

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.



31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

5th November 2017

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND.

They are listed in alphabetical name order. Please note that the commencement date for these new envelopes is the 19th November 2017. Please ensure you collect your new envelopes or letters for credit card and direct debit contributors, from the Narthex Mass this weekend - this will save on unnecessary postage.

THERE IS A LETTER FOR EVERY GIVER

Pledge Cards are available at the back of the church if you have been away or have not as yet had a chance to complete one. The completed cards may be returned to the Parish Office during the week or placed on the collection plate any weekend.

IT'S A SAD DAY

We have been advertising on the Bulletin for some time of the forthcoming Parish Pastoral Elections. The role of a member is very special because collectively the PPC is guiding and supporting the Parish Priest in all things that are the pastoral concern of all the parish.

The ideas put forward are to help us all grow in our faith and be 'alive and active' in the way we live out the gospel message.

I ask you to read again our mission statement on the top of this page. It says that as Christ's disciples we are all called to do this!

Then at some stage different members are asked to bring their faith and ideas forward as members of the Parish Pastoral Council. This group is crucial to the life of the parish but it is still the responsibility of all.

The present PPC is being stretched – three members have fulfilled their term, three others are into a second term because no others were nominated at the time. Others are ex-officio or my nomination and like me are required to be members.

IT'S A SAD DAY (continued)

We had our meeting last Wednesday evening with the main discussion about the elections.

There were no nominations. I know the members would have 'hung in' but I took the initiative to move that the PPC go into recess until at least March next year with it's future pending.

I have never had to do something like this in a parish before and it is very sad.

It is of concern to me as parish priest and it should be to every one who is a parishioner of Sacred Heart.

Fr Michael

CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

CEMETERY MASS 2017

The Cemetery Mass will be held on Saturday 18th November at 8.30am. Please bring a chair.

We pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Fr Les Ring, Gordon Stone, Kathleen Flanagan
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 Nov 11 th 6pm	Denice Bourke	Carol Coulston	Anne Hutchison	Sacha Finlayson Joan Cummins	P Baldwin J Webster A Hicks	Trish Warnett
Sun Nov 12 th 9.30am	Children's Mass				R Kelly P Kerrins L Kerrins	

MASSSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	6 Nov	No Mass
Tuesday	7 Nov	No Mass
Wednesday	8 Nov	9.15am Anointing Mass
Thursday	9 Nov	9.15am Mass
Friday	10 Nov	9.15am Mass intention for Kathleen Flanagan
Saturday	11 Nov	6pm Mass
Sunday	12 Nov	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	11 Nov	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Mon	6 Nov	Student free day Sacred Heart
Tues	7 Nov	Melbourne Cup
Wed	8 Nov	9.15am Anointing Mass 11am Mercy Memorial Day at Cemetery 160 years 5.30pm Finance Meeting
Thurs	9 Nov	2pm Priest Retirement Fund Bendigo
Fri	10 Nov	11.40am Reconciliation
Sat	11 Nov	4.30pm Gaffy Baptism
Sun	12 Nov	Cuppa After Mass Baptism Olivia Worm
Mon	13 Nov	Diocesan Golf Day for Victorian Priests – Tatura
Tues	14 Nov	10am Council of Priests – Shepparton 2pm Italian Rosary in the Church 7pm St Vincent de Paul at the Centre
Wed	15 Nov	Albert the Great
Thurs	16 Nov	Margaret of Scotland
Fri	17 Nov	11.40am Reco Jane Stock
Sat	18 Nov	6pm Mass
Sun	19 Nov	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

PLEASE NOTE: FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation for our 9 candidates will now take place on **Thursday 23rd November** starting at 7pm.

MUSIC LITURGY/MINISTRY WORKSHOP

8pm – 9.30pm at St Brendan's Church, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Dale Wright will be giving an insight on the Australian Pastoral Musicians Conference which he recently attended in Perth.

All interested Musicians and Singers from neighbouring parishes are invited to come along.

Please phone St Brendan's Parish Office on 5821 2633 to indicate your attendance.

Thank you.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 5 November 2017

This week on the Journey, Fr mike Delaney reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy reminds us about Having Faith in God's Will, Sam Clear speaks to us softly about Forgiveness, and Sr Hilda graces us with her sage words of Wisdom From the Abbey. Coupled with amazing music and you have a show 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.

MISSIONS BUCKET COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated to our bucket collection we raised \$613 a great effort.

The latest edition of Australian Catholics is in the Narthex

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR 2018 PILGRIMAGE TO SACRED DESTINATIONS IN SPAIN: 19th September – 6/8/9th October 2018. Bishop Les Tomlinson will be your chaplain, as you visit sacred sites associated with Saints Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier and John of God – and much more. Optional extensions: to Fatima OR Santiago de Compostela. Estimated cost: for main pilgrimage in Spain: \$7190 (Single supplement \$995). Organisers: Adult Faith Education Sandhurst, the Sandhurst Catholic Education Office and Olive Tree Travel. Contact: Jake Warren CEO Sandhurst T: 03 5443 23 77 E: jwarren@ceosand.catholic.edu.au OR Olive Tree Travel T:03 8488 9696, 1300 550 830 E: info@olivetreetravel.com.au

LITURGY JOTTINGS

We can ask the question 'Wouldn't it be nice to see God?' Jesus replied, 'To see me is to see the Father.'

Personhood

The human person, created in God's image, is made up of body and soul. The soul is that part of the human person which is innermost of the person and most closely associated with the image of God. It animates the body which, according to Gn 2:7, is the breath of God. The extent to which the body engages with this breath of God in our souls, determines the way we experience God in the world and the way in which we become an experience of God for others.

MERCY MEMORIAL DAY

Sisters of Mercy -'Celebrating 160 years of living, praying and working in Victoria.' Part of these celebrations is a Prayer Memorial Service in Tatura cemetery to remember Sisters of Mercy buried there.

Time: 11am

When: Wednesday 8th November 2017

Parishioners welcome, then join us for lunch in St. Mary's Hall. Small plate would be appreciated.

Random Acts of Kindness

The American writer Anne Herbert is credited with scribbling on a placemat "Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty". The question is why? For those who follow Jesus the answer is clear: To show the tender mercy and kindness of God.

It's never too soon to be kind.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - MATTHEW 23:12

Jesus gave His life to serve, not to be served. Putting other's needs before our own needs is a sign of becoming a mature disciple, of following Jesus' example. Humility is really a sign of a strength. By putting other's needs first we declare to the world that we are putting our complete trust in God. When we align our thoughts and actions with God's plan for us, the result is Joy and Peace.

SCHOOL NEWS

Ryan Skinner was announced as the overall winner of Indigi-Art Competition for the National Water Week 2017. Ryan's murray cod painting impressed the judges who visited schools across the Goulburn Murray Catchment Area.

Jett Easterbrook competed in the Junior Handler at the Royal Melbourne Show, leading his cow in front of the judges and was awarded the Junior Champion Handler.

Katherine Wagner and Audrey Spedding were nominated for the Fred Hollows Humanitarian Award, which recognises all the extra work they do within our community. Congratulations to all these students who are an example of the many remarkable opportunities our students can and do excel in. Well done everyone!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2017

Saturday 23rd December Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 24th December Mass 9.30am

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December Carols 6.00pm
Sunday 24th December Mass 6.30pm

Christmas Day

Monday 25th December Mass 9.00am

Catholic Women's League

At the annual meeting held on Wednesday 1st November the following office bearers were elected for 2018. President, Denise Woodman, Secretary, Gwen Ranson, Treasurer Nan Lawlor.

League members will be collecting membership for 2018 after Masses on the weekend of 11/12 November and 18/19 November. Membership has increased to \$25.00 but the Horizon remains the same at \$20.



Readings for
this week:

Malachi 1:14-2;2, 8-10
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13
Matthew 23:1-12



Readings for
next Sunday:

Wisdom 6: 12 – 16
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13



Liturgical Jottings

True Worship I

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows. For the aim and object of apostolic works is that all who are made sons and daughters of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of His Church, to take part in the sacrifice, and to eat the Lord's supper. Constitution on the Liturgy art. 10

Saint of the Week

10 November: Saint Leo the Great was Pope from 29 September 440 to his death in 461. He is remembered for issuing the 'Tome of Leo', which was a major foundation to the debates of the Council of Chalcedon dealing primarily with Christ's being as the hypostatic union of two natures, divine and human, united in one person, "with neither confusion nor division".

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Looking at the Readings

The prophet Malachi, in the last book of the Old Testament, uses strong words against the priests of the new Temple. The Babylonian exile is over, the Temple has been rebuilt, their nation and religion have been re-established but from the tone of the first reading today, something is terribly wrong. In fact, two things: the priests exercise of worship and their administration. Temple worship with sacrifices of thanksgiving and atonement are third rate, using badly blemished or stolen animals, rotten or polluted food and anything goes. Certainly not uplifting liturgy, or worthy and proper praise to God. Their administration is shoddy, they are being corrupted by the world around them.

About 450 years later Jesus uses most vehement language against the religious leaders of the day for their spiritual hypocrisy and uncaring application of rules and traditions upon the people. Matthew's community, the first readers of this Gospel know about the scribes, Pharisees and priests of the Temple which is now destroyed. They know that there were good and bad leaders, vain ones and humble ones. Jesus response is found in the last three verses of Today's Gospel passage.

His warnings and encouragements are pertinent today. Do we give our best time and participation to our liturgies or just turn up if we have a few minutes to spare or give half hearted attention to our parish celebrations? Do we see our fellow Christians as our brothers and sisters whom we share, serve and encourage and so together able to call our God "Father and Teacher"? Jesus shows true leadership by carrying our burdens and being servant to all.

Quote of the Week

The commemoration of the dead fills us both with sorrow, a sense of sadness, and with hope. A cemetery is sad because it reminds us of our loved ones who have died, it reminds us of our future, death. In this sadness, we bring flowers as a sign of hope. This hope can help us because we too must make the same journey, from this life to the next. The hope in the Resurrection does not disappoint. In fact it is Jesus Himself who first took this journey; we walk along the path He has trod." *Pope Francis' Homily on All Souls Day 2016 at the Roman cemetery of Prima Porta*

On the Lighter Side

Fuzzy Sabbath Logic, from Matthew 12:9-14 "Jesus entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath? ... But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus." Lesson: For the Pharisees it's sinful to heal on the Sabbath, but OK to plot murder.



Everything God does will endure forever.

Ecclesiastes 3:14