

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.

Third Sunday of Advent – 16th December 2018

End of School Mass

On Friday we celebrated the end of School with a beautiful Mass. It was a wonderful farewell to our Year 6 students who will be leaving our school to start High School next year. At the conclusion of Mass Fr Michael presented all the Yr 6 students with their certificates and the families leaving Sacred Heart School were recognised. We also farewelled four of our teachers and presented Brenda Mason with a special plaque from the Sandhurst Diocese for her service. During the presentations a special person was recognised for all the work she does behind the scenes. Trish Warnett – she was lost for words when her name was announced and she was presented with a lovely flower arrangement as a thank you for everything she does for the Parish, School and the community. Five Yr 6 students received awards. Jude Nield and Aleina Seacomb were awarded the Lion's Club Scholarship, Lincoln Vincitorio and Rosanna Carbone won the Sacred Heart Leadership Award and Amber Mallon won the Sacred Heart Strength Through Faith and Love Award.

Congratulations to everyone and to all our year six students wishing you all the very best for your next six years in High School.



Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent 2018

O God we are one with
You. You have made us one with You.
You have taught us that if we are open to one another,
You dwell in us.
Fill us then with love,
and let us be bound together with love
as we go our diverse ways,
united in this one spirit
which makes You present in the world,
and which You witness to the ultimate reality that is love.
Love has overcome. Love is victorious.
Amen.

(Adapted from Thomas Merton from 'The Asian Journal of Thomas Merton', in Bridges One, 54)



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Robert Borrelli, Lucia Cortese, John Heathman, Colin Jenkins,
	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)

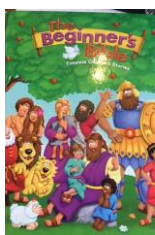
Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
22 nd Dec Sat 6:00 pm	Sacha Finlayson	Gwen Ranson	Ev Leahy	P Newman P Anderson	L Cowan C Serra K Gaffy	Bill Woods
23 rd Dec Sun 9:30 am	Lou Kerrins	Karen Nihill	Ella Kerrins	C Serra T Muto	P Kerrins E Worm G Lo Piccolo	
24 th Dec Mon 6:30 pm	Carol Coulston	Debbie Worm Reflection Marli Kelly	Rob Miller	S Gregg P Newman	K Gaffy L Kerrins A Hutchinson M Gale	Trish Warnett
25 th Dec Tue 9:00 am	Denise Woodman	Trish Warnett Reflection Trish Miller	Bernie Maher	John Keane & Family	M Gale A Ciavarella E Worm	
29 th Dec Sat 6:00 pm	Debbie Worm	Shelia Gregg	Trish Warnett	Hutchinson Family	G Ranson J Webster T Miller	Trish Warnett
30 th Dec Sun 9:30 am	Denise Woodman	Kaye Gaffy	John Keane	Bernie Maher & Family	C Coulston M Gale L Kerrins	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	17 Dec	No Mass
Tuesday	18 Dec	No Mass
Wednesday	19 Dec	9:15am Mass – Intention Robert Borelli 7:30pm Parish Reconciliation
Thursday	20 Dec	9:15am Mass
Friday	21 Dec	9:15am Mass Intention John Heathman
Saturday	22 Dec	6:00pm Mass
Sunday	23 Dec	9:30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	22 Dec	11:30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes before Weekday Mass	

DECEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	17 Dec	
Tue	18 Dec	
Wed	19 Dec	Students Finish for the year 6:00 PM Carols at Prison
Thur	20 Dec	7:30 pm Parish Reconciliation
Fri	21 Dec	Teachers finish for the year School Staff Dinner
Sat	22 Dec	
Sun	23 Dec	
Mon	24 Dec	Christmas Eve 6:00 pm Carols 6:30 pm Vigil Mass
Tue	25 Dec	Christmas Day 9:00 am Mass
Wed	26 Dec	No Mass
Thur	27 Dec	No Mass
Fri	28 Dec	No Mass
Sat	29 Dec	6:00 pm Mass
Sun	30 Dec	9:30 pm Mass

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

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.

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

Thoughts for the 2018/19 Year of Social Justice

Step 9 of 10 *continued from last week...*

“Remember: Standing With Those In Need is Central to Our Faith”

The Church and international law both regard housing as an essential entitlement for all people to meet their basic needs, flourish in community and have their inherent human dignity affirmed and upheld by others

Statement 2018-2019, P.12

Every person has an inherent dignity as a child of God, and that dignity obliges us to identify with those who are less fortunate. Let's make this a basis of our work for justice. Consider how we can use more compassionate language, upholding the dignity of the most vulnerable and ensuring that they flourish in a just and generous society.

To be continued next week...

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

The Chain of Mary Booklets

In the Narthex are 20 little booklets. Each booklet is dedicated to one of the 20 decades of the Rosary. This devotion is warming hearts to prayer and to the love of God, which is now spreading far and wide over three continents. Through participation one is united in the “Chain of Mary” where each person forms as it were a link in the long chain of participants reaping an abundance of grace. The purpose of this Rosary is to unite oneself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and live this prayer with true faith and devotion. In doing this, one can console the wounded hearts of Jesus and Mary.

It is important to prayer your chosen decade with faith and devotion remembering that Our Lady desires quality in prayer, not quantity

For more information to www.chainofmary.org.au



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.

Fr Michael Morley

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Readings for
this week:

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18



Readings for next
Sunday

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44



Liturgical Jottings

Four Christmas Masses

The Roman Missal and Lectionary have four Masses for Christmas with different readings and prayer texts. They emerge from different traditions and practices over the centuries:

- 1 The Vigil Mass is a bridge between Advent & Christmas. The gospel is also read on December 17. This Mass is rarely celebrated (Days of the Lord Vol 1 p 192) and for pastoral reasons the vigil texts need not to be used [for evening Masses], the texts for the night Mass may be used (Australian Ordo 2018 p 129).
- 2 The Mass at Night, formerly called Midnight Mass comes from the Bethlehem tradition of a Mass at the grotto. The Gospel recalls the angel's message to the shepherds to go to Bethlehem.
- 3 Mass at Dawn, a Roman tradition, continues Luke's account of the shepherds adoring the infant Jesus.
- 4 Mass during the Day reflects on the incarnation of Christ as God and Man with the proclamation of the prologue of John's Gospel.

Focus on the Readings

We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philippians announces that the Lord is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birth pangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, many are the things that can detract from my joy, some of my own making, others which are not my doing and are beyond my control. Do not let me yield to discouragement. Come to me today, Lord Jesus. Fill my heart with the knowledge of your love and kindness, that I may rejoice in your presence. Amen.

On a Lighter Note or Two!

Post-Carols drinks (continued): The E-flat, not easily deflated, comes back into the bar in a three-piece suit.

The bartender says: "You're looking sharp tonight, this could be a major development." Then E-flat strips off the suit, and stands there au naturel. Eventually, C sobers up, and realises in horror that he's under a rest. C is brought to trial, is found guilty of contributing to the diminution of a minor. On appeal, however, C is found innocent; all accusations are bass-less. The bartender decides that since he's only had tenor so patrons, and everything has become alto much treble, he needs a rest and closes the bar.



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For Sale in the Narthex

Advent/Christmas Booklet - 'Saviour' \$5

Christmas Cards - \$10

Columban Art Calendars \$9