

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.

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

21st January 2018

PURSUE CHANGE

If someone mentions the word change we can become very uncomfortable.

We can answer why? Things are okay as they are; I don't need to learn other ways or be taught new tricks.

The thought of change becomes more of an issue, the older we become. It can demand more effort than I am capable of giving, and I am at a stage where I am comfortable to leave things as they are.

The following article from a reflection book 'The word for today' does have some helpful points, especially the list of don'ts.

If you're serious about changing your life, well-known leadership expert John Maxwell offers this advice: 'Don't just change enough to get away from your problems – change enough to solve them. Don't just change your circumstances to improve your life – change yourself to improve your circumstances. Don't do the same old things expecting different results – get different results by doing something new.'

ONE MINUTE CATHOLIC – ESCAPE THE BUSY MEDITATION ON THE GO

We don't need a 10-day mountain retreat to get proper spiritual refreshment. Those small moments of down time everyone gets during the day are plenty. Instead of rehashing your mental to-do list or scrolling through social media when a time pocket opens up, take a few deep breaths.

Be open to an awareness of yourself within God's loving presence.

Try it the next time you find yourself with a spare minute:

- In the car at the traffic lights
- In a doctor's waiting room
- Waiting for the kids to come out of school
- While reheating food in the microwave

These small pockets of peace can have a dramatic effect on the quality of our daily life!

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR POPE FRANCIS

It was all in a day's work for the ever-unpredictable Pope Francis.

First he celebrated the first-ever airborne papal wedding, marrying two flight attendants from Chile's flagship airline at 36,000 feet during a flight on Thursday to this northern Chilean beachside town.

Then after landing, Francis came to the rescue of a police officer who was thrown from her rearing horse as his Popemobile passed by.

We pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Jack Woodman, Rosa Battista, Eileen D'Donovan, Jim O'Donovan
Our sick and their carers	Eileen Ryan, Anne Heathman, John Harford, Terry White, Betty Curtis, Margot Kerrins

(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 27 th Jan 6pm	Mary Gale	Marli Kelly	Margaret Corrigan	J Cummins Ev Leahy	A Hicks T Miller J Webster	Bill Woods
Sun 28 th Jan 9.30am	Lou Kerrins	Karen Nihill	Carmel White	M Normington S McCann	K Gaffy C Coulston S Finlayson	

MASSSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	22 Jan	No Mass
Tuesday	23 Jan	No Mass
Wednesday	24 Jan	9.15am Mass intention for Jack Woodman
Thursday	25 Jan	9.15am Mass
Friday	26 Jan	9.15am Australia Day Mass
Saturday	27 Jan	6pm Mass
Sunday	28 Jan	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	27 Jan	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

JANUARY / FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

Mon	22 Jan	
Tues	23 Jan	
Wed	24 Jan	9.15am Mass - Intention for Jack Woodman
Thurs	25 Jan	
Fri	26 Jan	Australia Day
Sat	27 Jan	
Sun	28 Jan	
Mon	29 Jan	Teaching staff return
Tues	30 Jan	Students return to Term 1
Wed	31 Jan	5pm Caritas Meeting Shepparton Project Compassion
Thurs	1 Feb	
Fri	2 Feb	
Sat	3 Feb	
Sun	4 Feb	

PASTORAL CARE

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LENTEN RESOURCES

Lent begins on the 14th February 2018. In the coming weeks we will have some Lenten materials.

MORE HELP? THANK YOU!

I have the use of a very good pressure washer, and I would like to clean the concrete around the church and presbytery.

We are very conscious of workplace hazards and the concrete is one.

Whenever it gets wet it becomes very slippery and dangerous – particularly to the elderly.

If you have an hour here or there speak to me about it as I will need to arrange the pressure washer.

Thank you

Fr Michael

Did you know an ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain?

... Pursue Change continued

Don't see change as something hard that must be done – see it as something helpful that can be done. Don't avoid paying the immediate price tag of change – if you do you'll pay the ultimate price of never improving.'

The Bible says, '*When your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*'

Character building is a slow process; don't expect it to be easy. When you try to escape life's difficulties you short-circuit the process, delay your growth, and end up with a worse kind of pain – the useless kind that accompanies denial and avoidance.

A letter was once returned to the post office and handwritten on the envelope were these words: 'He's dead.' Due to an oversight the letter was sent again to the same address. This time it was returned with a note that said: 'He's still dead!'

Let's be honest, most of us don't like change; we do everything in our power to avoid it. We want improvement but we don't want to pay the price that goes with it. And that's a problem, because you'll never become what God intends you to be by remaining what you are.

It's not enough to want change, and to be open to it, you must pursue it!

January 21, 2018 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "*Follow me*" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order.

Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

FR ROB HEADED FOR THE BIG SCREEN?

Fr Rob Galea could soon become a Hollywood sensation after US film producers bought the rights to his new book *Breakthrough*.

Such is Fr Rob Galea's appeal, industry experts IMDb have linked superstars Ryan Gosling, Roberto Benigni and opera singer Andrea Bocelli as potential collaborators on the film.

For Fr Galea, his meteoric rise to fame is something he is struggling to come to terms with but says "he will do whatever it takes to shout God's fame".

In just seven years the charismatic priest has released six albums, appeared on Australian *X Factor*, performed three world tours, written a book and sold his story, *Breakthrough*, which details his struggle with addiction, suicidal thoughts and depression through to his discovery of the Lord, his time in the seminary and now as a priest in a small rural community.

Fr Galea stresses he is a priest first and foremost and the potential film – like some of his other pursuits – are simply a "by-product of his relationship with God".

"This has all just happened so quickly, sometimes I can't believe how far I have come," he said.

"I wrote the book to show the world redemption is possible, it's about recovery and faith and serves to remind us all that anything is possible.

"Having some of the biggest names in the industry linked to the project is beyond flattering but if I had the choice I think I'd like to be portrayed by Mark Wahlberg.

"He's a man of faith, sincere and obviously looks after himself. Having someone like him who is a devout Catholic and a strong family man would be terrific."

Full article at CatholicWeekly.com.au

FAITH CIRCLES-CONNECT 2018

Faith Circles-Connect is a single-sided A4 sheet, based on the Sunday Gospel with reflection questions and prayer points. It is available to download at faithcircles.dow.org.au. *Faith Circles-Connect* is free, no strings attached, we just want Catholics to be nurtured by doing life and faith in groups, not on your own! You can print as many copies as you like.



Readings for
this week:

Jonah 3:1-5,10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20



Readings for
next Sunday: Job 7:1-4,6-7
1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23
Mark 1:29-39



Liturgical Jottings

Flowers

Little is mentioned about flowers in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal 2010 (GIRM). Much is found, however, on the internet about arrangements of flowers in the church and on the sanctuary:

"Moderation should be observed in the decoration of the altar. During Advent the floral decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Exceptions, however, are Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts. Floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table. (GIRM 305)

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Looking at the Readings

Did we not hear this Gospel passage last week? The call of the first apostles: Peter and Andrew! We heard from John's gospel last week and now a similar account from Mark's. The differences in the passages arise from the two quite different perspectives of the respective writers. John shows the continuity of the Baptist's testimony to the ministry of Jesus and the life changing effects of Christ's invitation. Mark's approach is simple and direct with the disciples responses likewise are uncomplicated and immediate.

This encounter sets the pace and rhythm of the Mark's Gospel, which we hear proclaimed during the ordinary season, year B. The call to and response from disciples are without hesitation. The four apostles leave their boats and their trade. Their return to their boats are only fleeting Mark 4:35-41: the calming of the storm; and Mark 6:45-52: Jesus walking on the water and unlike the other gospels no fish are caught.

The book Jonah (only 38 verses in all) is more a parable than a prophecy and tells of Jonah initial hesitation to preach repentance to the Ninevites. The apparent tardiness of Jonah may be compared to the immediacy of the first apostles, yet all are called to bring the Good News to others.

Quote of the Week

Holidays and vacations can help to balance activity with contemplation, haste with more natural rhythms, noise with the heralding silence of peace. - Pope John Paul II

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Many parishes are offering Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass, mainly for the children to hear and engage with the Readings or just the Gospel in way they are able to perceive. It is not Sunday School for teaching and testing, nor is it child minding with colouring in pages. It is Liturgy of the Word for children to listen, share, celebrate, inquire and respond in ways relevant to their ages and abilities. There are good resources from Catholic publishers. Facilitators need some training and access to good materials and familiar and compliant with the Victorian Child Safety Standards for church volunteers.

On the Lighter Side

A pastor told the story of Jonah to children. He asked, "What does the whale spitting Jonah out of his mouth indicate to us today?" A child replied, "It proves, even a fish can't stomach a bad preacher!"

