

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.



*Parish Pastoral Council
In recess until further notice*

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.

Readings
Year C
Luke

Weekday Year 1



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th January 2019



Welcome back our teachers and students for the start of the new school year.

We wish all our year 6 students a fantastic final year at Sacred Heart and we welcome our little Preps and wish them well for the start of their schooling.

Also a big welcome all the other new students and our new teachers who have joined Sacred Heart and hope you enjoy being part of the Sacred Heart family.

We would also like to congratulate Ms Worm on her engagement just before Christmas.

Parishioners we asked that you please be aware of children in the church grounds, on the crossing and in the carpark.

A Prayer for the Start of the New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as our students begin this new school year.

Allow them to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before them.

Open their eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open their heart and minds to new friends and new teachers.

Give them a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with their studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help them to be attentive to their teachers and let them experience Your presence in their friends.

Jesus, inspire all our students to do their best this year!

Amen



Baptism

SAMUEL DARCY BORRELLI

Congratulations to Samuel Darcy Borrelli who is both being baptised today.

We welcome him into our faith family

Cuppa After Mass Roster

As you know the 2nd Sunday of every month (except January) is our Children's Mass and we have Cuppa After Mass to continue the fellowship. The first Cupper After Mass will be Sunday 10th February. If you can help out and/or host a Cuppa Morning during the year could you please put your name down on the Roster which is in the Narthex.

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Filomena Moro , Mark Closter
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	Harley Jones (Debbie Turvey's baby nephew), Diane Mulcahy, Bruce McLeod, Ebony Hamilton

(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
2 nd Feb Sat 6:00 pm	Mary Gale	Shelia Gregg	Doreen Corrigan	P Newman P Anderson	J Webster A Ciavarella C Coulston	Debbie Worm
3 rd Feb Sun 9:30 am	Lou Kerrins	Karen Nihill	Rob Miller	Paul & Ella Kerrins	K Gaffy S De Lai J De Lai	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	28 Jan	No Mass
Tuesday	29 Jan	No Mass
Wednesday	30 Jan	10:30 am Funeral Mass (Moro)
Thursday	31 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Friday	1 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	2 Feb	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	3 Feb	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	1 Feb	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	

JANUARY/FEBRUARY DIARY DATES		
Mon	28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas
Tues	29 Jan	Teachers return to school
Wed	30 Jan	Students return to school
Thurs	31 Jan	St John Bosco
Fri	1 Feb	
Sat	2 Feb	
Sun	3 Feb	
Mon	4 Feb	
Tues	5 Feb	St Agatha
Wed	6 Feb	St Paul Miki & Companions
Thurs	7 Feb	
Fri	8 Feb	Opening School Mass
Sat	9 Feb	
Sun	10 Feb	
Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Anne Hutchison 5824 3460; Debbie Worm 5824 1841		

ROSTER

The February 2019 rosters are now available. Copies are in the Narthex and also on the website. Please remember if you are unable to attend on your rostered day please contact Trish Warnett on as soon as possible on 5824 1083 or 0410 094 323.

Have you thought about what you might do during Lent?

Ash Wednesday opens Lent a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday occurs 46 days before Easter and is this year March 6th.

The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong has put together a wonderful Lenten Program for 2019 Title "Trust". It is a 76 page full-colour book that includes short daily reflects (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) and longer Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions. In addition to the booklet you can also purchase a Triple CD Resource.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the booklet or the CDs please fill in the form in the Narthex. Also please indicate if you would like to be part of a formal Lenten Group where we can get together and reflect on the questions outlined in the book.

Over the next few weeks we will include a sample from Week 1 program by Fr Sean Cullen titled "Trust vs Self – Salvation" here is snippet to get you interested.

"Self-salvation is not possible. Jesus emerged from the wilderness intact because he said to the devil: "I get my power from my God, my Father. He is the trusted value in my life. I draw my worth from him, and I will never compromise that relationship." Trust in God, first and last.

Cost of the booklet will be approximately 9 and the CD will be \$8 plus postage and handling. We will be placing the orders by Friday 8th February to ensure they are here in time. Over the coming weeks we will also highlight other Lenten Programs.

January 27, 2019 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..."
(Nehemiah 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.



Plenary Council opens new lines of communications

In her weekly column, the vice chancellor of pastoral ministries at the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has written about the Plenary Council's ability to change the way people in the Church relate with one another.

"I am convinced that the process of the Plenary Council is inviting people to deep listening and dialogue. It is about inviting people to share their story, and in that storytelling to begin to enter into relationships, just as Jesus did," Teresa Brierley wrote in her Tuesdays with Teresa column earlier this month.

"My own experience of the Plenary gatherings in the diocese has caused me to believe that this process, of sharing stories, asking questions and deep reflection on what future God is calling us toward, is inspirational and worthwhile.

"It takes great integrity and courage to speak from the heart about lived experiences of faith, the place of God in our lives and of our engagement with the Church."

The full article can be viewed at
<http://mnnews.today/opinion-comment/2018/36229-tuesdays-with-teresa-deep-listening-and-trust/>

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Saint Thomas Aquinas – January 28th

January 28th, marks the feast of one of the greatest Doctors of the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas. He was a priest, professor and philosopher who influenced centuries of religious and academic thought with his methodical way of harmonizing faith and reason.

Born to nobility in southern Italy, Thomas became attracted to life as a monk and scholar while a university student in Naples. He joined the Dominican religious order, but his family locked him in their castle tower, hoping to change his mind. A year later he escaped, studied in Cologne and Paris, was ordained a priest, and taught in universities during the Scholastic era, when the ancient logic of Aristotle was being revived despite condemnations by the Roman Catholic Church. Thomas reconciled the two by granting reason its own integrity. He used Aristotelian arguments to "prove" God's existence and the truth of Christian beliefs, but held that some doctrinal truths are revealed only by faith. He painstakingly questioned-and-answered his way through two major works: *Summa Contra Gentiles* ("Summary of Arguments against the Disbelievers") and his final synthesis, *Summa Theologica*. His thinking, later called Thomism, was rapidly adopted by the church. Known as "the angelic doctor," he was canonized in 1323. In 1879, Pope Leo XIII declared Aquinas's works "the only true philosophy."

Saint Thomas Aquinas' original feast day was March 7, the day of his death, but because the date often falls within Lent, in 1969, a revision of the Roman Calendar changed his feast day to January 28, the date his relics were moved to Toulouse. Pope Pius V declared Saint Thomas a doctor of the church, saying Thomas was "the most brilliant light of the Church."

He died in 1274, at the age of fifty, in the abbey of Fossa Nuova. He is the patron saint of schools and of sacred theology.

Your Best - Reflections from Blessed Mother Teresa

The human person is irrational, illogical, self-centred:
it doesn't matter, love them.

If you do good, they will say that you are doing it out of selfishness and for ulterior motives: *it doesn't matter, do good.*

If you want to achieve your goals, there will always be those who oppose you: *it doesn't matter, achieve them.*

The good you do may perhaps be forgotten tomorrow: *it doesn't matter, do good.*

Honesty and sincerity will make you vulnerable: *it doesn't matter, be honest and sincere.* Whatever you build could be destroyed: *it doesn't matter, built it.*

Those you have helped might not be grateful to you: *it doesn't matter, help them.*

You give your best to people and they throw stones at you: *it doesn't matter, give your best.*



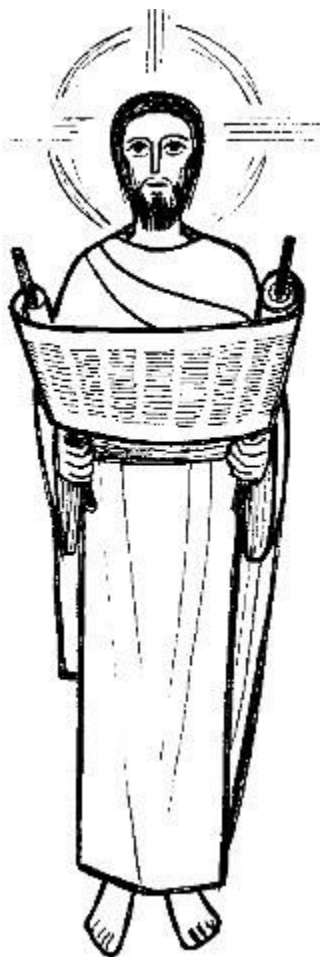
Readings for
this week:

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



Readings for
next Sunday

Jeremiah 1:4-4, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30



Liturgical Jottings

The Second Reading

Liturgy of the Word on Sundays and Solemnities has three readings from sacred scripture. The second reading, from the New Testament, is short, and semi-continuous from one Sunday to the next. In the seasons of Easter, Advent and Lent and feast days they refer to the season or Feast. During ordinary time they have no intentional connection to the other readings, and perhaps therefore not often quoted in the homily of the day.

Looking at the Readings

“The words of the Lord are Spirit and Life, ... the law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul ... it gladdens the heart” These words from the Responsorial Psalm, today, follow up from the First Reading. The Israelite people were once in captivity in Babylon, away from their homeland, their temple destroyed. Then in 538BC Cyrus restored them back to their land. They had to rebuild their homes, their religious practices, their temple, in fact their whole lives. Ezra, who studied the scriptures extensively while in exile, was able to read to them. We hear about the gathering of the people as they started to reconnect to their faith heritage through the reading of the Books of the Law. They were eager, attentive and shed tears of joy and gave acclamations of praise to God. The Law of the Lord re-established their relationship to God. Hearing the Law of the Lord sets them free from the past, their sins, their bondage.

Jesus, beginning his public ministry at Nazareth, reads from the Prophet Isaiah Like Ezra he is re-connecting the people to God by recalling the proclamation of the Year of Favour in which the people are set free from economic and physical restraints. The Law of the Lord sets them free.

We, Australians, find the concept of law setting us free difficult. Having just celebrated the anniversary of the first fleet’s arrival. The convicts and the traditional occupiers of the land did suffer under the laws of the day. We are described by overseas nations as too egalitarian and laissez-faire attitude to law and when we visit them we are often regarded as friendly larrikins. We must not let 200+ years of attitude “*agin the government*” colour our relationships with God’s law that is written in our hearts, revives our spirits and sets us free!

Sharing our Tradition

Like Ezra and the Israelites and the early Christians we may then kneel before the Lord singing in faith and thanksgiving Amen! Amen. Let our prayer with the whole church today be:

Today we celebrate Jesus Christ who died for our sins. AMEN!

And rose from the dead AMEN!

And we await him till he returns AMEN!

On the Lighter Side

Q. What's the difference between God and a lawyer?

A. God does not think he is a lawyer!

Teacher “What come after a sentence?”

Grade 6 student: “An appeal.”

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Did you know?

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled “Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden’...

And thus ,the word GOLF entered into the English language