

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.

The Baptism of the Lord – 13th January 2019



In two distinct ways the feast of the Baptism of the Lord serves as a bridge. Firstly, it doubles up as the concluding feast of the Christmas season and as the First Sunday of Ordinary Time. Secondly, and much more significantly, it highlights a dramatic transition in Jesus' life. All three synoptic gospels identify Jesus' baptism as the event which plucks him out of obscurity and impels him into public ministry.

The gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism are brief but rich in meaning. They reveal him as God's beloved Son and envoy; they provoke us to a fresh awareness of the mission to which we are called as the baptised. In the Preface for the feast we praise God for our coming "to believe in your Word dwelling among us" and "to know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

(Reprinted from Break Open the Word 2019)

Feast of the Week: St Antony, 17 January

Saint Anthony or Antony was born in 251, Heracleopolis Magna. He lived a monastic life and is recognised as the founder of Monasticism for he attracted many others to join him in common life of prayer and penance. The Letters of St Antony the Great are still a great source of Christian spirituality. He was revered since his death on 17 January 356 in Egypt as a saint.

JOE VRACA FUNERAL

This week in the parish we had the funeral of Joe Vraca. It was well attended with approximately 900 people in attendance. I am sure they were from all 'walks of life' that was the impact that Joe had on people. Some of his family from Italy managed to arrive here in time for the funeral.

There were several tributes about him in the Shepparton papers and then one on the day of the funeral. He was a very placid and gentle man. He saw an opportunity and he would capitalize on it. This was evident in the way he saw how tomatoes were grown and picked and sold. He tripled the production on his father-in-law's farm and that was the beginning of Joe becoming a legend on how tomatoes were grown and sold throughout the industry.

There was a Rosary recited the evening before the funeral and the church was packed which would mean nearly 400 people. Many who came took the opportunity of condolences afterwards.

After the funeral the next day the condolences still went for well over an hour. Many took their leave and departed, so mainly family, relations and friends went to the cemetery. It was a wonderful tribute to a very popular man who never forgot his humble beginnings and the things that were important - family, friends, work ethic and a handshake was the trust he had in people. His generosity will be remembered by many including our parish and his help in making a dream of mine become a reality - the lovely new entrance to the church.

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Joe Vraca
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Joe Ciavarella
	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
19 th Jan Sat 6:00 pm	Trish Miller	Gwen Ranson	Seth Hutchinson	J Caiafa D Hamilton	S Finlayson J Webster A Hutchinson	Simon Cowan
20 th Jan Sun 9:30am	Debbie Worm	Simon Cowan	Keith Stewart	Barry & Jan Lowe	L Cowan K Gaffy L Kerrins	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	14 Jan	No Mass
Tuesday	15 Jan	No Mass
Wednesday	16 Jan	9:15 Mass
Thursday	17 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Friday	18 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	19 Jan	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	20 Jan	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	19 Jan	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	

JANUARY DIARY DATES		
Mon	14 Jan	The beginning of Ordinary Time 1:30 pm Crazy Whist – Parish Hall
Tues	15 Jan	
Wed	16 Jan	
Thurs	17 Jan	St Anthony 9:15 Int Joe Ciavarella
Fri	18 Jan	
Sat	19 Jan	6:00 pm Mass
Sun	20 Jan	9:30 am Mass
Mon	21 Jan	The beginning of Ordinary Time
Tues	22 Jan	
Wed	23 Jan	9:15 Int Jack Woodman
Thurs	24 Jan	Francis De Sales
Fri	25 Jan	Conversion
Sat	26 Jan	Australia Day 8:30 am Australia Day Mass 6:00 pm Mass
Sun	27 Jan	9:30 am Mass Baptism – Samuel Darcy Borrelli
Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Anne Hutchison 5824 3460; Debbie Worm 5824 1841		

Prayer with Pope Francis - January – Young People and the Example of Mary

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to Communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



Pray with and for your children

(Continued from last week...)

Praying with older kids

If your kids are 10 and older, starting a family prayer tradition needs a firm but positive approach. You may have to work a little harder to find the 'sweet spot' but the benefits are well worth the effort.

Have a Family Discussion

Include your kids in the planning and have input in the timing and format as well as expectations around attendance and participation.

Keep the Pressure OFF!

No cajoling, begging, nagging or guilt-tripping! You cannot force their relationship with Jesus, you can only create an opportunity and invite them to pray with you.

Seize the Day!

Don't just limit prayer to the pre-scheduled time slot. Take advantage of spontaneous opportunities. For example, if your child is anxious about an exam, give them a blessing, if you find yourselves in the midst of a marvel of nature, take a moment to praise God for his creation.

The full article can be viewed at <https://cathfamily.org/praying-with-younger-and-older-kids/> - or alternatively wait for next week's instalment of "When it all falls apart".

(Continued next week...)



The Most Holy Name of Jesus

(Reprint from the Advent Saviour booklet)

Continued from last week ...

The name, Jesus, means "Yahweh saves", explained by the angel to St Joseph: "(Mary) will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). St Paul was later to write: "God gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth, and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus" (Philippians 2:9-10).

The name Jesus was considered to contain the very presence and the power of Jesus. In the name of Jesus, Peter and John effect the first miracle after the Ascension – the cure of the them crippled from birth. "It is faith in the name that has restored this man to health," says St Peter to the amazed crowd (Acts 3:16). And, with the greatest irony, Pontius Pilate who has condemned Jesus to death for saying he was a king by the title he orders placed on the cross – Jesus of Nazareth: the "King of the Jews". We should use the Holy Name with the greatest reverence. It is more than a name it is a presence.



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

Speaking boldly sounds good -- but it doesn't happen easily

by Fr Noel Connolly SSC, Plenary Council Facilitation Team

As we prepare for the Plenary Council 2020, we are being encouraged to speak boldly and to share what is in our hearts. One of my concerns is that I do not think it is easy to know what is deep in our hearts and it is even more difficult to express it adequately. Also speaking is an art, and it is learnt only with practice.

People who have not been encouraged to speak up for decades will probably speak clumsily, angrily or shallowly the first time around. It is only over time that we eventually learn what we most deeply want to say.

I suspect most of us do not know what we really want. We know our immediate, shallow and superficial desires, but most of the time we are too busy and distracted to recognise our deepest desires

Copies of Fr Noel's full article are in the Narthex or read it on

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9d4348a071b7eaca33e0f72a7/files/8c89ef06-f5ef-4f02-847e-0d5ada2cb212/TalkTheologyV11.pdf>

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:



Learning Holiness at the School of Nazareth (Continued from last week...)

In a beautiful address on December 28, 2011, at a Wednesday audience, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI spoke of the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth. Here is a short excerpt: "The house of Nazareth is a school of prayer where we learn to listen, to meditate, to penetrate the deepest meaning of the manifestation of the Son of God, drawing our example from Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

The Holy Family is an icon of the domestic Church, which is called to pray together. The family is the first school of prayer where, from their infancy, children learn to perceive God thanks to the teaching and example of their parents. An authentically Christian education cannot neglect the experience of prayer. If we do not learn to pray in the family, it will be difficult to fill this gap later. I would, then, like to invite people to rediscover the beauty of praying together as a family, following the school of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

The Christian family is the first cell of the whole Christian Church. It is the place where we begin the journey toward holiness and learn to become more fully human. The Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, became one of us. He was born into a human family. That was neither accidental nor incidental. There, in what the late Pope Paul VI called the School of Nazareth, we can learn the way of love. The late Pope's reflection called The Example of Nazareth is in the Office of Readings for the Liturgy of the Hours (the breviary) for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Every moment of his time among us Jesus was saving the world, re-creating it from within. To use a word from the early Church Father and Bishop St. Irenaeus, he was recapitulating the entire human experience. There, in the holy habitation of Nazareth, He forever transformed family life. Now, He teaches us how to live in His presence, if we will enrol in the School of Nazareth.

From antiquity the Christian family has rightly been called a domestic church. In our life within the Christian family Jesus Christ is truly present. However, we need the eyes to see Him at work, the ears to hear His instruction and the hearts to make a place for Him to dwell. In our family we can learn the way of selfless love by enrolling in the School of Nazareth.

(To be continued next week...)

<https://www.catholic.org/news/national/story.php?id=53708>



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 or 42:1-4,6-7

Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Readings for
next Sunday

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11



Liturgical Jottings Movable Feasts

Before ready access to calendars and before the advent of the Columban Calendar that gives the feasts and seasons of the year, the people relied on announcements at the Sunday Liturgy. An ancient custom was to read out the dates for the forthcoming year on the feast of the Epiphany and the next Sunday. Movable Feasts are not mobile caterers in a van but feast days that rely on the date of Easter Sunday that varies from year to year according to the date of the equinox and the full moon. The movable feast for 2019 are:

- Ash Wednesday, 6 March
- Good Friday, 19 April
- Easter Sunday, 21 April
- Ascension, 2 June
- Pentecost, 9 June
- Trinity Sunday, 16 June
- Corpus Christi, 23 June
- Sacred Heart, 28 June
- 1st Sunday of Advent 1 December

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Looking at the Gospel

Jesus' Baptism by John is recorded in all the four Gospels. Matthew 3:13-17 is the most detailed, then Mark 1:9-11, and then Luke 3:21-22 and John's version is only a reference of the Spirit coming down and resting on Christ, John 1:32-34. Each account gives its own nuance to the event but all share that the Holy Spirit came down and rested on Jesus.

Christian Art for 1,900 years lacked the technic of motion pictures. The artist had to telescope time frames into one still picture. Therefore we have many depictions of Christ's Baptism in mosaics, oil and stone of the one scene of Jesus in the Jordan river: John pouring the water, the heavens opening and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove and the words: "This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on him" (Matt) or "You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you." (Mark & Luke) Did everything happen together at the same time? The scriptures, in fact, attest that the heavens opened, the spirit descended and the voice heard after Jesus had come out of the river.

Today's Gospel according to Luke (Year C) has a greater time delay: After all the people had gone, and while Jesus was by himself at prayer the voice of God was heard: "You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you." In Luke's tradition Jesus is at prayer at significant moments (5:16, 6:12, 9:18, 9:29, 11:1, 22:41). Also prayer precedes divine revelation here and especially in his second work, the coming down of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost: Acts 1:13-14, 2:1-4.

Did Jesus Baptise?

The Gospel for Saturday after the Epiphany reads "Jesus went with his disciples into the Judaeian countryside and stayed with them there and baptised." (John 3:22), But John was quick to add: "Jesus knew that the Pharisees had heard that he was winning and baptising more followers than John was. But Jesus' disciples were really the ones doing the baptising, and not Jesus himself." (4:1-2). The disciples were for a short time continuing the Baptist's ministry of baptising for conversion. Christian baptism receives its meaning and power from the death and resurrection of Christ as recorded at Pentecost in Acts of the Apostles (2:37-38).

On the Lighter Side

A Baptist and a Catholic were discussing the different ways they baptise. The Catholic asked: "How deep must the water be? Knee deep?" The Baptist replied: "No, more than that." "Waist deep?" "More." "Over the head?" "Yes, that's right." "There you go. That's where we put it!"



DIVINE WILL CONFERENCE:

Prof Tony Hickey 9.00 – 3.30 pm (Mass 9.00 am) **25th January 2019, Holy Rosary Church** 550 Napier St White Hills **BENDIGO**. Tony Hickey, Professor in Sacred Scripture and Theology, international presenter and retreat master from Manchester UK, will speak on Luisa Piccarreta, the Doctrine of Divine Will and the Lord's Prayer. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Tea & Coffee provided. See parish poster for more information or contact: Alison Buman 'Ph: 0400 543 776 E: alisonbuman@yahoo.com.au