

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 C
Luke

Weekday Year 1



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.

Second Sunday of Advent – 9th December 2018

Blessed Virgin Mary

This Saturday, December 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception.



"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." (Pius IX, Ineffabilis Deus, 1854)

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin.

Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, She received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, She is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity, in Her willingness to accept the Plan of God for Her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call, to their own vocation, in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfil the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time.

Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfil a particular mission that he and only he can fulfil.

"The word of the Lord came to me thus: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (Jeremiah 1:5-6)

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com>

Baptism



EMMA DELINDA NISBET

Congratulations to Emma Delinda Nisbet who is being baptised today.

We welcome Emma into our faith family.

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent 2018

God, still come to us.
Emmanuel, come to us,
and touch our lives and change our plans. Everlasting
Father, come to us
and hold us in your loving arms.
Wonderful Counsellor, come to us,
and walk along our path.
Prince of Peace, come to us,
and reconcile our differences.
Almighty God, come to us,
and see and save our world.
God, still come to us.
Amen.

(Adapted from 'Come to Us, Emmanuel' by Frances Ballantyne, in 600 Blessings and Prayers, 137)

The Beginner's Bible - \$30

A wonderful gift for any child. The easy-to-read text and bright, full-colour illustrations on every page make it a perfect way to introduce young children to the stories and characters of the Bible. This will make a wonderful Christmas present or a lovely Baptism gift.



Copies are in the Narthex and additional copies are in the Parish Office

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Gordon Warner, Val Ibbott
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Evelyn Woodman, Vera Dullard
	Our sick and their carers	Diane Mulcahy, Joe Vraca, Bruce McLeod, Ebony Hamilton, Br Gerard O'Brien (Moir 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
15 th Dec Sat 6pm	Trish Miller	Steph Hicks	Seth Hutchinson	M Sgammotta T Palmeri	A Hicks J Webser A Hutchison	Simon Cowan
16 th Dec Sun 9:30am	Rob Miller	Simon Cowan	Bernie Maher	Barry & Jan Lowe	L Cowan C Serra K Gaffy	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	10 Dec	No Mass
Tuesday	11 Dec	No Mass
Wednesday	12 Dec	9:15 am Anointing Mass
Thursday	13 Dec	9:15 am Mass
Friday	14 Dec	9:15 am Mass – School End of Year Mass
Saturday	15 Dec	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	15 Dec	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	16 Dec	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DECEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	10 Dec	
Tues	11 Dec	2:50 pm – Advent Week 3 – Year 2/3 – Mercy Centre 7:00 PM St VdP - Centre
Wed	12 Dec	9:15 Anointing Mass – Intention Evelyn Woodman 5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Carols by Candlelight
Thurs	13 Dec	St Lucy
Fri	14 Dec	St John of Cross
Sat	15 Dec	6:00 pm Mass
Sun	16 Dec	9:30 am Mass
Mon	17 Dec	
Tues	18 Dec	2pm Italian Rosary
Wed	19 Dec	7:30 pm – Parish Reconciliation
Thurs	20 Dec	
Fri	21 Dec	
Sat	22 Dec	6:00 pm Mass
Sun	23 Dec	9:30 pm Mass
Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Anne Hutchison 5824 3460; Debbie Worm 5824 1841		

Thoughts for the 2018/19 Year of Social Justice

Step 8 of 10 *continued from last week...*

“Help Combat Misunderstanding and Misrepresentation”

For any of us, a sudden personal or health crisis can cause great hardship and put pressure on family life. But for some people who lack the necessary economic resources or social support, such crises can lead to homelessness.

Statement 2018-2019, P.17

How often do we hear calls to ‘clean up the streets’ or people in need being dismissed as ‘lazy’, ‘irresponsible’ or worse? Do councils and neighbourhoods always welcome proposals for shelters or facilities for homeless people.

Challenge the myths that further marginalise people experiencing homelessness.

- Challenge the myth that homelessness will always be with us. Homelessness can be solved.
- Support the Mercy Foundation's work to end homelessness: www.mercyfoundation.com.au

To be continued next week...
(From Ten Steps to Making a Home for everyone in our Land brochure)

For Sale in the Narthex

Advent/Christmas Booklet - ‘Saviour’ \$5

Christmas Cards - \$10

Columban Art Calendars \$9

Caritas Global Gifts – Cherish the miracle of motherhood

You could give a community access to the clean, safe water needed to clean birthing tools and equipment, wash newborn babies after birth, and sustain the miracle of motherhood.

You could give food that will nourish new mothers, and help babies grow up healthy and strong.

Or you could empower people to support themselves by teaching them sustainable farming practices and give mothers, babies and entire communities a brighter future.

No matter what Global Gift you choose, you'll help people overcome poverty – and transform their lives.

Order forms are in the Narthex or visit www.globalgifts.org.au or phone 1800 024 413

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2018

Reconciliation: Wednesday
19th December 7:30pm

Saturday 22nd December Mass 6:00pm
Sunday 23rd December Mass 9:30am

Christmas Eve

Monday 24th December Carols 6:00pm
Monday 24th December Mass 6:30pm

Christmas Day

Tuesday 25th December Mass 9:00am

2019 Classroom Teachers

Foundation

Cindy Luksch
Kathy O'Sullivan

Years 3/4

Michelle Cameron (Mon-Wed)
Rebecca Borzillo (Thu-Fri)
Laura Mathieson

Years 1/2

Katy Dundon
Jessie Simpson
Vanessa Tartaglia

Debbie Turvey (Mon-Thu)
Karen Nihill (Fri)

Year 5/6

Cath Basile
Cassie Worm

End of Year Mass: - Friday 14th December 9:15 am

All families and parishioners are invited to join in the special End of Year Mass for our students.

Following the Mass the school is having a morning tea to thank all the parents for their support and contributions throughout 2018. We hope families can join with staff for this special thank you morning tea.



I have been putting thoughts and ideas before you for several months. These thoughts have been in the Bulletin each week or on our web page under Plenary.

Now is the time and also your opportunity to have some input into what the bishops of Australia are asking of us.

"LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING"

"WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME"

I would like as many people as possible to make a comment. Ask family members, particularly Catholics not attending Mass or not involved in the parish. Their comments may be why they don't attend anymore. This is what the Bishops want to hear so if possible it can then be addressed in the future.

We don't need names but the comments or suggestions we will send off to the Plenary Council and we will also send a copy to our diocese.

People may write their responses on the cards supplied if they wish, otherwise post to the parish or leave them in the box in the church.

You ask what sort of things we would be asking?

ONLY EXAMPLES

- Do more for Social Justices – refugees etc
- What could we do in the liturgy to encourage more people to Mass
- How could we encourage our youth to be more involved.
- With fewer going to Reconciliation what about more opportunity of the 3rd Rite.
- Create a better understanding of the Scriptures
- How to overcome the lack of clergy when overseas priests is not the answer long term.
- Role & status of the Laity

This is where good suggestions will be realised when a few sit around together over a cup of coffee talking about the church: what they have experienced, why they don't attend, why others don't, who is hurting and why?

Then jot down these thoughts.

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ITALIAN ROSARY

Il Santo. Rosario Mensile sarà recitato martedì 18 Dicembre alle ore 2. PM nella Sale di St Mary. Dopo il S. Rosario ci sarà un rinfresco. Tutti benvenuti
The Italian Rosary will be recited in St. Mary's hall.
Tuesday 18 December at 2PM. After the Rosary afternoon tea will be served. Every one welcome.

ST VINCENT de PAUL

The December St Vincent de Paul meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 7pm in the Centre. The Regional Development Officer – Kate O'Brien will be attending.



Readings for
this week:

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6



Readings for next
Sunday

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18



Liturgical Jottings Celebrating Christmas

During recent centuries several community and cultural activities celebrating the Christmas story have emerged and become popular, they include"

- 1 **Christmas Pageants.** They may include parades with bands, floats, choirs, Santa arriving, food and drinks stalls with array of Christmas fare, dancing, other arts and fundraising. Musically religious carols, songs about Santa, snow and good cheer may be sung.
- 2 **Nativity Plays or Concerts** present the Christmas story on stage borrowing from all four gospels and various traditions. They are popular with school students acting and singing, in costume and dramatisations
- 3 **Carols by Candlelight** (despite daylight saving and fluo candles) are community based and made up of choirs and bands with wide variety of carols, hymns and songs and a fire-truck with Santa.
- 4 **Carolling or Wassailing** are small groups of choristers moving along the streets singing, eating and drinking (wassailing).

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Focus on the Readings

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this. © Dianne Bergant CSS.

Feast of the Week: St Lucy Thursday 13 December

Martyred during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian (ca 303), devotion to her spread rapidly across the whole Church. Lucia means "light" St Lucy is the patron saint of eyes and eye troubles.

Quotable Quote

"In Advent we rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey across the paths of time." *Pope Francis*

On the Lighter Side

Post-Carols drinks (continued): Then a D comes into the bar and heads straight for the bathroom saying, "Excuse me. I'll just be a second." An A comes into the bar, but the bartender is not convinced that this relative of C is not a minor. Then the bartender notices a B-flat hiding at the end of the bar and exclaims: "Get out now! You're the seventh minor I've found in this bar tonight."

