

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 years.

We also celebrate their continuing contributions to the 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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th AUGUST 2018

Green MP's Push to Remove "Archaic" Lord's Prayer

A Greens motion to abolish The Lord's Prayer at the beginning of Senate sittings has passed the Senate and will now be considered by a Senate Committee. The practice of beginning each sitting day with a prayer dates back to Federation.

The Lord's Prayer acknowledges Australia's heritage, which was founded upon the Judeo-Christian virtues that have given us and most of the Western world the rule of law and the freedoms inherent in a democracy that we now take for granted. You can read the proposal via this link online:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Procedure/Parliamentaryprayer

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CANDIDATES ON THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Amelie Crawford, Chiara Colombi, Cadel Nicholson
Rueben Saddler, Xavier Powles, Remmi Webster
Amelia Rosella, Gerry McCarthy

Parishioners are welcome to join the candidates and their families in the Mercy Centre for morning tea following Mass this morning.

Dear Prime Minister,

Confessional privilege on our legal tradition

(Continued from last week's Bulletin)

...Amongst the arguments commonly made for recognising confessional privilege in civil law are:

- that the spectacle of arresting and trying priests (etc.) for acting in accordance with their faith would be very socially divisive
- that there is substantial social value in candid disclosures in lawyer-client, psychiatrist-patient, journalist-source and priest-penitent relationships; while the scope and limits of these vary in law, they do serve important social purposes
- that in balancing freedoms of religion with the paramount duties to children there can be no argument for abrogating a religious liberty if in fact this will make no child safer and may well make children less safe.

Conclusion

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse unearthed some terrible crimes perpetrated against the young and vulnerable, as well as highlighting the inadequate response of some Church leaders. Painful as it has been for all concerned, we recognise that this Royal Commission has provided much needed scrutiny and made important recommendations. As the Royal Commission itself recognized, a lot has been learnt and a lot has changed since the bulk of the known abuse took place. We continue to work on ensuring that parishes, church schools are other church agencies are the safest possible environments for children and young people. Safeguarding is a daily task for bishops, priests, religious and lay people and one we know they take very seriously. But making the practice of one of the Christian sacraments illegal would make no child safer, would be socially divisive, and would undermine our common goal of safeguarding all children and young people. **Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

We pray
for



Our recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Esme Doolan and Fr John Leahy
Our sick and their carers	Marli Kelly, Sister Stephanie Christian RSM, Denise Woodman, Terry White, Ben Warnett, Lisa Wagner, John Harford, Brian O'Meara

(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 Aug 18 th 6pm	Mary Gale	Steph Hicks	Joan Webster	Joan Cummins Ev Leahy	Sacha Finlayson Annette Hicks Anna Ciavarella	Carol Coulston
Sun Aug 19 th 9:30am	Simon Cowan	Carol Coulston	Tom Bourke	Debbie Turvey Greg Warnett	Lisa Cowan Kay Gaffy Denice Bourke	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	13 Aug	No Mass
Tuesday	14 Aug	Vigil Mass 5.45pm Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	15 Aug	9.15am Mass Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday	16 Aug	9.15am Mass
Friday	17 Aug	9.15am Mass
Saturday	18 Aug	Mass 6pm
Sunday	19 Aug	9.30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	18 Aug	11.30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass	

JULY / AUGUST DIARY DATES		
Mon	13 Aug	
Tues	14 Aug	Vigil Mass 5.45pm
Wed	15 Aug	9.15am Mass - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Finance Meeting Parish Hall 5.30pm School Board Meeting
Thurs	16 Aug	Pupil-free Day
Fri	17 Aug	Pupil-free Day
Sat	18 Aug	
Sun	19 Aug	
Mon	20 Aug	1.30pm Crazy Whist
Tues	21 Aug	10am Council of Priests Wodonga
Wed	22 Aug	7pm School Board Staff Room
Thurs	23 Aug	
Fri	24 Aug	11.40am Reconciliation CB
Sat	25 Aug	
Sun	26 Aug	9.15am Mass Refugee and Migrant Sunday 1pm Final Mass at Undera

PASTORAL CARE

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



We congratulate Tessa Kate McCready daughter of Matthew and Joanne, on her Baptism this weekend and welcome her into our parish community.



This month's Spirituality in the Pub will be focusing on the '**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**'

Presenter & facilitator is **Phil Billington** previously our Sandhurst Director Catholic Education, now a consultant for schools, education offices, parishes & dioceses across Australia. Phil has already significant experience in leading preparation for, and submissions to, the Council.

This is a unique opportunity to make a contribution and to take your learnings back to small groups & parishes. More information on fliers at back of church.

Date: Monday 27th August

Time: 7.30-9.30pm

Venue: Terminus Hotel, Shepparton

Enq: Kerry 0408 579904

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MAKE YOUR OWN ROSARY BEADS

Workshops to make your own rosary beads will be held over two evenings in Monsignor Peter Jeffery Centre on Monday 24th September and 1st October 2018 at 7pm.

All materials will be provided. For bookings contact Bozena on 0426 867 647.

SENATE EUTHANASIA DEBATE LOOMS
Bishop Leslie Tomlinson has asked that we be
very mindful of this euthanasia debate

The Senate will debate euthanasia in August, asking you to consider writing to your senator. You may recall the Senate has decided to debate the Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015 on 14, 15 and 16 August, to allow territories the right to make laws on euthanasia. If the bill passes, it will effectively mean euthanasia will be legalised in the ACT and perhaps also in the Northern Territory.

PLEASE

Write to senators to oppose euthanasia. The Senate will soon vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill.

Visit the HOPE website to send your message
<http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

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Celebration of Fr Peter Taylor's 30th
Anniversary of Ordination:

CHANGE OF DATE!!! Father Peter Taylor's
30th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration.

We have to change the of date for Fr
Peter's Celebrations to the 16th September
2018.

Please join St Joseph's Parish Benalla.
Commencing after the completion of 10.30am
Mass. A light lunch and beverages will be
provided.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday
24th August for Catering Purposes.
St Joseph's Parish of Benalla 42 Arundel
Street, Benalla 3672.

DROUGHT RELIEF

There are a number of agencies where you
can donate to help our Aussie farmers who are
doing it very tough at the moment. Please
keep our farming community in your prayers at
this difficult time.

www.buyabale.com.au

www.redcross.org.au/drought

www.ruralaid.org.au/buy-a-bale

"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who
could have acted, the indifference of those who should have
known better, the silence of the voice of justice when it
mattered most, that has made it possible for evil to triumph."
Haile Selassie - Emperor of Ethiopia (1916-1974)

FINAL MASS AT UNDERA

Since the Undera Church has been de-commissioned, there
will be a final Mass on Sunday 26th August at 1:00pm.
Following the Mass there will be refreshments in the Undera
Hotel.



Geraldton give Plenary Council a boost

The Diocese of Geraldton in Western Australia
reflected on key questions that will help shape the
Church locally but also helped frame its involvement
with the Plenary Council at its recent diocesan
conference.

The conference, which drew its theme "Lamp for the
Steps and Light for the Way: Listen to God and each
other as we light the way forward" from Psalm 118,
considered three questions: Where do you see signs of
hope in our community?; Where can we "be more" for
our community? What resources and support can we
draw upon to "be more"?

Leaders from across many parts of the diocese –
geographically and in terms of ministry – took part in
the conference, as well as students and staff from the
Nagle Catholic College community.

To read more on the Geraldton conference go to
[http://mediablog.catholic.org.au/geraldton-diocese-
gives-strong-country-voice-towards-plenary-council/](http://mediablog.catholic.org.au/geraldton-diocese-gives-strong-country-voice-towards-plenary-council/)

'Leaning on the Heart of God - Companioning the
Dying':

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Saturday Morning 'Coffee & Conversation' with Sr Helen
Glasheen RSM & Mrs Loretta Lilford.

What might we expect, and what can we do, when
someone we care about is dying?

How may we accompany them on during this precious
final journey?

When: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Date: Saturday 22 Sept - Mercy Centre

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Readings for this Sunday

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58



Readings for next week:

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69



Liturgical Jottings

Oil of Chrism

After the immersion into the font or the pouring of water on the newly baptised infant the crown of his/her head is anointed with the Chrism (omitted for older children and adults who would immediately be confirmed). Chrism, the sign of holiness, is accompanied by the words: "...As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life." (Rite n 98) Chrism contains olive oil mixed with perfumes and consecrated by the Bishop in a special Mass in Holy Week. With these words: "Father, we ask you to bless this oil you have created. Fill it with the power of your Holy Spirit through Christ your Son. ... and with chrism you have anointed for yourself priests and kings, prophets and martyrs."

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Focus on the Readings

Two week ago we heard how Elisha and his men were miraculously fed by twenty barley loaves. Elisha, student and the successor of Elijah as Israel's prophet had one hundred in his prophetic brotherhood. Today's first reading we hear of Elijah, his predecessor and the one who chose and commissioned Elisha. Elijah was a "lone ranger" not only as a single voice of prophecy in his time but the only faithful person of God in a land turned to paganism. The kings and queens had turned to the gods of the Phoenicians and Canaanites, the "Baals" We pick up the story when Elijah was exhausted, despondent and overwhelmed with a sense of failure. He just wanted to lie down and die. But God had other plans, He sent him bread and water twice and an angel's message to strengthen and encourage him for his forty day journey to encounter God.

In the time of Jesus the people were waiting for the Return of Elijah, some thought that John the Baptist or Jesus himself would be the new Elijah. Jesus did, however, fulfil many Old Testament prophecies.

Now we must make a journey in faith, experience some of the difficulties of Elijah but also some of the encouragements. Christ offers us "bread from heaven" and "sets his seal of the Holy Spirit upon us."

Jesus did not force us to believe in him but gently offered us his words, his gifts, his very life that we may believe and have fullness of life.

Quote of the Week

Christ, like a skilful physician, understands the weakness of humanity. He is easily found by those who live by faith and those of pure eye and holy heart, who desire to knock at the door, he opens immediately *St Hippolytus of Rome, died 235, Feast day 13 August*

Words of Pope Francis

When, in God's presence, we examine our life's journey, no areas can be off limits. In all aspects of life we can continue to grow and offer something greater to God, even in those areas we find most difficult. We need, though, to ask the Holy Spirit to liberate us and to expel the fear that makes us ban him from certain parts of our lives. God asks everything of us, yet he also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to cripple or diminish them, but to bring them to fulfilment.

Pope Francis, Gaudete Et Exsultate (2018) para 175.

On the Lighter Side

Who built King Arthur's round table? Sir Cumference.

Why is Peter Pan always flying? Because he neverlands

Why does Waldo wear strips? Because he doesn't want to be spotted.



Psalm 5:3 (NIV) "In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly."