

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.

First Sunday of Lent - 18th February 2018

PROJECT COMPASSION WEEK 1 – JANAKI, NEPAL



In Nepal, a Caritas supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business, training others and has become a role model in her community.

Her story suggests that Janaki too has experienced a time of wilderness in her life.

In 2015, Janaki joined a youth club formed by Caritas Australia partners, Caritas Nepal and the Ekata Foundation Surkhet. She took a loan from the youth club and purchased her first sewing machine.

Two years on she has 11 sewing machines and is running her own business.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus

Hotel, Shepparton

When: Wednesday 21st Feb

Time: 7.30 – 9 pm

(meals from 6 pm optional).



Come and discover Nepal – mountains, beauty, people, religion, culture, resilience... and Caritas! Hear a variety of viewpoints with Caritas Nepal Regional Manager, Janak Sharma, Eleanor Trinchera, Caritas Australia's Coordinator for Bangladesh & Nepal, and Kerry Stone, recently returned from trekking in Nepal. Information fliers are at the back of church. Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579 904 Frank 5821 4362

HISTORY OF KURRAJONG BOTTLE TREE

Does anyone know the history of the Kurrajong Bottle Tree out the front. We would be interested in any information on who planted it etc.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer will be held at All Saints Anglican Church on Friday 2nd. March at 7.00 p.m. All welcome.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

This is the age-old question. The days of parishioners organising themselves into Lenten groups seem for most a non-event these days.

Our busy lives of commitments makes it difficult to have a night a week and then a night that suits everyone. The Lenten programs are still being presented and probably more so today are catering for private use. In other words, people buying the booklet plus DVD or CD and doing the program themselves in their own time each week.

We have two programs to present to you. You browse through and make your decision and either follow it up yourself or let us do the ordering for you.

1. Blessed & Broken published by Evangelisation Brisbane – well presented with easy follow through presentation with Prayer, Scripture, Gospel Reflection, & personal experiences Cost is \$9
2. Surrender – Diocese of Wollongong (the usual booklet) we get each year. Cost is \$9 to order.
3. Selection of resources from Lyn Breen at the Chancery.

We
pray for



Our recently deceased
and those who are
grieving

For those whose
anniversary occurs

Our sick and their carers

Eileen Ryan, Anne Heathman, John Harford, Terry White, Margot Kerrins, Lisa Wagner, Sue MacDonald

(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 24 th Feb 6pm	Marli Kelly	Steph Hicks	Rob Miller	M Corrigan J Webster	T Miller A Hutchison A Hicks	Denise Woodman
Sun 25 th Feb 9.30am	Carmel White	Debbie Turvey	C Bannon	Spedding Family	D Woodman D Bourke AM Nihill	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	19 Feb	No Mass
Tuesday	20 Feb	No Mass
Wednesday	21 Feb	9.15am Mass
Thursday	22 Feb	9.15am Mass
Friday	23 Feb	9.15am Mass for CWL deceased members Betty Curtis and Marion Grumley
Saturday	24 Feb	6pm Mass
Sunday	25 Feb	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	24 Feb	11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

FEBRUARY / MARCH DIARY DATES

Mon	19 Feb	
Tues	20 Feb	10am Council of Priests Bendigo
Wed	21 Feb	9.15 am Anointing Mass 7.30pm Spirituality in the Pub – Terminus Hotel
Thurs	22 Feb	Priests Retirement Foundation 2pm Bendigo
Fri	23 Feb	Deceased members Betty Curtis and Marion Grumley 9.15am Mass
Sat	24 Feb	6pm Mass
Sun	25 Feb	9.30am Mass
Mon	26 Feb	
Tues	27 Feb	
Wed	28 Feb	School Board 7pm in the Staff Room
Thurs	1 Mar	
Fri	2 Mar	9.15am First Friday School Mass
Sat	3 Mar	6pm Mass
Sun	4 Mar	9.30am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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



SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE

Pope Francis said that every person ought to have the awareness that 'purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act'.

When purchasing your easter eggs this year please look for the labels below.

Chocolate with these labels mean that the chocolate has not been produced through forced labour – mostly children who work in dangerous conditions at a young age for little or no money.

The Internaional Labor Rights Forum estimates that there are up to 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa.

Get the message out there – tell your friends – slavery-free chocolate is the go!



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 25 February 2018

In this special time of Lent, we find ourselves being encouraged to Surrender our troubles, anguish and joy to Our Lord. This week on the Journey, Fr Graham Schmitzer shares the Gospel reflection the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten program, Trish McCarthy reminds us of Self Care in her Milk and Honey segment, Sr Hilda Scott with her Wisdom from the Abbey gently talks about A memory. Our Music this week is a small collection of some of the music on our Lenten CD. And, that is Journey Catholic Radio, an inspiring and up lifting 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.

PARISH LAWN MOWING

Our lawn mowing service has ceased and I would like to see if someone in the Parish would be willing to take on this task.

It comprises:

- The front & back lawns at the Presbytery
- The lawn in front of the Parish Hall
- The nature strip along Casey St and Fraser St.
- Please let me know if you (and maybe a friend) can manage this task

Fr. Michael

We are seeking expressions of interest for a part-time position in the Parish Office

There is a vacancy in the Parish Office for a Parish Secretary. The successful applicant would need to have the:

- ability to work within a team environment,
- sound time management and multi-task skills,
- a sound knowledge of financial and accounting systems eg. MYOB, Quicken etc. The Parish uses PACS.
- A good understanding of Child Safety requirements and the ability to monitor/implement them
- understanding of compliance with Occupational Health and Safety legislation in maintaining a safe system of work in the workplace
- organisational and problem solving skills,
- excellent verbal and written, interpersonal and communication skills,
- attention to detail, quality and accuracy,
- maintain a professional work environment,
- work autonomously and be responsible and accountable for own work.

The position is for approximately 12 hours per week. Days and times to be negotiated. Remuneration is in accordance with the Clerks-Private Sector Award.

Please submit your written application to Fr. Michael Morley, PO Box 110 TATURA 3616 or email michaelgmorley@bigpond.com by 26th February 2018. Copies of the job description are available from the Parish Office Phone 5824 1049 or from the above email address..

LETTING GO AND BEGINNING AGAIN

George Bernard Shaw is reported to have said that the only person who never makes a mistake is the person who never does anything. He may well have said that but so have a lot of other people. It simply makes sense.

We all make mistakes. That's just part of life. Some of our best discoveries about life, about ourselves can come when we make a mistake, perhaps not so much about making the mistake but what we actually do with that experience.

This is the opening paragraph of Along the Track – copies in the Narthex.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Catholic Mothers of Young Children (CMYC) is a playgroup and mothers group all in one. CMYC offers children (0-6 years) a space to grow in their relationship with God, while mothers have an opportunity to connect in solidarity and celebrate motherhood with other Catholic women.

We have been blessed with the opportunity to move to St Mel's Kindergarten Shepparton for 2018.

CMYC will be meeting **weekly in Studio One of St Mel's Kindergarten from 10am til 1130am**, during school term. Come and share in children's catechesis and Mothers Prayers.

Cost \$2 per family. Tea and coffee provided.

More info contact Katie Mills 0417504635.

We are also seeking additional volunteers to assist with hospitality or supporting with childrens activities. Following Child Safe Policy an informal interview process will take place.

Connect. Celebrate. Flourish.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS

Bequests are a simple yet powerful way to provide support for the causes that matter to you. When you make your Will you have the opportunity to remember the importance of your local church.

If someone has left you a Godly inheritance would you consider investing it in others?

Sacred Heart Parish like all churches faces significant maintenance with ageing buildings and any bequest can always be put to good use.

If you would like more information please speak to the Parish Office or Fr Michael.

February 18, 2018 - 1st Sunday of Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us.

We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



Readings for
this week:

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



Readings for
next week

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18
Romans 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10



Liturgical Jottings

Season of Lent Year B

Since the revision of the Lectionary in 1969, the three-year cycle of readings present a rich variety on Lenten themes. The Gospels of Matthew (A), Mark (B) and Luke (C) give different accounts of Jesus' temptations in his 40 days in the wilderness (first Sunday), and Jesus' Transfiguration (second Sunday). The next three Sundays also differ from year to year.

This year (Year B series) the first readings recall the covenant made by God to Noah, Abraham, Moses and recalled by the prophets. The Gospels (John) focus on the Passover of Christ, his death and new life.

Prayer of the Week

Into what land of solitude,
forty days and forty nights,
will you go, driven by the Spirit?
May it test you and strip you!
See, the times are fulfilled,
and God invites you
To forget your ancient
servitudes

Looking at the Readings

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The rainbow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Fifty ways to live the Joy of the Gospel (16-20)

These 50 ways will be serialised over the next several weeks

16. Who is the most joyful person you know? Tell them. 'Catch' their joy, and spread it!

17. Who has loved you over the years but never heard you say 'I love you.' Say it (or write it) today.

18. Be pro-life. At Mass, offer a supportive smile for young couples with fidgety children. Check on an elderly neighbour, especially during a storm or in heatwave conditions.

19. Undertake a thankless task at home or in the parish which is usually left to somebody else.

20. Turn off the TV or radio, close down your computer, iphone, ipad... and be more present to your family.

On the Lighter Side ~ and more Puns

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words ~ I tried to catch some fog. I mist. ~ Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.



Velcro! What a rip off!

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