

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH TATURA

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TATURA

Readings -
Year B
Mark
Weekday Year 2

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.



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.

4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday 22nd APRIL 2018

ANZAC DAY

We will have, as usual, our special Mass for this day. It is always significant and very moving that we pray and remember all those who have given so much for our freedom.

If you haven't attended this Mass before then you are most welcome.

We are very conscious of the Resurrection during the Easter season so it is our way, in faith, that all those who have fallen enjoy the Resurrection with the Lord.

There will be a little time between Mass and the beginning of the march so please join us for a cuppa in the presbytery. *Fr Michael*

SPECIAL MORNING TEA

Remember that after Mass this morning we will have a little presentation to Peter and Judith Steele. Our presence is a great way to say thank you. *Fr Michael*

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND.

They are listed in alphabetical name order. Please note that the commencement date for these new envelopes is May 20th. Please ensure you collect your new envelopes or letters for credit card and direct debit contributors, from the Narthex Mass this weekend - this will save on unnecessary postage.

THERE IS A LETTER FOR EVERY GIVER

Pledge Cards are available at the back of the church if you have been away or have not as yet had a chance to complete one. The completed cards may be returned to the Parish Office during the week or placed on the collection plate any weekend.

VOCATION SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday is also Vocation Sunday.

I encourage you to say the Vocation Prayer on the Bulletin and pray for vocations especially to the priesthood.

A number of our priests will be coming up to retirement in the next few years as they reach the retirement age of 75 years.

There are posters in the Narthex with photos of the five seminarians we have in training.

Rev Dean and Nathan will be ordained to the priesthood at the end of this year. Adi is studying in Rome, he is in his sixth year. Desib Josette (DJ) is in his fifth year and Jackson Saunders who is from Bendigo is in his fourth year.

Fr Michael

BAPTISM - AVA BASILE

Congratulations to Ava Basile who is being baptised today.

We welcome her into our faith family.



We pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs	Bill Corrigan, Tom Flanagan
Our sick and their carers	Terry White, Eileen Ryan, Anne Heathman, John Harford, Lisa Wagner, Ben Warnett, John Burke, Denise Woodman

(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 28 th April 6pm	Trish Miller	Mary Gale	Bryan Miller	Joyce Caiafa Delphi Hamilton	J Webster M Kelly C Coulston	Simon Cowan
Sun 29 th April 9.30am	Maeve Kerrins	Kaye Gaffy	Rob Miller	Lou and Paul Kerrins	D Worm E Worm A M Nihill	

MASSSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	23 Apr	No Mass
Tuesday	24 Apr	No Mass
Wednesday	25 Apr	9am ANZAC Day Mass
Thursday	26 Apr	9.15am Mass intention for Tom Flanagan
Friday	27 Apr	9.15am Mass intention for Evan Jenkins
Saturday	28 Apr	6.00pm Mass
Sunday	29 Apr	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	28 Apr	Reconciliation 11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

APRIL / MAY DIARY DATES

Mon	23 Apr	
Tues	24 Apr	
Wed	25 Apr	Anzac Day 9.00am Mass
Thurs	26 Apr	
Fri	27 Apr	Reconciliation CB
Sat	28 Apr	6pm Mass
Sun	29 Apr	9.30am Mass
Mon	30 Apr	
Tues	1 May	7pm Fete Meeting in the School Staff Room
Wed	2 May	CWL 2pm Parish Hall
Thurs	3 May	2pm Priest's Retirement Fund Bendigo
Fri	4 May	11.40am Reconciliation Year 3
Sat	5 May	6pm Mass
Sun	6 May	9.30am Mass Mother's Day

PASTORAL CARE

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

ALONG THE TRACK – EASTER JOY

It is not unusual to see in the media Christians being described as curmudgeons.

Curmudgeons are defined as grumps, with little or no tolerance, at times self-righteous and not suffering fools gladly, full of stubborn ideas or opinions.

If others see us that way, if that is how our ways of living and our beliefs come across, what a travesty that is! There is a saying that Christians are "so heavenly minded they are no earthly good." Sadly, people of faith, those who follow a religious tradition are often portrayed as serious, humourless, out of step with the 'modern' world. We are not seen as people of joy. That's a great pity.

The resurrection reminds us that we are called to work in the here and now, to make this world a better place, a fairer place, a happier place, to work to bring about the New Creation, to be Good News people.

This is the opening few paragraphs from Along the Track. Copies are in the Narthex for those who receive one.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please bring back your project compassion envelopes or boxes. You can place them in the collection or give them to Trish Warnett. Thank you



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

WHY DO THE INNOCENT SUFFER?

I am sure there are many of us who ask this question? It is in the Book of Job that we think it is so unfair. Fr Brian Boyle will address this question with references to Job at St Brendan's on Tuesday May 15th at 7pm.

Poster is in the Narthex.

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."

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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The ladies guild of St. Bridget's Catholic Church Murchison are holding their annual luncheon at the Church on Monday 7th May at 12 noon. Cost \$20.00. Wear a hat and be part of the hat parade. All welcome.

Gwen (on behalf of Mary Appleton, Murchison ladies guild)

MASS CRUSADE

Members of the CWL are reminded that the Mass Crusade is 23rd -27th. April. Masses and Prayers are requested for the intentions of the Holy Father, the Universal Church, the work of W.U.C.W.O., all the Special Works of the Catholic Women's League and the intentions of all Members.



Readings for
this week:

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31



Readings for
next week

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8



Liturgical Jottings

Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed this Sunday, 22 April, is also known as "**Good Shepherd Sunday**." The purpose of this day is to fulfil publicly the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matt 9:38; Luke 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. These provide a diversity of missionary services, community life and ministries at home and overseas.

Anzac Day & Feast Days

- 25 Tuesday: Anzac Day
- 26 Wednesday: feast day of St Mark the Evangelist
- 27 Friday: feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, patroness of the Diocese of Sandhurst
- 28 Saturday: feast day of St Peter Chanel, first Oceania martyr

Focus on the Gospel

If we were playing the familiar TV quiz show, Family Feud, and the question was: "What is the most well known verse of the Bible?" the number one answer would be Psalm 23: "The Lord is my Shepherd." It is well known for the tenderness and the consolation that it offers. This fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the text we hear from John's Gospel where Jesus proclaims: "I AM the Good Shepherd."

It reminds me some years ago nearly one hundred grade two children were preparing for reconciliation. In small groups they were each asked to make a sheep! You can picture it: a paper roll body, with glued-on cotton balls, with pipe cleaner legs, and a head we provided. When they completed their sheep, they were all placed on large table, with a green cloth and small statue of the Good Shepherd. At the end of the day, as the children were dismissed, I directed them to pick up their sheep to take home. I had forgotten to ask them to put their names on their sheep. To my amazement, every child knew the particular sheep they had made!

What a lesson for all of the adults who were present there that day. "I know my sheep and mine know me." In this Easter season, let us reflect anew about our relationship with God and with our risen Christ.

Sister Sallie Latkovich, CSJ (CTU)

Quote of the Day

Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us. Pope Francis World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2018

On the Lighter Side

Bernie walks into Church with a St. Bernard dog. The priest says: "What are doing here with a dog?" "The dog came here to pray," says Bernie. "It's true!" The priest asks: "Show me." The dog opens up the barrel under his neck and removes a missal and a breviary and starts praying in English, Latin and Greek! When the priest regains his composure, he is so impressed with the quality of the praying he says to Bernie. "Do you think your dog would consider going to the seminary?" Bernie, throwing up his hands in despair, says, "You talk to him, he wants to be a doctor!"

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