

# 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 this 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.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Christ the King

This is a wonderful feast to celebrate at anytime but it is more significant as the final Sunday of the liturgical year.

Christ as the universal king, who reigns over all the world. But not a king who rules and lords it over everyone but as a servant king. They both don't seem to go together.

Reason why it was instituted as a feast for the church is also interesting. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life that leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organises his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society governments and nations.

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men:

- 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things: "All things were created by him";
- 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession;
- 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy";
- 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.  
(<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm>)

When we understand the reasoning behind the Pope's proposal we would say that Pope Francis could once again encourage everyone to reflect on our world and the danger of secularism.

We are now living, especially in Australia, in a world where affluence, wealth and possessions are the very things that concerned Pius XI.

Possibly more than in 1925 we need to seriously put God back where all things are under him not replacing him. We live in a society where, for many, all is possible. If we want it we purchase it. This probably reflects on why we are so wasteful.

We need to remember the qualities of Christ's Kingdom. They are supreme, universal, eternal and spiritual. His Kingdom may not be of this world but we can create his kingdom among us by the way we live. If his kingdom is real and here then the King will reign amongst us.



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|  | <b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b> | John Sanderson                                                                |
|                                                                                  | <b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>            | Marie Jenkins                                                                 |
|                                                                                  | <b>Our sick and their carers</b>                                  | Ebony Hamilton, Ben Warnett, Br Gerard O'Brien (Moira Anderson's brother NT), |

(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        |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec<br>Sat 6pm    | Sacha Finlayson | Gwen Ranson     | Marg Corrigan     | P Moroney<br>D Corrigan   | J Webster<br>A Ciavarella<br>P Baldwin | Carol Coulston |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec<br>Sun 9:30am | Carol Coulston  | AnnMaree Nihill | Carmel White      | S McCann<br>M Normington  | L Kerrins<br>P Kerrins<br>S Nihill     |                |

| MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK |                                |                         |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| DAY                        | DATE                           |                         |
| Monday                     | 26 Nov                         | No Mass                 |
| Tuesday                    | 27 Nov                         | No Mass                 |
| Wednesday                  | 28 Nov                         | 9:15 am Mass            |
| Thursday                   | 29 Nov                         | No Mass                 |
| Friday                     | 30 Nov                         | 9:15 am Mass            |
| Saturday                   | 1 Dec                          | 6 pm Mass               |
| Sunday                     | 2 Dec                          | 9:30 am Mass            |
| Saturday Reconciliation    | 1 Dec                          | 11:30 am Reconciliation |
| ROSARY                     | 15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass |                         |

| NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DIARY DATES                                                                          |        |                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon                                                                                                    | 26 Nov |                                                                                                          |
| Tues                                                                                                   | 27 Nov | 2:50 pm – Advent Week 1 – Year 6 – Mercy Centre<br>7:00 pm – Fete Meeting – St Marys Hall                |
| Wed                                                                                                    | 28 Nov | 7:00 pm School Board Mtg–Staff Room                                                                      |
| Thurs                                                                                                  | 29 Nov | 10:00 am Professional Standards In-Service Shepparton (Fr. M)                                            |
| Fri                                                                                                    | 30 Nov |                                                                                                          |
| Sat                                                                                                    | 1 Dec  | 6:00 pm Mass                                                                                             |
| Sun                                                                                                    | 2 Dec  | 9:30 am Mass<br>Baptism – Jack William Dickinson                                                         |
| Mon                                                                                                    | 3 Dec  | St Francis Xavier                                                                                        |
| Tues                                                                                                   | 4 Dec  | 2:50 pm – Advent Week 2 – Year 4/5 – Mercy Centre                                                        |
| Wed                                                                                                    | 5 Dec  |                                                                                                          |
| Thurs                                                                                                  | 6 Dec  |                                                                                                          |
| Fri                                                                                                    | 7 Dec  | St Ambrose                                                                                               |
| Sat                                                                                                    | 8 Dec  | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary<br>8:30 am Delivery Gifts to Prison<br>6:00 pm Mass |
| Sun                                                                                                    | 9 Dec  | 9:30 am Children's Mass                                                                                  |
| Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869<br>Anne Hutchison 5824 3460; Debbie Worm 5824 1841 |        |                                                                                                          |

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Jeremiah 29:11

## Thoughts for the 2018/19 Year of Social Justice

**Step 6 of 10** *continued from last week...*

### 'Take Action to Support Housing Initiatives and Programs'

*In Australia there are many organisations working to help people who experience marginalisation and homelessness. In particular, Catholics can be proud of the work of diocesan social services, charities like Vinnies and initiatives by religious orders that reach out to people who are homeless.*

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Commit to helping those in need in the local community through the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Care and other charities and services.

With others in your parish, consider if there are resources or properties that could house a family or individual in need. Consider housing development models that aim to end homelessness like those of the Australian Catholic Housing Alliance:

[www.catholichousing.org.au](http://www.catholichousing.org.au)

*To be continued next week...*

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

## Clerical Appointments

Reverend Peter Taylor has been appointed the Parish Priest at St Mel's Parish in South Shepparton effective from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019. In addition to this appointment the Diocese has announced 7 other appointments a full list of the appointments can be found in the Narthex.

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## Realising the dream of Vatican II

by Fr Noel Connolly SSC,  
Plenary Council Facilitation Team

The bishops at Vatican II deliberately changed the order of chapters in their Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium. Instead of beginning “from the top”, with the hierarchy, they began with a chapter on “the People of God”.

That is what unites us. We – Pope, bishops, priests and laity – are all members of the people of God. In a people of God theology, the “ontological gap” between clergy and laity dissolves. Our unity comes from our sense of being the people of God on mission. Such a vision can nourish among us great enthusiasm and hope, energy and equality. We are collaborating in something much larger than ourselves: God’s life and mission in the world.

In the past year, since being appointed to the Plenary Council Facilitation Team, I returned to studying the history and theology of Vatican II. I am frequently surprised at the treasures it contains which we have yet to mine and develop.

Through our Plenary Council, we may make the dreams of Vatican II more real in Australia.

Copies of Fr Noel’s full article are in the Narthex or visit:  
<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9d4348a071b7eaca33e0f72a7/files/8e84d7fc-c9f0-43d9-a97e-86f6363b30c4/TalkTheologyV10.pdf>

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Shalom Tidings is a beautiful bi-monthly Catholic magazine which is an excellent source for those who struggle with the faith and those who long to learn more about the forgiving love of Jesus Christ. This magazine is meant to instill hope in our hearts. It features inspirational testimonies, stories of personal God experiences, conversion experiences, and much more!

A sample of the Shalom Tidings is in the Narthex along with subscription forms. An annual subscription is only \$25.

You can also download the Shalom Tidings app to your phone or tablet to experience the joy of a life with Christ – no matter where you are! This is Good News for a New Generations.

## ST VINCENT de PAUL Christmas Tree

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas tree will be in the Church from the first week in Advent (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> December).

There will be envelopes hanging on the tree with the age and gender of the child for which a gift needs to be purchased.

Please be ready to take an envelope, purchase a gift and return it to the tree by the following weekend (8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December)

*Many thanks for your continued generosity and support for this very worthy cause.*

## STAYING MINDFUL

*(Taken from Jim Quillinan’s “Along the Track”*

*Continued from last week*

Death does not sever all connections. It is not the end. The custom of praying for the dead during November reminds us that, at the very least, we connect again in a profound way by our prayers for them before God. Spiritual writers over the centuries have used the expression ‘we are always in the mind of God’. God knows us, our thoughts, our desires, our loves, our hates. When we pray for those we love who have died, it is not just that we want God to stay mindful of them, we want to stay mindful of them too and we pray that they will still be mindful of us. Isn’t that part of what the Communion of Saints means?

We have not lost those who have died. We still love them and they still love us. They are still with us, still part of us and we them, not just in mind but also in spirit. Pope Benedict wrote:

“The belief that love can reach into the afterlife, that reciprocal giving and receiving is possible, in which our affection for one another continues beyond the limits of death – this has been a fundamental conviction of Christianity throughout the ages and it remains a source of comfort today (Spe Salvi#48).”

*To be cont...*

## December Rosters & Christmas Period Availability

The December Rosters are in the Narthex ready for collection. Also in the Narthex is a Christmas Period Roster Availability Form. Could you please let us know if you are available over the Christmas period so that we can develop the roster. Please write your name in and tick the dates you are available.



Readings for  
this week:

Daniel 7:13-14  
Apocalypse 1:5-8  
John 18:33-37



Readings for  
next Sunday

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-14:2  
Luke 21:25-28



## Liturgical Jottings

### Season of Advent

Advent has a twofold character as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; and a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation [General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar 39]. During Advent the floral decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. Exceptions, however, are Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent), Solemnities and Feasts [General Instruction to the Roman Missal 305].

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## Looking at the Readings

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

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## Pope Francis

Just as you cannot understand Christ apart from the kingdom he came to bring, so too your personal mission is inseparable from the building of that kingdom: "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Mt 6:33). Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace.

*Pope Francis, Gaudete Et Exsultate (2018) para 25*

## On the Lighter Side

A doctor, a lawyer, a boy and a priest were in a small plane. Suddenly, it started to go down. The pilot took one of the four parachutes, and bailed out. The doctor took one and said: "I'm a doctor, I save lives," and jumped out. The lawyer said, "We are the smartest people in the world; I deserve to live," and jumped out. The priest said to the boy, "I've lived a long and full life. You have yours ahead of you; here take the last parachute." The boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Don't worry, Father. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my back pack."



## For Sale in the Narthex



Advent/Christmas Booklet - 'Saviour' \$5



Christmas Cards - \$10



Columban Art Calendars \$9