

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11th November 2018



On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month of the year 1918, an armistice was signed, ending the "war to end all wars" - World War I. November 11 has therefore been set aside as Armistice Day, a day to pray for those who have died serving their country.

Prayer of Remembrance

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace, God give peace For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; May God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God give peace, God give peace For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; May God give peace.

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; May God give peace, God give peace. For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. May God give peace.

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen.

<http://www.xt3.com/library/view.php?id=8101>

Des Taylor

We pray for Fr Joe Taylor and members of his family at the death of Joe's father, Des. There was a Vigil Mass at St Brendan's last Thursday evening and the Funeral Mass was at St Mary's in Echuca on Friday morning. Our Prayers are with them all.

Fr. Michael

CEMETERY MASS 2018

The Cemetery Mass will be held on
Saturday 17th November
at 8:30am.
Please bring a chair.

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Des Taylor (Fr. Joe's Father)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Kath Flanagan
	Our sick and their carers	Ebony Hamilton, Ben Warnett, Br Gerard O'Brien (Moira Anderson's brother NT) Bruce McLeod, Marli Kelly,

(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
17 th Nov Sat 6pm	Mary Gale	Shelia Gregg	Seth Hutchison	M Sgammotta T Palmeri	G Ranson P Baldwin A Hutchinson	Simon Cowan
18 th Nov Sun 9:30am	Simon Cowan	Lou Kerrins	Ella Kerrins	Connie Serra Theresa Muto	A Ciavarella L Cowan P Kerrins	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	12 Nov	No Mass
Tuesday	13 Nov	No Mass
Wednesday	14 Nov	9:15 am Anointing Mass Mass for Kath Flanagan
Thursday	15 Nov	9:15 am Mass Mass for Stewart Harford
Friday	16 Nov	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	17 Nov	8.30 am Cemetery Mass 6 pm Mass
Sunday	18 Nov	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	17 Nov	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	12 Nov	Priest Golf Day – Hill Top 7.30pm Spirituality in the Pub
Tue	13 Nov	Council of Priests – Shepparton 2pm Italian Rosary 7pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting
Wed	14 Nov	9.15am Anointing Mass Mass for Kath Flanagan 5.30pm Finance Committee
Thur	15 Nov	9:15 am Mass Mass for Stewart Harford Prison Chaplains – Benalla
Fri	16 Nov	
Sat	17 Nov	8:30 am Cemetery 6pm Mass
Sun	18 Nov	2 nd World Day of the Poor 9.30am Mass
Mon	19 Nov	
Tue	20 Nov	
Wed	21 Nov	
Thur	22 Nov	7pm First Reconciliation
Fri	23 Nov	
Sat	24 Nov	6pm Mass
Sun	25 Nov	9.30am Mass
Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869 Anne Hutchison 5824 3460; Debbie Worm 5824 1841		

Thoughts for the 2018/19 Year of Social Justice

4 of 10 *continued from last week*

Step 4 – Understand the Bigger Picture Behind the Housing Crisis

Homelessness reached more widely across our society than we might realise and touches more than those who are evicted or who cannot find a permanent home. In fact a shadow of homelessness falls on anyone who struggles to meet barely affordable rent or mortgage payments ... an overpriced market is pushing more individuals and families into homelessness.

Social Justice Statement 2018-2019, p.7

How can we improve understanding of the wider economic circumstances that drive people into homelessness? How do we factors such as poverty, domestic violence and mental illness contribute to homelessness and housing stress? What has to be changed in our cities and communities so that everyone can have a place to call home?

- Read the section '*The nightmare of homelessness*' in the Bishops' Social Justice Statement.
- Read *The State of Homelessness in Australian cities (2018)* from the Centre for Social Impact:
www.csi.edu.au/research/project/the-state-of-homelessness
- Read the *Human Face of Homelessness* from Australia Catholic Social Justice Council

to be continued next week

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

Thank you

Our bucket collection for Mission Sunday raised \$975 so thank you so much for your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Days for Girls raffle ticket – Marli Kelly won first prize, Elaine Cowley won 2nd and Michele Anderson won 3rd.

Mary Connelly-Gale



Plenary Council depends on us and on God

by Archbishop Christopher Prowse of Canberra and Goulburn

St Ignatius of Loyola is attributed to have said: "Pray as if everything depends on God, work as if everything depends on you."

I thought of this Ignatian gem many times since we have begun in the Archdiocese our Listening and Dialogue sessions as part of our journey to the Australian Plenary Council of 2020/2021.

My initial observation so far is that we have struggled to truly answer the essential question of these sessions: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Pragmatic Australians seem to move too quickly to the "everything depends on us" aspect, without truly pondering on the other vital dimension that "everything depends on God".

I believe finding the balance between those two poles is the vital challenge. This is a task of deep conversion. It requires a true humble and docile listening to what "God is asking of us in Australia at this time".

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FIRST RECONCILIATION



The Sacrament of Reconciliation candidate group have almost completed their home meetings where they meet on four occasions to work through the guiding program Steps in Faith. Each of the four meetings have a different focus deeply connected to the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Loving, Choosing, Forgiving and Celebrating. The candidates have also spent time with Fr Michael, discussing the Sacrament in detail, as well as exploring the concept of what it means to be reconciled. Fr Michael helped the group develop a greater understanding of what it means to truly reconcile with one another, to in a sense, make-up and repair the friendship or relationship that has been hurt. The Sacrament of Reconciliation liturgy is on Thursday 22nd November, beginning at 7 pm.

Matt Cameron

Along the Track.

"...sadness of death sometimes takes a long while to 'give way' but death is the gateway to new and much richer life..." Latest edition in the Narthex

St Vincent de Paul

On December 8th we are once again taking gifts to our friends at Dhurringile Prison. For this to be a success we need help from parishioners.

If you would like to come and help out, we will be leaving the St Vincent de Paul Centre at 9a m sharp. You will need to bring your driver's licence on the day. Also you need to give your full name, address, Date of Birth and Drivers licence number to Denise Woodman ph 0429 899 698 by Wednesday 21st November at the very latest.

Thank you

St Vincent de Paul
Conference Members



For Sale

**Advent & Christmas
Daily Reflections 2018**
Only \$5

God's Word 2019
Daily Reflections
\$15



Coming soon – more 2019 Columbian Art Calendar and Christmas Cards

Available in the Narthex



Don't forget to
purchase your tickets
for Opera in the
Convent Garden

18th November 2018

1 Kings 17:10-16

Daniel 12:1-3



Readings for
this Sunday
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44



Readings for
next week:
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32



Liturgical Jottings

Church Collections

Donations from the people are collected at Mass normally at the "Preparation of the Gifts" of bread and wine and/or after Communion or after Mass. In the General Instructions to the Roman Missal collections are mentioned twice:

"Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as was once the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance. Money or other gifts for the poor or for the Church, brought by the faithful or collected in the church, are acceptable; given their purpose, they are to be put in a suitable place away from the Eucharistic table. N. 73

A liturgical function is also exercised by those who take up the collections in the church. N. 105c

Focus on the Readings

Elijah's numerous adventures: disputes with and denouncements by the king and queen, battles with the priests of baal, prophecies of drought and famine and: today's miracle of the widow's flour and oil and later the revival of the widow's son and triumphs over his enemies are more to do with faith than any show of marvellous acts. He placed his trust in God and was able to convince the pagan woman from Zarephath to do the same. He recognised her destitution (wearing the widow's clothes) and poverty (collecting sticks, lack of food) and responded in God's name. She was a victim of natural disasters (drought and famine) and social structures (the king's actions and stigmatisation by the people). Elijah was able to bring God's mercy and help to her.

A similar but different scenario was played out in today's Gospel. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem provided several opportunities to stand and teach in the Temple. Like Elijah he noticed a poor woman in widow's clothing offering her meagre resources to the temple treasury. Like the Zarephath woman, a widow, and so a victim of unjust social structures she gave generously and put her trust in God to supply her needs.

Injustices of King Ahab and Jezebel, the elders and leaders remind us of Jesus' words then and also in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Because the Father recognises in the poor and humble an image of this Son, his eyes rest of them with such benevolence and joy.

Words of Pope Francis

True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. While it is true that the word "justice" can be a synonym for faithfulness to God's will in every aspect of our life, if we give the word too general a meaning, we forget that it is shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable: "Seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow" (Is 1:17).

Pope Francis, Gaudete Et Exsultate (2018) para 79

On the Lighter Side

One Sunday the collection plates were mislaid so the collectors substituted salad bowls from the kitchen. But the coins clattered so loudly into the wooden bowls; a collector offered to line the bowls with foam for the next Mass. At this the parish priest suggested: "Don't bother! Ask for notes instead of coins for a more silent collection."

