

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 further notice 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 Easter

15th APRIL 2018

EASTER CEREMONIES

We have had another beautiful spiritual experience with Holy Week and then the Easter Triduum. Well before Easter, Judith was making changes and printing the details of each of the (6) ceremonies. Then she and Marli were busy co-ordinating what was on the screen with its beautiful graphics and with the ceremony itself. The setting up of what goes on the screen is as time absorbing as the preparation for the ceremonies themselves – massive!

We had a few helpers at the preparations for the ceremonies but we need to thank Trish Warnett in particular. She was organising everything before each ceremony and organised all the music (without much help from the organ itself!)

Then I would like to thank my little helper – Carsley Kelly. She was there at all the ceremonies – she even came back on Easter Sunday after the long Vigil the night before. Every liturgy was different, yet she was quick to pick up what needed to be done, watched my sign language, and even remembered things from last year. An amazing little Altar Server.

So to all who offered to take on ministries at each liturgy – thank you! It wouldn't happen without you.

Fr. Micheal

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all the children and staff from their school holidays. We hope everyone had a lovely break and is refreshed and ready to start another term at school.

A BIG THANK YOU

Now that the school holidays are over and we are all gearing up for second term, I would like to reflect on the great week prior to Holy Week and Easter.

Yes, it was the parish/school fete! We were blessed with the perfect night which encouraged many people to come out and enjoy themselves. The buzz and excitement was an experience in itself.

The school was the height of activity. When I looked around at all the stalls etc. I could understand all the preparation that was undertaken to make it all happen. I would therefore like to offer all those who had anything to do with the fete a big thank you. Everyone rallied to offer support in many ways when asked to, and this is so important.

In thanking everyone, I realise that unless "someone" puts up their hand and says 'I will be the chairperson', it wouldn't have happened! I think it is necessary to single out this person and thank her especially – Maria Spedding. She was kind enough to do it in 2017, and while knowing the demands of time and effort, she volunteered to do it again. She trusted everyone to back her again – which they did, and we had a wonderful fete.

Fr. Michael

We
pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Joan French, Ted Hippisley
For those whose anniversary occurs	Pasquale Giorgio, Adolorata Corbo, Angelina Romano
Our sick and their carers	Terry White, Eileen Ryan, Anne Heathman, John Harford, Lisa Wagner, Cheryl McKean-Berry, Ben Warnett

(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 21 st Apr 6pm	Marli Kelley	Steph Hicks	Margaret Corrigan	J Cummins E Leahy	L McGrath A Cummins A Civarella	Gwen Ranson
Sun 22 nd Apr 9.30am	Debbie Worm	Simon Cowan	Carmel White	M Normington S McCann	G Ranson C Serra K Gaffy	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	16 Apr	No Mass
Tuesday	17 Apr	No Mass
Wednesday	18 Apr	9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Thursday	19 Apr	No Mass
Friday	20 Apr	No Mass
Saturday	21 Apr	6.00pm Mass
Sunday	22 Apr	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	21 Apr	No Reco
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

APRIL DIARY DATES

Mon	23 Apr	School Board Meeting – 7:00pm
Tues	24 Apr	
Wed	25 Apr	Anzac Day 9.00am Mass
Thurs	26 Apr	
Fri	27 Apr	
Sat	28 Apr	
Sun	29 Apr	
Mon	30 Apr	
Tues	1 May	
Wed	2 May	
Thurs	3 May	
Fri	4 May	
Sat	5 May	
Sun	6 May	9.30am Mass Mothers Day

PASTORAL CARE

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

Keeping a Cool Head in a Crisis

We should all be very proud of our amazing teachers and parents of Sacred Heart. During a medical situation on Easter Sunday at Mass, Matt Cameron used his initiatives and removed all the children to the Mercy Centre so that the children would not become distressed by what maybe happening to the lady who collapsed.

After Mass, Vanessa Tartaglia asked if I would bless all the children, in the Mercy Centre. I was amazed with the number of children and parents there. Matt gathered the children on the floor. I explained that the lady was being well looked after in the ambulance, but let us pray for her and then I gave them a blessing. I asked parents and children if they missed receiving Holy Communion I would see them in the church. To my surprised there was a gathering waiting to go to Communion.

The situation reflected so well on the staff to respond to a crisis situation with calm and professionalism and a good response in faith.

So to Matt, Michelle, Vanessa and Alexander and anyone else – thanks for what you did in a difficult situation.

Fr. Michael

Who is the kind person?

I would like to meet the person who is kindly arranging the flowers in the grotto from time to time. (If it is the same person?)

Fr. Micheal

REPEAT NOTICES

Sandhurst Vocations Prayer

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

We give thanks for the gift of priesthood in your Church.

You continue to reach out to us through the loving, gentle, compassionate and dedicated pastors in whom you have called to serve you as priests in the Diocese of Sandhurst. We pray for those priests who continue the mission of bringing Christ to others in our parishes. Bless them in their ministry, especially as they celebrate the sacraments with us, and bring the joy of the Gospel to others in their day-to-day encounters with us. Lord Jesus we humbly ask that you may continue to form faithful shepherds to lead our parish communities into the future and help people to encounter your most loving, gentle and Sacred Heart.

May you gently guide those currently in formation for the priesthood in the Sandhurst Diocese and give our seminarians an abundance of joy and perseverance with their studies. May their love of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, grow stronger each day so that Jesus may truly become their best friend and the source of inspiration for their ministry as future priests.

Lord Jesus we ask that others may hear your call to the priesthood in Sandhurst Diocese and generously respond to this invitation. With the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, patronnes of our Diocese, and with the loving prayerful support of Australia's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord

Amen

Catholic Women's League – Card Afternoon

Everyone is most welcome to come along and join in a fun afternoon of cards on the 3rd Monday of every month. The game is Crazy Whist and if you don't know how to play that's okay the ladies are more than happy to teach you.

Date: Monday 16th April 2018

Time: 1:30 pm

Venue: Parish Hall

Morning Tea for Judith and Peter Steel

Yes and the date is **Sunday 22nd April.**

The occasion is to say thank you to Judith and Peter Steele.

Most are aware that Judith has been the parish secretary for nearly ten years. But many would not be aware that Peter has looked after the planned giving and finances on a voluntary basis for the same period of time.

Judith has retired and Peter is calling it a day as well. This will give them more time for family and other things.

We are indebted to both of them and would like to say thank you and show our appreciation for what they have given to our parish so generously.

So after the 9.30am Mass on the 22nd April we will move to the Mercy Centre for a little celebration and morning tea.

Fr Michael

WINTER MASS APPEAL

The Winter Mass Appeal for St Vincent de Paul will be on the Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass on Friday 8th June. There will be Mass on Friday 1st June but not a school Mass.

MAY CHILDREN'S MASS – SUNDAY 6TH MAY

Please note that for May the Children's Mass has been moved to the 6th May.

We will have cuppa after Mass on the 6th May as well as the 13th is Mother's Day.

Plenary Council 2020

The Bishops of Australia have decided to have this Council which commence shortly and will culminate in the year 2020.

They refer to it as "Listening to God by listening to one another"

Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. We invite Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Your voice is needed – join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart. With faith and guided by God's Holy Spirit, we journey together, toward the future.



Readings for
this week: Acts 3:13-15 17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48



Readings for
next week: Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31



Liturgical Jottings

Sprinkling Rite

- During Easter Season the rite of blessing and sprinkling of holy water is recommended as an alternative to the Penitential Rite. It is a memorial of Baptism and unites all the baptised as one. The Prayer of blessing during Easter Season concludes:

"Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters who at Easter have received their Baptism. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Prayer for the week

God of nourishment
you call us to the table of your Son
that we might be transformed
by partaking of the Eucharist.
Help us to be spiritual
nourishment for others.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Focus on the Gospel

- The holy gospel according to John is proclaimed on the Sundays of the Easter Season, except today. On the third Sunday of Easter we hear the account of the disciples on the road the Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35 Year A) and returning from Emmaus to the apostles in Jerusalem (Luke 24:35-48 Year B). Jesus appears to them but they are slow to realise who he is or thinking they were seeing a ghost,

- Though their hearts burned within them on the road, and they were overjoyed in seeing Jesus, the disciples and the 11 apostles still had doubts, were frightened and dumbfounded. We, too, like them experience the risen Lord, we believe in the resurrection of Lord and also have doubts about our faith or the faith community, are frightened in difficult situations and lack understanding at times. The Risen Christ offers us peace, his spirit to strengthen us and gives us insights into his teaching.

- Indeed we can reread the Gospels in light of the resurrection and, in fact, read the Old Testament "the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms" (Luke 24:44) in the light of Christ.

Peace be with you

After the resurrection, Jesus greeted the women and the apostles several times with "Peace be with you!" The celebrant at Mass uses this greeting or a similar form several times. In the rite of the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick, this greeting is also given. The people also exchange words and signs of peace to express an "ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 82)

Quote of the Day

There is no path to peace, peace is the path. ~ Mahatma Gandhi



On the Lighter Side

- When my daughter was about five I took her to bed and asked what she would like to pray about. Promptly she answered: "onions." We prayed about onions and the next morning I asked why she wanted to pray about onions. "Because at Children's Liturgy on Sunday the leader said that we should pray for things we don't like."