

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 23rd December 2018



I'd like to take this time to wish all our parishioners a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Your presence in our faith community is what makes Sacred Heart a wonderful parish.

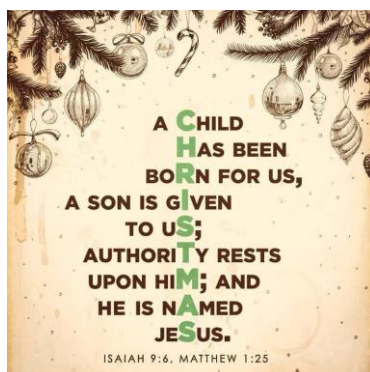
We look forward to 2018 and celebrating with you all in our great Parish.

Bishop Les' Christmas message has been uploaded to YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-Kd5SwYICg>

Alternatively you can view the Video on www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Fr Michael and
the office staff



Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent 2018

May this Christmas
Be for each of you,
A time of moving
Beyond reason to wonder,
Beyond grasping to letting go,
And beyond competition to cooperation,
In the power of the babe of Bethlehem.
Amen.

(*'The Babe of Bethlehem'* by W.L. Wallace
in *600 Blessings*, 136)

Thanks, Marli

As many of you know, 2018 has not been a year of good health for Marli Kelly, and sadly she has formally resigned as Parish Administrator. Marli's main focus now is her family and regaining her health.

I would like to personally thank her for everything she has done for the Parish Office for nearly four years. She has always been bright and bubbly and brought happiness and laughter to the office, she will be truly missed.

Let's all pray for Marli that 2019 brings her better health.

Fr Michael

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Sr Mary Rose FCJ
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Thomas Gregory Morley
	Our sick and their carers	Diane Mulcahy, Joe Vraca, Ebony Hamilton, Bruce McLeod,

(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office)

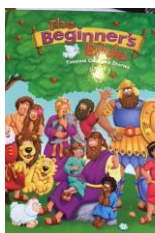
Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
24 th Dec Mon 6:30 pm	Carol Coulston	Debbie Worm Reflection Marli Kelly	Rob Miller	S Gregg P Newman	K Gaffy L Kerrins A Hutchinson M Gale	Trish Warnett
25 th Dec Tue 9:00 am	Denise Woodman	Trish Warnett Reflection 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	24 Dec	6:00 pm Christmas Carols 6:30 pm Vigil Mass
Tuesday	25 Dec	9:00 am Mass
Wednesday	26 Dec	No Mass
Thursday	27 Dec	No Mass
Friday	28 Dec	No Mass
Saturday	29 Dec	6:00pm Mass
Sunday	30 Dec	9:30am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	29 Dec	11:30am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes before Weekday Mass	

DECEMBER/JANUARY DIARY DATES		
Mon	24 Dec	6:00 pm Carols 6:30 pm Vigil Mass
Tue	25 Dec	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 9:00 am Mass
Wed	26 Dec	St Stephen – The First Martyr No Mass
Thur	27 Dec	St John, Apostle & Evangelist No Mass
Fri	28 Dec	The Holy Innocents No Mass
Sat	29 Dec	6:00 pm Mass
Sun	30 Dec	9:30 am Mass
Mon	31 Dec	
Tue	1 Jan	Mary, Mother of God
Wed	2 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Thur	3 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Fri	4 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Sat	5 Jan	6:00 pm Mass
Sun	6 Jan	Epiphany of Our Lord 9:30 am 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



Fr Rob's New Single "Here I am"

Last week Fr. Rob Galea and Ivan Diaz – new single was launched in the Vatican City. This single was inspired by the theme for World Youth Day "I am the servant of the Lord, may it be done to me according to Your word" (Lk 1:38). Check it out on Youtube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5VUwLsd9jI&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2miDdDSyaMPSi_fQICCrMED8xAaFujw6OiDiCBISquK9sxFZEfysRZNZQ

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2018

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

"Let Us Pray"

Prayer is a powerful way to bring about change in ourselves and our society.

Prayer for people who are homeless

Lord our God,

You who so mysteriously call upon us
to share in the sufferings of Christ,
fill our hearts with compassion
for those who lack the warmth of a home.

We commend to you in prayer this day
all men, women and children
who suffer because they have no shelter;
those who sleep in our streets and public spaces,
who have nowhere safe to lay their heads,
and who wander from place to place as a way of life.

We pray for broken families who cannot pay the rent,
for those who are the lost and abandoned,
for those on the streets whose minds
have been touched by illness
or whose bodies are sorely affected by disabilities.

We ask that your merciful Grace be poured out
upon those with addictions,
those who have given up
in the face of enormous tribulations,
and those driven into a homeless life
by crushing poverty.

God of Compassion, your love for us is revealed
in your beloved son Jesus,
who was born into homelessness,
lived with nowhere to lay his head,
and died for us in agony on the cross.

Inspire us to act in justice,
by all means at our disposal, to right the wrongs
of peoples who are suffering
the deprivations of homelessness,
and to see in them the dignity of a brother and sister
redeemed by Jesus Christ.

Let us have the commitment,
as people of the Gospel, to be ever mindful
of our obligations we have
to the poor and marginalised,
to work in your name, O God,
to turn sorrow into joy
and to bring all those who live in darkness
into your own wonderful light.

Amen.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

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 Justice – 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

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.

For more information to www.chainofmary.org.au



Readings for
this week:

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44



Readings for
next Sunday

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52



Liturgical Jottings Solemn Blessings

Between the Prayer after Communion and the Dismissal at the end of Mass is the Blessing of the people. The new Roman Missal provides 14 Solemn Blessings to be used at the discretion of the celebrant. Among them are four for Advent, Christmas, New Year and the feast of Epiphany. Each blessing has three stanzas and the Trinitarian form of blessing each with the response of **Amen**.

Advent Blessing

As you run the race of this present life may God make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

From the Advent Solemn Blessing

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Focus on the Readings

There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animositities are set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it.

The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God.

We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually re-enact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Pope Francis's Christmas Message

Like the Virgin Mary, St Joseph, and the shepherds may we welcome in the Baby Jesus the love of God made man for us. And may we commit ourselves, with the help of his grace, to making our world more human and more worthy for the children of today and of the future. May the birth of Christ the Saviour renew hearts, awaken the desire to build a future of greater fraternity and solidarity, and bring joy and hope to everyone. Happy Christmas!

From Pope Francis' Christmas Urbi et Orbi Message 2017

On the lighter side

Father Pat, opening his Christmas cards, found an envelope with single sheet of paper and on it was written only one word: 'Fool'. The following Sunday, Fr Pat announced to the congregation, 'I know people who write letters to me and forget to sign their names. But this week I received one from someone who signed his name but forgot to write a letter.'



Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign: The virgin is with child and will bear a son and will name him Emmanuel.

Isaiah 7:14