

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 Yorta 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.



29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

22 October 2017

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE,
WILL NEVER THIRST AGAIN**

John 4:14

Catholic Mission supports missionaries like Sister Mary Hoaian in Nha Trang, Vietnam to provide critical community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, to support isolated families in coastal Vietnam, and all around the world, to receive the vital resources they require such as clean drinking water and medical care. Please give generously to support impoverished families in Vietnam, and around the world today.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam



BUCKET COLLECTION

There will be a leaving bucket collection for the Missions this week. No second collection.

CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have Columban Calendars available for \$9 and Majellan Christmas Cards – pack of 10 for \$7. Please put your money in the relevant tin in the Narthex.

NOVEMBER ROSTER IN THE FOLDER IN THE NARTHEX

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – TATURA BRANCH

The annual meeting of the League will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Wednesday 1st. November at 2.00pm.

Guest Speaker - Merritt Funeral Services, "Planning a Funeral".

Members attending are asked to bring a plate of afternoon tea please. The current office bearers, Pat Baldwin, President, Gwen Ranson, Secretary and Trish Warnett, Treasurer have indicated they are not in a position to continue office in 2018. At the general meeting held 4th. October no nominations were received for these positions. If you know someone who would be willing to accept an executive position for 2018 please put their name forward before the Annual Meeting.

Membership for 2018 has increased to \$25.00 while the cost of the "Horizon" magazine remains the same at \$20.00 per annum. Gwen Ranson

We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Vin Newman, Thea Barrette
For those whose anniversary occurs	Salvatore (Sam) Gallo, Vincenzo Mandaradoni
Our sick and their carers	Eileen Ryan, Elli Kleindienst, Anne Heathman, 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 28 th Oct 6pm	Denise Woodman	Sheila Gregg	D Corrigan	Phyl Newman Pat Anderson	A Hutchison G Ranson P Baldwin	Debbie Worm
Sun 29 th Oct 9.30am	Betty Curtis	Debbie Worm	Debbie Turvey	Maeve Kerrins Ella Kerrins	D Bourke C Coulston L Kerrins	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	23 Oct	No Mass
Tuesday	24 Oct	No Mass
Wednesday	25 Oct	9.15am Mass
Thursday	26 Oct	9.15am Mass
Friday	27 Oct	9.15am Mass
Saturday	28 Oct	6pm Mass
Sunday	29 Oct	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	28 Oct	No Rec – Heritage Day
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Mon	23 Oct	
Tues	24 Oct	
Wed	25 Oct	School Board 7pm Staff Room Secretaries Day in Bendigo
Thurs	26 Oct	Benalla Prison Chaplains
Fri	27 Oct	
Sat	28 Oct	Heritage Open Day in Tatura 11am in Church 6pm Mass
Sun	29 Oct	9.30am Mass Baptism Lottie Maree Sullivan
Mon	30 Oct	
Tues	31 Oct	
Wed	1 Nov	9.15am School Mass All Saints Day Parish Pastoral Council 6pm Staff Room CWL 2pm Parish Hall
Thurs	2 Nov	9.15am School families invited All Souls Day
Fri	3 Nov	11.40am Year 6 Reconciliation
Sat	4 Nov	6pm Mass
Sun	5 Nov	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

Pope Francis

What “the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle.” We are to heal wounds not to exacerbate them with our criticisms and demands.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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

The role is becoming increasingly 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 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 the guidelines and nomination forms are in the Narthex.

Fr Michael

CLEAN WATER CHANGES EVERYTHING

Investment: Every \$1 invested in clean water can yield \$4 - \$12 in economic returns. It is a solid investment; access to clean water is perhaps the single most powerful tool for sparking economic growth that humanity has ever known.

Health: diseases from dirty water kill more people every year than all forms of violence, including war. 43% of those deaths are children under five years old. Access to clean water and basic sanitation can save around 16,000 lives every week.

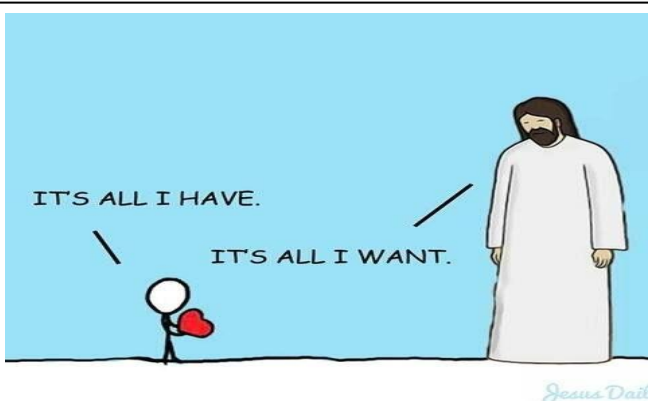
Time: in Africa alone, women spend 40 billion hours a year walking for water. Access to clean water gives communities more time to grow food, earn an income, and go to school – all of which fight poverty.

Education: clean water helps keep kids in school, especially girls. Less time collecting water means more time in class. Clean water and proper toilets at school means teenage girls don't have to stay home for a week out of every month.

Empowering women: women are responsible for 72% of the water collected in Sub-Saharan Africa. When a community gets water, women and girls get their lives back. They start businesses, improve their homes, and take charge of their own futures.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 22nd October 2017

This week on the Journey, our very own Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with 'The Cry Of The World, Trish McCarthy reminds us 'Jesus, The Way To The Father', and Sam Clear evokes Forgiveness in his Walking the Walk segment. The music this week is very powerful and fitting to our inspirational God spots. Tune into LIFE 105.1 FM Saturday 4 pm or 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

Word of God

We Catholics are often referred to as Eucharistic people because we tend, and have always put emphasis on the Eucharist than the Word of God. Other religions put great emphasis on the Word, possibly because they don't have the Eucharist or believe in the Real Presence.

From our earliest days very few of us had Bibles in our homes. We were discouraged to do so, the Church's thinking was that we may take things too literally and because we lacked the scriptural background.

We are gradually making up ground but we have a long way to go.

I remember that if we got to Mass before the Offertory we had attended Mass, yet we missed the Word of God.

Today we say the Mass is made of two parts – Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist. So to miss hearing the word, we miss out on a special part of the Mass. God has not spoken to us!

Why do we stand for the Gospel?

Why does a parishioner ceremonially process with the Book of the Gospels?

Why sing the Alleluia? (Should be done all the time).

We should be conscious of our dress attire when we are the Proclaimer of the Word?

Why do we make the three crosses on head, lips and heart? These actions are to have a more powerful meaning by their symbolism.

The Bible is a sacred book therefore demands respect.

We open it and read something and immediately God is speaking to us! How powerful and amazing is that! We should try to listen as respectfully as we can; we should do so without causing distraction to others so they don't miss something of God's Word.

We should never walk in or out of church, if possible, to cause distraction to others.

When we process with the Book of the Gospels don't turn your back on God's Word.

It is lovely to notice, when someone is late for Mass, how they wait till there is some movement like the Alleluia verse or they wait till the Word of God is finished before they enter the church to find a seat, so as not to interfere with the proclamation of Word – God speaking to his people.

Fr Michael



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequence

The Gospels of this Sunday and the next two form a sequence of harsh confrontations with the Scribes and Pharisees. They pose real questions but with ill intent to either catch Jesus out or provide an out for themselves. Should we pay taxes? What is the greatest commandment? Jesus gives strong rebuke to them in the gospel of 31st Sunday.

Did You Know?

This week until the end of ordinary time we read from St Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians who comprised mainly of gentile Christians. The city of Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman Province of Macedonia. The letter is the first of Paul's written about 50 AD and so the oldest of all the New Testament books. Paul repeatedly thanks them and reassures them about the resurrection of the dead.

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Looking at the Readings

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Feast of the Week Sts Simon and Jude 28 October

Little is known of these two Apostles. Simon the Zealot is listed 11th in the names of the Apostles and Jude or Thaddeus, tenth. (Matt 10:3). St Jude asked Jesus a question (John 15:22). Jude and Simon were martyred together in Persia and so share the same feast day. St Jude is the patron saint of desperate or hopeless causes.

Month of Prayer and Fasting Week 4

Today and throughout this week we pray for the national discussion on marriage. Heavenly Father, grant that all Australia's leaders develop a true understanding of the meaning and importance of marriage in our society. we pray that they work cooperatively to ensure our nation upholds your plan for marriage and families.

On the Lighter Side

Not long after he was elected pope, John XXIII was walking in the streets of Rome. A woman passed him and said to her friend, "Oh My God, he's so fat!" Overhearing what she said, he turned around and replied, "Madame, I trust you understand that the papal election is not a beauty contest."



God never gives you a dream that matches your budget. He's not checking your bank account he's checking your faith.