

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 region.



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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 28th OCTOBER 2018

Healing a Nation Through Education

This title was the topic for last weeks Mission Sunday, and we were fortunate enough to hear from Irene Ho about how donations to the Catholic Mission is making a difference in children's education in Myanmar.

Irene has worked in Myanmar on mission, as a layperson for the last 12-13 years focusing on education, especially teacher education.

Irene said that the support and funding from Catholic Mission prompted the Church in Myanmar to take initial steps towards improvement for education in the country."

60 years ago all Mission schools in Myanmar were removed, and over the past two years, three new Catholic Primary Schools and a Montessori Nursery centre began. This has given hundreds of young children access to education. Parents are happy because their children are enjoying going to school and learning. The children also learn values such as respect and helping one another.

Catholic Mission also conducts two teacher education programs in Yangon and Moby, enabling youth from different states to be trained as competent teachers. In addition to laypeople like Irene, volunteer teachers from Catholic Education Ballarat, have spent time in Myanmar to show the local teachers new teaching techniques. It also helps the teachers to develop their thinking skills through questioning and more creative lesson planning.

Irene said "looking back and reflecting, it all began by an idea of Catholic Mission to reach out and



collaborate with the Church of Myanmar through education. It's a ripple effect - a series of things happen as a result of this particular action from Catholic Mission, Australia which has touched and changed many lives - "Healing a nation through education" has already become a reality but there is still a long way to go."

Irene finished her talk by thanking everyone who has generously donated to Catholic Missions .

If you took an envelope last week please ensure you bring it back so that we finalise our collection for Catholic Mission. If you would like to contribute, but didn't take an envelope simply put your donation in a plain envelope and write on Catholic Mission please pop it in our collections. We will be sending our Parish's donation to Catholic Missions in the next two weeks.

For more information on Catholic Mission visit their website www.catholicmission.org.au

Mary Connelly-Gale

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Sybil McCulloch
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Sam Gallo, Ruth Harrison, Vincenzo Mandaradoni
	Our sick and their carers	Br Gerard O'Brien (Moir Anderson's brother NT) Bruce McLeod , Marli Kelly, Margot Kerrins, Carmel Warren, Adrian Houlihan,

(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	Counter
3 rd Nov Sat 6pm	Sacha Finlayson	Judith Steele	Joan Webster	Pauline Moroney Doreen Corrigan	M Gale A Hutchinson L McGrath	Carol Coulston
4 th Nov Sun 9.30 am	Carol Coulston	Debie Turvey	Bernie Maher	Spedding Family	A Nihill E Worm K Gaffy	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	29 Oct	No Mass
Tuesday	30 Oct	No Mass
Wednesday	31 Oct	9.15 am Mass
Thursday	1 Nov	9.15 am Mass – All Saints
Friday	2 Nov	9.15 am Mass – All Souls
Saturday	3 Nov	6 pm Mass
Sunday	4 Nov	9.30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	3 Nov	11.30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	29 Oct	
Tue	30 Oct	
Wed	31 Oct	
Thur	1 Nov	All Saints Day 9.15 School Mass
Fri	2 Nov	All Souls Day 9.15 am Mass Children Invited with Family
Sat	3 Nov	6pm Mass
Sun	4 Nov	9.30 am Mass Thomas Spittles & Vincenzo Cassetta Baptisms
Mon	5 Nov	
Tue	6 Nov	Melbourne Cup
Wed	7 Nov	2pm CWL – Annual Meeting
Thur	8 Nov	Priest Retire Fund Bendigo 2pm
Fri	9 Nov	
Sat	10 Nov	St Bernard's Deceased Students Mass
Sun	11 Nov	
Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869 Anne Hutchison 5824 3460; Debbie Worm 5824 1841		

Last chance to purchase Days for Girls raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 drawn 1st November – tickets for sale in the Narthex.

Thoughts for the 2018/19 Year of Social Justice

2 of 10 *continued from last next week*

Step 2 – Get The Facts About Homelessness and The Housing Crisis.

The 2016 Census has revealed there are 116,427 people in Australia who are homeless... That number includes not only people who are on the streets or sleeping rough, but also those who are 'couch surfing', living in boarding houses or emergency accommodation, or staying in severely overcrowded dwellings.

The people we see on the streets are just the tip of the iceberg.

Social Justice Statement 2018-2019, p.6

Homelessness can often be a hidden problem and it is not confined to our major cities. There are many factors that can lead to homelessness, but ultimately, it is a result of poverty. Find out what the housing issues are in your local area, in your diocese or state, and nationally. Seek out information about Australia's housing crisis from research bodies such as:

Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 census:

www.abs.gov.au

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute:

www.ahuri.edu.au

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, National Social Housing Survey: www.aihw.gov.au

to be continued next week

(From Ten Steps to Making a Home for Everyone in our Land brochure)



Let's Start the Conversation

Last Saturday over 45 people attended the Plenary Council 2020 facilitation training at St Brendan's. The session was led by Cathy Jenkins who works in the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, Melbourne. Cathy is a very passionate and inspiring speaker and brought the question of **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** to life for us.

This question is something we can have as a general conversation with our friends and family in informal settings, and then we can submit a summary of the discussions to the Plenary Council team at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

There are many ways we can have informal discussions

- Face to face and one on one
- Small groups with a leader
- Coffee Mornings
- Via Facebook comments
- Filling in a card and collating the responses

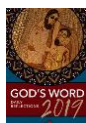
Here at Sacred Heart, we are going to start the conversation by asking you to think about the question over the coming week and then next week fill in your response on the Plenary Council 2020 postcard, or on a sheet of paper and drop it in the box - you don't have to put your name on it. We will then collate the responses and each week we will review a topic in the bulletin and ask for your feedback.

If you would like to start this conversation with your families and friends, there is a very helpful booklet that has been designed to help facilitate the discussion. Copies are in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, please talk to Fr Michael or anyone in the Parish Office.

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Don't forget to pick up



GOD'S WORD 2019
for just \$15

Or the beautiful
Columban 2019
Art Calendar
for just \$9.00

Both are available in the Narthex

A.E.D. DEFIBRILATOR



Back Row: Callum Hearn, Aleina Secomb, Rosanna Carbone Fr Michael
Front Row: Amber Mallon, Oliver Hains, Ava Rosella Mr Cameron

Students who are members of the Mini Vinnies Group at Sacred Heart School gather with the Deputy Principal Mr Matt Cameron & Fr. Michael Morley. The students initiated the idea to raise money for the defibrillator after a visit from St John Ambulance. Their efforts were supported by Tatura Rotary who donated \$500 (Rosanna is holding the Rotary cheque). The school and parish then raised the necessary \$3,000 for the purchase.

The A.E.D. is available 24 hours to anyone in the community and is located at the front of the Parish House.

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Catholic Women's League Annual Meeting

This will probably be the last notice for the CWL in the Bulletin. The League will be folding up after 84 years in the parish. The present members are getting older and no younger members are joining so the Tatura branch says it is time.

It would be difficult to even contemplate the impact these members have had on the lives of parishioners and the broader community. They have certainly been an important extension to the vitality of the parish while giving a powerful witness and presence to Catholic life in the area.

So to all these women over these 84 years we say thank you!

The final gathering needs to be special so this will be:

Date: Wednesday 7th November
Mass: 12 noon - Church
Meetings: St Mary's Hall
General: following Mass
Annual: 2pm

Afternoon Tea: After the Annual Meeting

Past and Present members are most welcome for this final gathering.

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Readings for
this Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52



Readings for
next week:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34



Liturgical Jottings

November: Saints & Sinners

November is traditionally the month to remember and pray for deceased family and friends.

At a time when morale in the Church is at a low, the feast of All Saints on 1 November reminds us that, although we are a Church of sinners, we are also a Church of saints and rejoice "in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the Church through whom God gives us, in our frailty, both strength and good example." (Preface of All Saints)

Every Mass includes prayers for the dead. The Commemoration of All Souls', 2 November, reminds us that we are in communion with those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith".

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #962)

Focus on the Readings

Isaiah prophesised four times the Messiah's coming will be marked by the curing of the blind. The Four Evangelists tell of sight restored by Christ in Matt 9:30; 12:22; 20:34; Mark 8:25; 10:52; Luke 7:21; 18:43 (the parallel to today's gospel) and John 9:1-41 (the man born blind). These miracles are more than wonders of God's power, they are moments of teaching for those who can see to see more clearly the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. There are movements from darkness to light, from ignorance to understanding.

We have an expression: "sitting on the fence" describing people who cannot decide which option or direction to take. In Christ's time the expression was: "sitting by the roadside" Followers of Jesus cannot be just staying put. It was the seed, which the sower threw on the roadside, that produced nothing. Bartimaeus got up from the roadside, threw his cloak away, received his sight and followed Jesus along the road towards Jerusalem. Now witnesses to this miracle, we pray the prayer of Bartimaeus, we want to see the way forward, we want to follow Jesus resolutely and hastily.

Quote of the Week

Let those who acknowledge the darkness of their blindness and feel the deprivation of eternal light, let them cry in the bottom of their heart let them cry with their whole soul and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." *St Gregory the Great Homily 2 on the gospels*

Words of Pope Francis

Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy, when all is said and done, "the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint." *Pope Francis, Gaudete Et Exsultate (2018) para 34*

On the Lighter Side

One day two blind men started fighting in the pub. Pretty soon a crowd surrounded them and cheered and booed them. Then one of the members of the crowd yelled out "I bet 10 bucks on the one with the knife." Both men suddenly stopped fighting and quickly went their separate ways.

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