

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

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 in Ordinary Time – 3rd February 2019



Presentation of the Lord

On the 2nd February we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with Mosaic Law Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to complete Mary's ritual of purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn son. And in obedience to the law of the Lord they offered a sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. 'The law of the Lord' was part of the practice of all parents. They would offer their child to God as a gesture of thanks then ransom the child back by an offering. On being poor Mary and Joseph would have offered two young pigeons, some would offer a lamb.

So this was a normal ritual for the Jews. This maybe foreign for us but not in those times. This helps explain why Jesus is referred to as the lamb of sacrifice because he became the sacrifice to ransom us back to the Father, out of sin. We have been set free.

When entering the temple with Baby Jesus, they encountered Simeon a very upright and devout man.

The Gospel of Luke records that Simeon had been promised that "he should not see death before seeing the Messiah of the Lord" (Luke 2:26).

Simeon then uttered the prayer that would become known as the Nunc Dimittis, or Canticle of Simeon, which prophesied the redemption of the world by Jesus:

"Now, O Lord, you can dismiss your servant in peace, for you have fulfilled your word and my eyes have seen your salvation, which you display for all people to see, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people of Israel." (Luke 2:29-32)

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, "Look! This child is destined to cause the rise and fall of many in Israel. He will be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the secret thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. As for you a sword shall pierce your heart too." (Luke 2:34-35)

The elderly prophetess Anna was also in the Temple, and offered prayers and praise to God for Jesus, and spoke to everyone there of His importance to redemption in Jerusalem (Luke 2:36–38).

Cuppa After Mass Sunday 10th Feb

Next week we will be having a Cuppa after our Children's Mass – please come along and enjoy the fellowship.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Joe Vraca (1 month)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Bob Warnett, Peter Warnett, Mario Muto, Fr Gordon Gebbie, John Cavicchilolo
	Our sick and their carers	Pat Balwyn, Harley Jones (Debbie Turvey's baby nephew), Diane Mulcahy, 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
9 th Feb Sat 6:00 pm	Carol Coulston	Judith Steele	Ev Leahy	J Caiafa D Hamilton	G Ranson M Gale L McGrath	Trish Warnett
10 th Feb Sun 9:30 am	CHILDREN'S MASS				D Worm E Worm AM Nihill	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	4 Feb	No Mass
Tuesday	5 Feb	No Mass
Wednesday	6 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	7 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Friday	8 Feb	9:15 am Opening School Mass
Saturday	9 Feb	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	10 Feb	9:30 am Children's Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	4 Feb	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	
JANUARY/FEBRUARY DIARY DATES		
Mon	4 Feb	
Tues	5 Feb	St Agatha
Wed	6 Feb	St Paul Miki & Companions 2:00 pm Cuppa & Chat St Marys Hall
Thurs	7 Feb	2:00 pm PR Foundation - Bendigo
Fri	8 Feb	
Sat	9 Feb	
Sun	10 Feb	
Mon	11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes
Tues	12 Feb	
Wed	13 Feb	9:15 am Anointing Mass 5:00 pm Project Compassion - Shep 5:30 pm Finance Committee
Thurs	14 Feb	11:00 am Prison Chaplains - Benalla
Fri	15 Feb	
Sat	16 Feb	
Sun	17 Feb	
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February 3, 2019 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous." (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered".

Have you thought about what you might do during Lent?

Our second Lenten Program we are going to look at is one developed by Michael McGirr and is available from Garratt Publishing, title "All I have is yours Forty Days to Freedom".

The program asks us to consider that choosing what we do in our lives is really about choosing the kind of people we want to be. The selection of readings, gospel, prayers and personal reflections are underpinned by commentary that questions and prompts the reader, offering a Lenten program that will nourish and encourage important conversation.

The program also provides us with a list of 40 modest suggestions for untying the knots for the forty days of Lent. For example #4 Take a photo of something beautiful that others might not notice, # Do the ironing outdoors, #1 Slowly read Psalm 63, # 37 Turn your phone off at dinner time and leave it off till morning.

Michael McGirr was a Jesuit for twenty years and is currently the Head of Faith and Mission at St Kevin's College in Melbourne.

So now you have two Lenten programs to think about this one and The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program for 2019 Title "Trust".

If you are interested in purchasing either of these two programs please see the list in the Narthex. There are also examples of both programs in the folder next to the List.

We will be placing orders for the Lenten Programs by 8th February so this week is your last chance to put your name down. Don't forget if we get enough interest we will run a Lenten Program.



“Five weeks left for listening and Dialogue phase”

¹ In the eight months since the Listening and Dialogue period commenced at Pentecost, more than 40,000 people have either made a submission or participated in a group discussion that culminated in a submission.

“Given it’s more than 80 years since the last Plenary Council in Australia and given, too, the changes in the Church and society since then, it was impossible to know how many people would take part in this historic process,” Archbishop Costelloe said.

“To stand here, five weeks from the end of this pivotal opening phase, it is both exciting and humbling to have heard from such large numbers of people and for them to have shared their stories of faith and hope, but also their stories of despair and heartbreak.

“Each of those stories is valuable and meaningful. So will be the stories we receive between now and Ash Wednesday.”

Lana Turvey-Collins, the Plenary Council facilitator, said the Christmas period, as expected, saw another spike in the number of responses

² Most of those people have a strong connection with the Church and with parish life, though significant numbers of people from other Christian traditions or other faith traditions are also considering the question: “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”

The full article can be viewed at <http://cathnews.com/cathnews/34068-five-weeks-left-for-listening-and-dialogue-phase>

¹ Cathnews.com ² Plenary Post, Edition 12 – Page 1

Expressions of Interest for a 12 month position for School Chaplain

funded by the National School Chaplaincy Program [NSCP]

We are seeking a dynamic team player to work in our school community to support wellbeing, safety and inclusion of all children

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING IN A TEAM TO:

- support students and families through education [eg grief and loss program]
- connect students and families to resources [eg counselling, mediation, finance]
- build community partnerships [eg Men’s Shed, Playgroup]

REQUIRED:

- Valid Working With Children’s Check
- Certificate IV in Community Service Work, Social Work, or
- Certificate IV in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care;
- Or equivalent qualification that is listed on, or consistent with, the requirements for membership of, or registration with, one of the following professional bodies:
the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA) or the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)
- 20 hours per fortnight during school terms

Please call for an application package or for further information

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**Expressions of Interest close:
4pm Wednesday 13th February**

CATHOLIC MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Catholic Mothers of Young Children is a mothers group for connecting, celebrating, and flourishing. Women come together to share in Catholic sisterhood and to assist our children under 6 years to develop a joyful relationship with God.

We meet weekly on Thursday in room 1 of St Mel's Kindergarten Shepparton from 10am til 11:30am.

For more information check out our Facebook page 'Catholic Mothers of Young Children Shepparton' or contact Katie on 0417504635. Term 1 starts Feb 7th.



*Cuppa &
A Chat*

At the final meeting of the Catholic Women's League in November it was agreed the ladies of the Parish would meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month for a chat and cuppa.

Everyone is welcome at St. Mary's Hall on Wednesday 6th. February at 2.00 p.m. to meet up and share some fellowship.

Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share.



Readings for
this week:

Jeremiah 1:4-4, 17-19

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30



Readings for next
Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11



Liturgical Jottings

Scripture Translations

The scripture readings for all the liturgies in Australia are in the Lectionary for use in Australia, UK and some other English speaking countries. The Lectionary is based on the Jerusalem Bible translation. America uses the New American Bible (NAB) especially translated for the liturgy and the Canadian Church use the NRSV (adapted). The Jerusalem bible was selected for its noble translation and highly readable texts. The French Church moved away from the Jerusalem Bible (French) to a new liturgical translation for readability. But each translation has its own flaws: too technical, too casual, too literal or too removed from the original text or difficult to read aloud. A revised version of the new version of the Jerusalem Bible is about to be published; one hopes it will be most suitable for both personal study and public proclamation.

Looking at the Readings

Economy of words is normally not an issue today. With plenty of hard drive or cloud space we are able to write as much as we want, edit a text many times and so write before we think and then rewrite if necessary. The times and conditions of the evangelists were different. Paper and ink were not readily available or abundant. Luke had already “carefully gone over the whole story” and now “was ready to write an ordered account” (Luke 1:3), we read in the Gospel of last week. We see an economy of words in today’s Gospel passage.

At first Jesus won their approval and they were full of praise of his words and then suddenly the people were critical, questioned his background, enraged and wanted to get rid of him. Why the fast turn around?

It may not have been in the same sitting but at another time. He seems to have given two different talks, perhaps on consecutive days or Sabbaths.

And more evidently, many accept his words but several don’t. He wins approval from the crowds but at the same time scorn and ridicule from the authorities and leaders.

The Lord does not pander to his critics, he is not seeking votes from a fickle elitist electoral college. He comes to proclaim the kingdom of heaven and “the way, the truth and the life”. (John 14:5, Gospel Acclamation)

Today’s Gospel is linked with the call and ministry of Jeremiah who also suffered terribly from his critics and rulers of the day. We speak of the passion of Jeremiah as a foreshadowing of the passion of Jesus.

Lectionary for Masses with Children

At the beginning of the school year Catholic Schools in Australia (unlike other countries) celebrate the occasion with a school Mass. The Lectionary for Mass with Children contains various readings for such an event. The translation (Contemporary English Version [CEV]) was especially designed for children and approved for use in the liturgy. See

www.biblegateway.com/versions/Contemporary-English-Version-CEV-Bible for a fuller description of the translation and lookup texts.

On the Lighter Side

Last Saturday a father took his five-year-old son to the cricket where Advance Australia Fair was played before the game. That evening the family attended Mass, which started with the National Anthem. When everyone sat down, the little boy suddenly yelled out, “PLAY BALL!”

