three companies are after him. To stay in this job he would need a pay rise. His boss asked which three companies are after him. He replied, "The gas company, the electricity company and the phone company!"



May you know the hope to which God has called you.

Ephesians 1:17