

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.

5th Sunday of Easter 29th APRIL 2018

ANZAC DAY MASS

We had a beautiful ANZAC Day Mass last Wednesday at 9am then a morning tea in the presbytery before parishioners headed to the service. It was wonderful to see so many school children marching and the special event so well attended by the local community. I was honoured to do the prayer reflection during the service.



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.

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM JUDITH & PETER

Peter and I would like to thank the organisers and everyone who attended our "thank you" morning tea last Sunday.

We very much valued your attendance and contributions towards our gifts. Unexpected but appreciated.

I would like to thank Fr. Michael especially for being such a wonderful and caring employer (boss) and offering me invaluable advice and guidance. To Marli – you are a breath of fresh air in the office – compassionate, thoughtful and kind.

I would like to extend to Mary every good wish for her future in the Parish Office – I hope she enjoys it as much as I did.

To Trish, Denise, Denice and Sue – what a volunteer team! You've been right there, helping and organising wherever, and whenever needed for many years. So, thank you! Working in the Parish Office ensured that I was part of the parish community and Peter and I will be forever grateful to all the parishioners, groups and committees who offered friendship and support.



We pray for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	Mary Harford, Andrew Mulquinney
For those whose anniversary occurs	Jaqueline O'Toole, Evan Jenkins
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 5 th May 6pm	Mary Gale	Carol Coulston	Joan Webster	Hutchison Family	A Hutchison L McGrath A Ciavarella	T Warnett
Sun 6 th May 9.30am	Robert Miller	Maria Spedding	Children's Mass		D Worm R Kelly L Kerrins	

MASSSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	
Monday	30 Apr	No Mass
Tuesday	1 May	No Mass
Wednesday	2 May	9.15am Mass intention for Andrew Mulquinney
Thursday	3 May	9.15am Mass
Friday	4 May	9.15am Mass
Saturday	5 May	6.00pm Mass
Sunday	6 May	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	5 May	Reconciliation 11.30am
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

APRIL / MAY DIARY DATES

Mon	30 Apr	
Tues	1 May	7pm Fete Meeting in the School Staff Room Joseph the Worker Feast Day
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 - Baptism Grace Crisera after Mass
Mon	7 May	
Tues	8 May	2pm Italian Rosary in the Church 7pm St Vincent de Paul in the Centre
Wed	9 May	9.15am Anointing Mass 5.30pm Finance Committee
Thurs	10 May	
Fri	11 May	9.15am School Mother's Day Mass
Sat	12 May	6pm Mass
Sun	13 May	9.30am Mother's Day Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

NOTRE DAME OPEN DAY

The Notre Dame Open Day is next Friday, 4th May, which all our Year 6 students will attend. It is a good reminder to all Year 6 parents to be prepared for enrolling in secondary school as this takes place later this term.

PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID/ PERSONAL SUPPORT

The Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry has been involved in the coordination and integration of chaplains and personal support workers supporting disaster affected communities since 1977.

Where: Mons Peter Jeffrey Hall
(St Brendan's Church)
121 Knight Street, Shepparton

When: Saturday 2nd June
Time: 8.45am – 5pm
Cost: \$80 waged or \$40 concession

Register online at
www.vccem.org.au/training

Poster on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex

SCHOOL MASS – MOTHER'S DAY

On **Friday 11th May at 9.15am** is our annual Mother's Day Mass. All mothers, grandmothers and those like mothers to us are welcome to attend. Morning tea will follow the Mass. We hope many of you can join us for this lovely celebration.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – Airs 6 May 2018

On The Journey next week, we welcome Fr Richard Healey to reflect on the Gospel, proclaiming Jesus' love for us. We also have the wonderful Sr Hilda Scott OSB sharing some new Wisdom From the Abbey, with a wonderful story about finding God, Sam Clear with new reflections from his Walk 4 One and his speaking ministry, and much more fantastic content to enrich your life! Along with some of the best Christian music out there, this is a fantastic episode! Join us to receive some faith, hope, love, and life! Go to Life 105.1 FM Sunday 11am or www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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.

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)

A Good Vintage!

"...fruit of the vine and work of human hands..."

In many regions across our Diocese, vineyards are part of the landscape. Anyone who knows about wine making understands that it is very much the work of human hands. The vines must be expertly pruned, fertilised and kept free from pests and disease. Vines need mulching and covering with nets to keep birds away. In the first couple of years, the vine can't be allowed to produce fruit as it needs to strengthen its root system before it can support the extra weight of fruit. Hard work indeed to make what one hopes is an outstanding wine!

John presents us with a vivid image of the vine and branches in this Sunday's gospel. In a parable, Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches to tell his disciples that he, Jesus, is the "true" vine and his Father is the vine grower. As the vine grower, God is responsible for growing good grapes that will produce good quality fruit. Jesus makes it clear that the branches are useless and unable to produce good fruit unless they are on the vine. "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, bear a lot of fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) The branch cannot be separated from the parent tree and continue to live.

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'Why do the innocent suffer?' The Book of Job Fr Brian Boyle:

'Why do the innocent suffer?' The Book of Job Fr Brian Boyle The Book of Job addresses some key questions in scripture and in human experience: why do innocent people suffer? Is God indifferent to suffering? It has enduring relevance for human existence and meaning.

May 15th 7.00 – 8.30 pm Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre, 121 Knight Street, SHEPPARTON
RSVP St Brendan's Ph: (03) 5821 2633 E: shepparton@cdos.org.au OR 03 5441 2544 E: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Fr Brian is a priest of the Sandhurst Diocese, trained in the interpretation of scripture. He has an on-going interest in adult education and faith development.

'Leaning on the Heart of God: Companionship the Dying':

Saturday Morning Coffee & Conversation with Sr Helen Glasheen RSM & Mrs Loretta Lilford 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. What might we expect, and what can we do, when someone we care about is dying? How may we accompany them during this precious final journey? How do we look after one another? An informal opportunity to share reflections, questions, information, resources.

BENDIGO - Saturday 26 May 2018 Bishop De Campo Hall 120 Hargreaves St Bendigo OR
WANGARATTA - Saturday 23 June 2018 St Brigid's Centre, 1A Ford St, Wangaratta

RSVP (for catering purposes): 'Ph: 03 5441 2544 or Email: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au. If coming to the Wangaratta session, you may prefer to call St Patrick's Parish on 03 5722 1970 or email wangaratta@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next week

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
1 John 4:7-10 or 4:11-16
John 15:9-17 or 17:11-19



Liturgical Jottings

Paschal Candle

At the Easter Vigil a new Paschal candle is blessed and lit from the fire each year. It is decorated by a cross, the Greek letters A+Ω, the year eg 2018 and wax or brass nails containing grains of incense are placed on it.

At the Vigil the people light their candles from the Paschal candle and process into a darkened church which is gradually lit by the spreading candle light. The Candle is placed in the sanctuary, incensed and The Easter Proclamation is sung, containing the words: "...accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants hands, an evening sacrifice of praise"

The candle is lit for prayer and Masses during the Easter Season and for baptisms and funerals during the year.

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Focus on the Gospel

The Early Church (about the first three centuries) worked towards two important concerns. First was Peace. The church was suffering from several persecutions. In today's first reading we hear that after Saul's conversion the Christians "were now left in peace." (Act 9:31) until the Roman persecutions began later. Secondly was Unity. We hear of arguments among the early Christians about conversion of pagans, about distribution of welfare and leadership of small communities in the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of Paul. Each time the apostles worked for unity through the spirit of Christ and the gift of the Spirit.

Today's Gospel highlights the quest for this unity. Unity is founded on the union with Christ with his followers. In the parable of the vine, Jesus, as the true vine, asks his listeners to "remain in me". The Greek word *menēin* (remain) occurs 11 times in this chapter. It is translated by "remain in" (our Lectionary) or "abide with" (NRSV) or "stay joined with" (CEV - the Children's Lectionary). John's Gospel used the word 89 times all up. Unity with Christ promotes, growth, fruitfulness and identity.

The gospel passage moves from the Parable of the Vine to its implication for Christians: the reality of Christian life to be loving and faithful, as expressed in the second reading from the first letter of St John. God dwells in us and through the Holy Spirit who is present and active in us we are able to bear witness and show goodness and peace to others.

Quote of the week

For Christ and in Christ, we have been reborn through the Spirit in order to bear the fruit of life; not the fruit of our old, sinful life but the fruit of a new life founded upon our faith in him and our love for him. Like branches growing from a vine, we now draw our life from Christ, and we cling to his holy commandment in order to preserve this life. *St Cyril of Alexandria*

Prayer of the Day

In these Easter days, Lord God, your vine receives new sap. Hold the branches to the vine: thus will charity make us live one for another in the one who died and rose for us, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

I've trained my dog to bring me a glass of red wine.

It's a Bordeaux collie.

It doesn't matter if the glass is half empty or half full.

There is clearly room for more wine.

What did the grape say when it was crushed?

Nothing, it just let out a little wine

