

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 Epiphany of the Lord – 6th January 2019



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

Much of the focus for the Plenary Council so far has been on the primary question that the Council is considering: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" That is the first of three pieces of stimulus that people are invited to reflect upon when making a submission to the Council.

More than 21,000 voices have now contributed to this phase of the three-year process, and that number is growing quickly as more young people, families, priests and parishioners, school staff and students, agency leaders and staff, men and women working for the Church in dioceses and many other groups of people continue to listen to one another's stories of their faith, God in their lives and their encounters with the Church.

Topics that are passionately and frequently raised include leadership and governance within the Church, the place and role of women, the importance of young people, the living tradition, liturgy and music, the priesthood and other vocations, inclusion and welcome, the sacramental life of the Church, ecology and creation, and social justice. The infographic below provides some insight into the current content and statistics of responses the Plenary Council team are receiving.

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The Most Holy Name of Jesus

(Reprint from the Advent Saviour booklet)

The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus is relatively recent. Its origins are to be found in the Franciscan Order due to the devotion and preaching of St Bernardine of Siena (+1444). In an age of abuse, Bernardine preached with such effectiveness that many were brought back to the faith simply through devotion to the Holy Name. It was he who devised the symbol HIS (the first three letters of Jesus in Greek) surround by golden rays. It can still be seen on public buildings in Siena and Florence. The Feast was inserted in Roman Missal by Pope Innocent XIII (1721-4) and celebrated on the 2nd January – the day after the feast of the Circumcision, the eighth day of Christmas, the day the divine Child was formally given the name announced by the angel to both Joseph and Mary. The Feast disappeared in the Missal of Vatican II, but was ordered back in by Pope John Paul II on 3rd January (Ss Basil and Gregory Nazianzen are now celebrated on 2nd January, and they refused to move!)

The feast gives us a chance to meditate on the meaning of the Holy Name – a name much abused in modern language. Today, we are very careless with names, but not so in the past. The name of a person described the person. The name almost had its own character, and in legal documents it still stands for the person himself. To know a person's name meant to know the person. This is why it was so important that Moses asked God his name and God revealed his name: YHWH, taken to mean "I am." But, no one can know God, so out of reverence, the Jews called God by other names. The Hebrew word, YHWH, was translated in the Greek Bible as *Kypios*, which in English is "Lord" – the title given to Christ in the New Testament to signify that his is divine.

(To be continued next week)

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Joe Vraca,
	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
12 th Jan Sat 6:00 pm	Carol Coulston	Steph Hicks	Ev Leahy	P Newman P Anderson	A Hicks M Gale L McGrath	Trish Warnett
13 th Jan Sun 9:30am	Rob Miller	Kaye Gaffy	Carmel White	M Normington T Palmeri	D Worm E Worm G Lo Piccolo	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	7 Jan	No Mass
Tuesday	8 Jan	No Mass
Wednesday	9 Jan	No Mass
Thursday	10 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Friday	11 Jan	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	12 Jan	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	13 Jan	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	12 Jan	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	

JANUARY DIARY DATES		
Mon	7 Jan	
Tues	8 Jan	
Wed	9 Jan	10:30 am Funeral for Joe Vraca 5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Thurs	10 Jan	
Fri	11 Jan	
Sat	12 Jan	6:00 pm Mass
Sun	13 Jan	Baptism of Christ 9:30 am Mass
Mon	14 Jan	The beginning of Ordinary Time
Tues	15 Jan	
Wed	16 Jan	
Thurs	17 Jan	St Anthony
Fri	18 Jan	
Sat	19 Jan	6:00 pm Mass
Sun	20 Jan	9:30 am Mass
Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Anne Hutchison 5824 3460; Debbie Worm 5824 1841		

January Rosters

The rosters for January are in the Narthex, if you have not already collected a copy please do so.

If you would like to go onto the roster please see Trish Warnett.

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:

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Wisdom of heart



Life is an opportunity, take it.
Life is beautiful, admire it.
Life is a blessing, relish it.
Life is a dream, make it a reality.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, fulfil it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a treasure, guard it.
Life is love, look after it.
Life is precious, take care of it.
Life is a mystery, discover it.
Life is a promise, keep it.
Life is a sorrow, overcome it.
Life is struggle, accept it.
Life is an adventure, dare to embrace it.
Life is a hymn, sing it.
Life is happiness, tell of it.
Life is life, defend it.

From the booklet Blessed Mother Teresa



**Pray with and for
your children**

This article is a component from Catholic Family website blog titled "Praying with younger & older kids."

Praying with younger kids

Toddlerhood is a demanding and often frantic time. It can be tempting to delay introducing regular prayer, but as chaotic as it may be, younger children are more receptive to new traditions.

1. Keep it Short

A wiggly three year old will have trouble sitting still for an entire Rosary, so don't set up a situation that will turn you into the Official Prayer Time Fire-breathing Dragon! A Decade, Joey Rosary or a 'Hail Mary' said well is preferable to an entire Rosary forcibly extracted.

2. Spontaneity

Young kids are naturally open and willing with prayer so including spontaneous elements like prayer intentions for today's Rosary make for some heart-warming and hilarious moments. The Trinity Prayer is a great balance of spontaneity and structure and even the youngest can engage with it.

3. Let 'em Lead

Even pre-literate kids can learn prayers and then lead them. It encourages them to take ownership of their prayer life and helps them to feel important and needed in the spiritual life of the family.

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 "Praying with older kids".

St Vincent College Bendigo, Past Students

All past students/partners/friends are invited to attend the MARONG CUP RACE DAY at the Bendigo Racecourse on Saturday 16th February 2019.

A Counter rea at the Bendigo Club (7pm) will follow.

For more details contact Tim Coates: Tel: 5443 9129 or Mbl: 0407 403 574

Irish Craic and Humour

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:



Learning Holiness at the School of Nazareth

(Continued from last week...)

The Gospel of Holy Mass during years when we follow Cycle A, is taken from the second chapter of Matthew (Mt. 2:13-15, 19-23). It tells of the journey of the Holy family to Nazareth when, after being warned in a dream by an angel, Joseph, the Guardian of the Redeemer and Husband of Mary, steered them away from threat of Herod and to the town where the child would be raised and fulfil another of the ancient prophecies, He shall be called a Nazorean.

Our Sunday liturgical readings on Sunday, in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, rotate over a three year sequence. This year is Cycle C, and we hear the presentation of Jesus in the temple account in St. Luke and the beautiful canticle of Zechariah. (Luke 2:22-40) Upon the Holy Family leaving the temple to return to Nazareth, we heard these words:

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

All of the accounts, in each year, point us to Nazareth and the profound truth of what occurred there. Yet, it is Luke who offers that profoundly important insight into the life of the supernaturally natural life of the Holy Family. There, in Nazareth, the Holy family lived a Holy life, precisely because Jesus was at the centre of it all.

We can learn the meaning and mystery of this beautiful Feast and apply it to our own family life. The path to our own holiness is found in living our ordinary family life with the Lord Jesus at the centre of it all. It becomes naturally supernatural.

(To be continued next week...)

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



Readings for
this week: Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:3-3,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Readings for
next Sunday Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Liturgical Jottings Epiphany

The celebration of the Epiphany is aptly expressed in the first words of the Mass texts: the Entrance Antiphon: "Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion", and the Opening Prayer (Collect): "O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, ...". Primarily it expresses the manifestation or revealing of God in human form for all peoples. In the West the Gospel is the Wise Men from the East. In the East the celebration also includes the Lord's Baptism and the wedding feast at Cana, revealing Jesus as the Son of God and as Christ the Lord in his first miracle in his public ministry. It is a time to bless water, bless homes and announce the dates of the movable feast for the coming year.

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Focus on the Feast

The two the infancy narratives we have from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke tell very different stories. Each have been written to place the rest of their respective gospels in a particular context. Unfortunately, the two stories have been melded together so much so that we now have one larger Christmas story that is an unfortunate amalgam of the two unique narratives.

In the gospel of Luke, Joseph and Mary are living in Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem and are forced to give birth out in a field because there is no room at the only inn in Bethlehem. The ones who bear witness to the birth in this account are shepherds – some of the lowest of the low – as the gospel of Luke identifies Jesus as having a preferential option for the lowly ones. In the gospel of Matthew, Joseph and Mary are living in Bethlehem and give birth in their own house. They later flee to Egypt and then settle in Nazareth. The two towns need to be included in both accounts because they are named in some of the ancient prophecies about the Messiah. In the gospel of Matthew, the witnesses to the birth are wise men, dignitaries from another land. The Matthew writer wants to emphasise the 'kingship' of Jesus and it is fitting that foreign dignitaries present gifts on the birth of a king.

The two stories deserve to be dealt with uniquely and should be unravelled from the muddled, entwined version that dominates our Christmas imagery. © Greg Sunter

Epiphany Prayer

Behold, in the depths of the night, under our eyes a Star appears.
Someone leads us step by step toward the source of light.
Abraham the believer took this route before us;
joyous, we go toward the Child whose new Day we have seen.
The call from a distant rendezvous rings in our heart,
the Father will secretly, up till the end, lead us toward his Son.
Already the city of David appears before our eyes;
the quest in our hearts we follow in your light, Lamb of God.

On the Lighter Side

All jokes seem to have an epiphany. A regular customer at a restaurant sits down to his usual dinner and immediately calls the waiter over and demands that he "taste the soup." The waiter is most apologetic and says, "I'm sorry sir. What's wrong? Here, let me get you another bowl." "No!" demands the customer, "Taste the soup." • The humbled waiter leans over to obey and asks in surprise, "Where's the spoon?" "Ah Ha!" cries the customer.

