

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH TATURA

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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 region.



**Sacred
Heart
Parish**
TATURA

Readings -
Year A
Matthew
Weekday Year 1

*Parish Pastoral Council
In recess until March 2018*

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.

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

19th November 2017

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS – WE ARE ONE HUMAN FAMILY

When you choose a global gift this Christmas from Caritas you are helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Share a message of compassion this Christmas – select one of their beautiful global gift cards.

www.globalgifts.org.au or phone 1800 024 413

GOD'S WORD 2018 DAILY REFLECTIONS

Cost: \$20

CHOSEN – ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS

Cost: \$4

FRANKLY MAGAZINE

Cost: \$5

Money tins are in the Narthex.

PLACEMATS FOR FAMILY PRAYER

A sample Family Prayer Placemat is in the Narthex.

We are getting an order of these. They will make wonderful gifts for sacraments, special times and Christmas.

Cost is \$2

Please put your names down on the clipboard with the number you would like. ASAP

Book of the Year Fr Rob's book "Breakthrough"

Millions know **Fr Rob Galea** as a renowned musician and priest who appeared on *The X Factor*. However his story is so much deeper than this, and here in his autobiography we are given an exclusive first look into how Fr Rob escaped his self-inflicted "circle of hell" as a teen in Malta, to become one of the world's most renowned priests. Through *Breakthrough*, Fr Rob hopes to offer a path to hope, happiness and peace in a world where bad things happen.

Arriving at the start of December, pre-order this phenomenal read now for delivery in time for Christmas! <https://garrattpublishing.com.au/>

St Vincent de Paul – gift delivery at Dhurringile

Once again St Vincent de Paul Conference will be distributing gifts to the Prisoners at Dhurringile. This will take place on Saturday December 9th at 9am - 10.30am. If you would **like to help** on this day please see **Denise Woodman** after Mass today or contact her today on 5824 1193 with name, address and date of birth for security clearance.

We pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Rupert Brown
For those whose anniversary occurs	Judy Maher
Our sick and their carers	Eileen Ryan, 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 25 th 6pm	Trish Miller	Kaye Gaffy	Bryan Miller	Ev Leahy J Cummins	A Hicks J Webster D Woodman	Bill Woods
Sun Nov 26 th 9.30am	Rob Miller	Betty Curtis	Bernie Maher	J Caiafa D Hamilton	D Worm AM Nihill S Cowan	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	20 Nov	No Mass
Tuesday	21 Nov	No Mass
Wednesday	22 Nov	9.15am Mass
Thursday	23 Nov	9.15am Mass
Friday	24 Nov	9.15am Mass
Saturday	25 Nov	6pm Mass
Sunday	26 Nov	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	25 Nov	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Mon	20 Nov	In Service Clergy Dinner 6pm
Tues	21 Nov	In Service Shepparton 9.30am – 3.30pm
Wed	22 Nov	School Board 7pm Staff Room
Thurs	23 Nov	First reconciliation 7pm
Fri	24 Nov	Student Free Day - Report writing day
Sat	25 Nov	6pm Mass
Sun	26 Nov	9.30am Mass
Mon	27 Nov	
Tues	28 Nov	
Wed	29 Nov	9.15am Mass
Thurs	30 Nov	St Andrew
Fri	1 Dec	9.15am School Mass
Sat	2 Dec	6pm Mass
Sun	3 Dec	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

LAST CRAZY WHIST CARDS FOR THE YEAR

Monday, November 20th at 1.30pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – 23rd NOVEMBER 7.30PM

Please come along and support the children.

All welcome

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM –

AIRS on Sunday at 11am 26th November 2017

This week on the Journey, Fr Stephen Varney reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy talks about Finding Our Awe, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent encourages us to Know Our Neighbours and we have an take on King Lear that only Sr Hilda from the Abbey could come up with. We have some fabulous music, put it all together and you have a show about faith, hope, love and life. Tune into 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.

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 27th Nov 7.30 – 9 pm** (meals from 6 pm optional).

Pope Francis recently delivered his first video TED talk **WHY THE ONLY FUTURE WORTH BUILDING INCLUDES EVERYONE!** We present this for discussion along with Francis' fellow Jesuit, Andrew Hamilton sj, theologian, editorial consultant of online magazine, *Eureka Street*, and policy officer with Jesuit Social Services, who will open up the topic from his perspective. Information fliers are at the back of church. Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904 Frank 5821 4362



Making a Scene at Christmas

This private collection of over 400 nativity cribs and other items celebrating the birth of Christ will be on display at St Brendan's. Visitors will be able to touch and smell frankincense and myrrh and view scenes from 80 countries across the world, a coin minted at the time of Jesus' birth and artworks depicting the annunciation and the flight into Egypt and even encounter the Jewish heritage of Jesus. Some exhibits will be centuries old. Come and see Kevin, our 260 year old sheep! Children will be very welcome. They will find stables with zebras and giraffes and elephants and nativity scenes made from pumpkins.

Time: 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Date: Tuesday December 5th

Where: St. Brendan's Church
Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre
121 Knight Street, Shepparton

A gold coin will be appreciated but is not necessary.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2017

Reconciliation: Thursday 21st December 7.30pm

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

WHAT DO THESE GRAVES TELL US?

Maybe it is, as we get older, that we become more aware or interested in our past? Maybe we are quite proud of ourselves with what we can remember of our past! Anyway it is nice to be able to do it.

Last Saturday, my old school, St Bernard's Essendon had the annual Mass for deceased pupils of the College.

I didn't make it this year; but it is always a wonderful occasion to catch up with others; while praying and reflecting on school mates who have gone to be with the Father in his Kingdom.

Many of these thoughts came flooding back last week when some Mercy Sisters returned to Tatura to celebrate their 160 years in Victoria.

They are visiting all parishes where they do or did have a parish school.

We gathered at the Tatura cemetery for a short prayer service while reflecting on the history and the person of the twelve sisters who are buried there.

I found it so powerful to look along the line of graves of all those sisters.

The first sister to be buried there was Sister Stanislaus in 1911. The last one was Sister Gonzaga in 1989.

Some of these sisters returned to Tatura to retire, so that is why so many are buried here. These sisters just loved their time here so they came back to live out their retirement.

When I looked along that row of graves and pondered on all the children who had been given a great start in life in education and faith. I also thought of the sacrifices these sisters were prepared to make in lack of food, living conditions, and the Irish sisters adjusting to the heat with those heavy habits that they wore every day.

Yes those graves tell us much of the Catholic tradition that has become the history of our Parish and our town. To them we owe so much.

Fr Michael Morley





Readings for
this week:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30



Readings for
next Sunday:

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46



Liturgical Jottings

True Worship III

In order that the liturgy may be able to produce its full effects, it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their minds should be attuned to their voices, and that they should cooperate with divine grace lest they receive it in vain. ... Pastors' duty is to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects.

Constitution on the Liturgy art.11

Pope Francis on Talents

This parable tells us that the expectation of the Lord's return is the time of action — we are in the time of action. The time to seek to increase goodness in the world. It is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, but to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others.

Looking at the Readings

The eulogy given in the first reading from the book of Proverbs is in praise of a woman who does things to perfection and with love. Let us not interpret it otherwise. And in juxtaposition with today's Gospel, this passage speaks of wisdom and giftedness.

What eulogy will be preached of the servant who simply buried his one talent in the ground? For that matter what eulogy would be given about the harsh master who demanded more than he gave.

The Parable of the Talents has several layers of meaning: making good use of the resources and graces God gives to us; the unexpectedness of the master's return; and the use of time between the two Christ events (Ascension and Second coming). We cannot be idle because the Lord entrusts us with the Kingdom of Heaven.

The parable is not to be taken in human terms of contracts, profit margins, rewards and punishments but in God's terms of relationships with people, justice and mercy and be active in life through prayer, good works and charity. The Gospel today is an invitation to share in the Lord's joy and peace.

Feast of the Week St Cecilia –22 November

Very little is known about Cecilia, patron saint of music. Her name is not mentioned in many early historical lists, except in the Roman Canon (First Eucharistic Prayer). She is recognised as a virgin martyr and her feast day is celebrated as a memorial, attesting to her universal popularity in the Church and with musicians in general.

Quote of the Week

The great cannot exist without the small, nor the small without the great; there is a certain mixture among all, and herein lies the advantage. *Letter of St Pope Clement I to the Corinthians, 37:4.*

On the Lighter Side

For those who tire of excuses why people don't go to church, these are the reasons why I never wash. 1. I was forced to wash as a child. 2. People who wash are hypocrites - they think they're cleaner than others. 3. There are so many kinds of soap I could never decide which was right. 4. I used to wash, but it got boring. 5. I only wash on Christmas and Easter. 6. None of my friends wash. 7. I'll start washing when I'm older. 8. I really don't have the time. 9. The bathroom isn't warm enough. 10. People who make soap are only after your money.

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Jeremiah 29: 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.