

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 B
Mark
Weekday Year 2

*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.

Third Sunday of Advent 17 December 2017

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ROSTER

CHRISTMAS EVE 6.30PM (CAROLS START AT 6PM)

Screens: Judith Steele

Mary: Annabelle Ford

Joseph: Harry Cameron

Commentator: Carol Coulston

Reader: Matt Cameron

Gospel Procession: Sheila Gregg

Offertory Procession: Maeve & Ella Kerrins

Special Ministers: Kaye Gaffy, Debbie Worm,
Lou & Paul Kerrins

Reflection: Marli Kelly

CHRISTMAS DAY 9AM

Screens: Bryan Miller

Commentator: Denise Woodman

Reader: Trish Miller

Gospel Procession: Bernie Maher

Offertory Procession: Anna Ciavarella

Special Ministers: Pat Baldwin, Evert Worm,
Denise Bourke

Reflection: Debbie Turvey

SISTER AGATHA WOODMAN AWARD & ACCADEMIC SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Congratulations to Charlette Gray on receiving the Sister Agatha Woodman Award.

Also congratulations to Jorja Dodd on receiving the Accademic and Social Justice Award.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. It's the day we light the only pink candle on the Advent wreath—the Shepherds Candle. The Shepherds Candle emphasises the joy of finding the Christ Child and sharing this joy with others. The color pink points us to the joy of the Advent season—pink in the midst of purple, joy in the midst of seriousness and repentance.

PARISH COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Thursday 21st December 7.30pm.
All Welcome

We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Antonio Ciavarella (one month)
For those whose anniversary occurs	Lucia Villani, Robert Borrelli
Our sick and their carers	Eileen Ryan, Anne Heathman, John Harford, Terry White

(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 Dec 23 rd 6pm	Denice Bourke	Marli Kelly	Joan Webster	Ev Leahy	G Ranson P Baldwin S Finlayson	Denise Woodman
Sun Dec 24 th 9.30am	Carol Coulston	Maria Spedding	Rob Miller	Joyce Caiafa Delphi Hamilton	D Woodman K Gaffy A Ciavarella	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	18 Dec	No Mass
Tuesday	19 Dec	No Mass
Wednesday	20 Dec	9.15am Mass intention for Robert Borrelli
Thursday	21 Dec	9.15am Mass
Friday	22 Dec	9.15am Mass
Saturday	23 Dec	6pm Mass
Sunday	24 Dec	9.30am Mass 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass (Carols at 6pm)
Saturday Reconciliation	23 Dec	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes before weekday Mass	

DECEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	18 Dec	Swimming Carnival day at Tatura pool
Tues	19 Dec	
Wed	20 Dec	9.15am Mass Sacred Heart School finishes for the year
Thurs	21 Dec	9.15am Mass 7.30pm Parish Reconciliation
Fri	22 Dec	9.15am Mass
Sat	23 Dec	6pm Mass
Sun	24 Dec	9.30am Mass 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass
Mon	25 Dec	Christmas Day Mass 9am
Tues	26 Dec	
Wed	27 Dec	No Mass
Thurs	28 Dec	No Mass
Fri	29 Dec	No Mass
Sat	30 Dec	6pm Mass
Sun	31 Dec	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 -18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

Please note:

Christmas Day Mass will be at 9am.

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

DODD FAMILY

A very special thank you to the Dodd family for 30 years of involvement in Sacred Heart School. We appreciate everything you have done for our Parish and our school over these years.

Reflection for the Week (Mark 1: 1-8)

Who are YOU?

"Who are YOU?" said the Caterpillar. Alice replied, rather shyly, 'I — I hardly know, sir...' In Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll, Alice has a rather confusing encounter with the Caterpillar who demands to know who she actually is and to explain herself.

This Sunday, John the Baptist is again the focus of the text from John's Gospel and like Alice, he is asked by the priests and Levites, "Who are you?" (John 1:19) Unlike Alice, he is easily able to answer the question. John the Baptist had no doubts about who he was not and who he was. He knew exactly who he was. "He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light..." (John 1:7) John knew he was not the light; Jesus is the Light. John knew that he was sent by God to prepare the way for God's son. He was to be the voice to cry out in the wilderness and to baptize with water. As Richard Leonard SJ so beautifully writes, "John the Baptist, the embodiment of the old covenant, recognises who Jesus is for the world and encourages his foes and friends alike to welcome in the Christ, the new and everlasting Covenant."

How would we respond if asked the question, "Who are you?" Through our baptism, we are called, like John the Baptist, to be witnesses to speak for the Light. In the First Reading from the prophet Isaiah, the way in which we are called to witness to the Light is very clear. God's spirit is upon each one of us and works in us to bring Jesus into other people's lives. We are called to be the light for the poor, the captives, the broken hearted. We can give witness to the Light in so many ways.

So as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, perhaps the words of St Paul could be our prayer. "Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

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THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

AIRS 17 December 2017

This week on the Journey, Fr Graham Schmitzer shares his reflection from the Gospel of John, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom From The Abbey, and encourages us to Stare at God, Trish McCarthy talks to us about The Word of God in her Milk and Honey segment, and Sam Clear encourages us to Let It Go in his Walking the Walk God spot. Our program is jam packed with inspiration and music, all round we have a great show about faith, hope, love and life. Tune into LIFE 105.1 FM Sunday 11am 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.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS 2017

We wish all our Year 6 students all the very best as the embark on their Secondary School education.





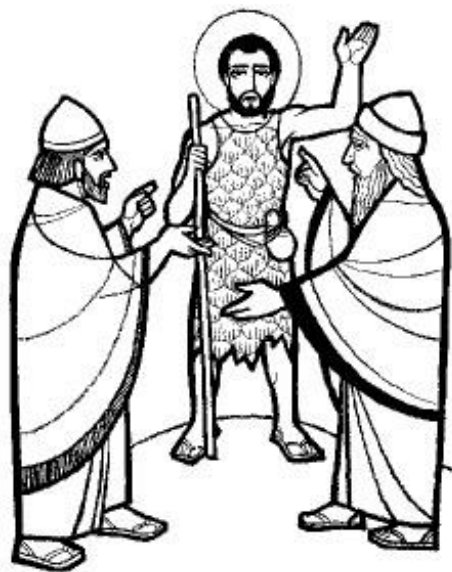
Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28



Readings for
next Sunday:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Romans 16:25-17
Luke 1:26-38



Liturgical Jottings

Jesse Tree

Like a family tree the people and stories of those who preceded Christ are remembered. Symbols are placed on a small leafless tree, beginning with Adam and Eve and moving upward to the topmost symbol, the χp representing Christ.



On the third Sunday of Advent, we light the **Shepherd's Candle**. It wasn't the rich and famous who came to worship Jesus that first Christmas but poor shepherds. As we light this candle, God reminds us that, "as you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me." He invites us, as his children, the "poor in Spirit," to come into His presence and worship Him.

Looking at the Readings

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfil the promises of God.

It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.

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Reflection on Two Gospels

Having the same gospel passage from two different gospels used in the liturgy in consecutive weeks (Mark on the second Sunday and John on the third Sunday of Advent) is an ideal opportunity to highlight the different focus adopted by the different gospels. The language of John's gospel is remarkably different from that of the three synoptic gospels (synoptic = 'seen together' - Matthew, Mark and Luke). The synoptics share a fairly common narrative style, while John relies much more on metaphor and imagery – it is a more poetic language.

In the gospel account of John the Baptist we see in John Gospel's greater emphasis on the conversation around what was occurring, while the Markan version emphasises recording the event. © Greg Sunter

Quotable Quote

Advent is "an invitation to vigilance, because, not knowing when He will come, we must always be ready to depart. We are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness. In order to do this we need to learn to not depend on our own securities, our own established plans, because the Lord comes in the hour which we don't imagine." *Pope Francis Advent Message 2016*

On the Lighter Side

The store's Santa Claus gave Sophie a candy cane. Her mother says, "What do you say, Sophie?" Sophie looks up at Santa and says, "Charge it!"



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Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.