

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.



**Sacred
Heart
Parish**
TATURA

*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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th February 2019

GOD'S GRACE

I receive many of my thoughts and ideas for my articles from the reflections booklets I read each day. A reflection that has taken my interest was called "Guided with Grace." In the story a mother reflects on how her son was given extra time to finish an exam. In so doing, he then received 100 percent for his work. He commented that it was by grace that he was able to achieve this.

His comment begs the question, 'What do we mean by grace?' I think his understanding of grace would be the same as most of us. The teacher gave the boy extra time that he was not entitled to have. It was something freely given for his advantage and he used it well.

Christian understanding would be that grace is freely given to us by God. We can only pray and ask God for the grace in our lives. We often ask for grace for a particular need or reason. I suppose one of the sad things is, that people, Christians as well, either don't understand or don't ask for grace. Anyone who is aware of grace and its power and influence in our lives would feel incomplete or lacking because of not being able to access the gift from God.

In some way it is inconceivable that we receive this gift from God when we are so imperfect ourselves?

That in our brokenness and sin something called grace will come into our lives to help us to be better, to overcome a problem give us the strength to move on and so on.

Grace is God's power given to us to live in our weakness. To contemplate this thought is extraordinary.

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Parish School Fete

22nd March 2019

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We also need as many helpers as we can on the night of the fete! Friday 22nd March, 5-8pm.

As the parish school fete is an all in effort, could parishioners please consider contacting Debbie at the school office or Maria Spedding on 0418129528 to add themselves on the stalls or activities roster!

In particular we require someone with experience to assist with the Gator tractor in running the SPC train

Thank you
Maria Spedding and the Fete Committee



PLEASE COLLECT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

The Parish School Fete raffle tickets are available for collection after Mass today in the Narthex.

If there is not an envelope for you, please contact Debbie Worm on 5824 1841 and you will be able to collect it from the School Office. Also if you would like additional raffle ticket books see Debbie.

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Gary Goodwin, Filomena Moro – One Month
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Peter Kerrins, Maurice Geary, Kim Calvi
	Our sick and their carers	Ray Wardle, Brian Morley, Coral Reilly, Harley Jones, 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
Saturday 23 rd February 6:00 pm	Denise Woodman	Gwen Ranson	Joan Webster	P Moroney D Corrigan	A Ciavarella T Miller M Gale	Carol Coulston
Sunday 24 th February 9:30 am	Rob Miller	Debbie Turvey	Ella Kerrins	M Normington K Nihill	R Kelly S Finlayson C Coulston	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	18 Feb	No Mass
Tuesday	19 Feb	No Mass
Wednesday	20 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	21 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Friday	22 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	23 Feb	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	24 Feb	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	13 Feb	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	
FEBRUARY/MARCH DIARY DATES		
Mon	18 Feb	
Tues	19 Feb	6:00 pm Mass & Dinner for CEO –Shep
Wed	20 Feb	CEO Conference Shep
Thurs	21 Feb	5:00 pm BBQ – School
Fri	22 Feb	Chair of Peter
Sat	23 Feb	
Sun	24 Feb	
Mon	25 Feb	
Tues	26 Feb	10:00 am Council of Priest - Bendigo
Wed	27 Feb	No School 7:00 pm School Board Meeting
Thurs	28 Feb	
Fri	1 Mar	School Mass
Sat	2 Mar	
Sun	3 Mar	Project Compassion Sunday
Pauline Hindson 5824 1841; Anne Hutchison 5824 3460; Debbie Worm 5824 1841		

February 17, 2019 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you when people hate you, ...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” (Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.



UNDER FIVE WEEKS LEFT

“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.”

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said those stories will determine the themes and topics the Council will explore, leading to a “Listening and Discernment” phase that will start around the middle of 2019.



NEW ALBUM

Fr Rob Galea is releasing a new Album on March 15th for more information visit FRG Ministry website

<https://www.frgministry.com/store/au>

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It is all very well to talk about it but it is important to reflect on the scriptures to see where these references are made. If we look at Rom 5:20 we read, 'When law came, it was to multiply the opportunities of falling but however great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater; and so, just as sin reigned where ever there was death, so grace will reign to bring eternal life...'

I found this an amazing quote because law will always challenge us and we will fail, the quote continued that law multiplies the opportunities of falling! But grace will reign. If I may share another quote from Eph 2:8, "Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God, ..."

Paul and Barnabas had great faith in grace and obviously a good understanding of it. In Acts 11:23 Barnabas takes comfort in the faith that is growing in Antioch, he says he could see that the grace of God was evident, so he was satisfied.

The word grace is used so many times in the scriptures that maybe we lose a little of what the word means. The reality is we all need God's grace to function especially as a committed Christian. We all have limitations so we can only overcome with the grace of God working in us. If there is no grace then we are operating on our own.

Paul in Romans 6:14 says we must hand ourselves over to God and then sin will no longer dominate our lives, since we are living by grace and not by law. It is quite revealing to be conscious of the number of times that the word grace is used in the scriptures and most notably by Paul.

We say all the time 'Hail Mary full of grace...' but do we reflect on the impact of God's grace in Mary's life? She was a remarkable woman who did amazing things for God she certainly was – full of grace.

When we define some sort of definition of grace we see its greatness in gift

The Grace of God: So grace is favour 'unmerited favour' Grace is, therefore, God's unmerited favour – His goodness towards those who have no claim on, or reason to expect, divine favour. The principal manifestation of God's grace has been in the form of a gift.

I leave you to ponder this thought:

A gift freely given by God that we have no right or claim to and it is God's own power that resides and works in and through us as we are instruments of God.

Fr Michael Morley

Book now for your 2019 Journey to the Holy Land

VISIT THE LAND OF JESUS' BIRTH. Some places still available for the Sandhurst Diocese 2019 'Journey of Christ' Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (with optional visit to Petra, Jordan, 18th September – 2nd / 4th October 2019). BOOK NOW.

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus, his ancestors, his family and first disciples. Listen to the Gospel stories in the ancient landscape where they first took shape. Set sail as Jesus did on the waters of Galilee under the warmth of a Mediterranean sun. Follow Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem, to Gethsemane and the place of death and Resurrection. Experience time to pray, to reflect and gain new insights for your own journey of life and faith. Here is the journey of a lifetime!

Escorted by Fr Novelito Lim (Parish Priest Kerang) & Ms Kerrie Hill (RE Leader, St Joseph's PS Chiltern).

Presented by: Faith Ed Sandhurst, Sandhurst CEO & Olive Tree Travel. Est cost: AUD\$6,790 pp; Optional Petra AUD \$990 (twin share). Contact: Olive Tree Travel info@olivetretravel.com.au Tel: 03 8488 9696 or 1300 55 08 30 OR pilgrimage@ceosand.catholic.edu.au Tel: Chancery 03 5441 2544 (Request 'Sandhurst Pilgrimage').



100-Day Bible Reading Plan

Continued from last week

We hope you are enjoying reading the Bible, if you are following us on Facebook then each day we list the reading for that day so if for some reason you miss the bulletin you can find out what the reading is via our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartparishtatura/>

Jesus Christ Son of God

Day 8 Mark 2:1-17

Day 9 Mark 2:18-28

Day 10 Mark 3:1-19

Day 11 Mark 3:20-35

In the Beginning

Day 12 Genesis 1:1-2:4

Day 13 Genesis 2:5-25

Day 14 Genesis 3:1-24

To be continued next week



Readings for
this week:

Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Luke 6:17,20-26



Readings for
next Sunday

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38



Liturgical Jottings

RCIA STEP 1

After the period of evangelisation, pre-Catechumenate and inquiry the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens is celebrated. Optional rites, depending on the individual's background, may be celebrated. If from a non religious milieu, some or all of the following may be celebrated: exorcism and renunciation of false worship, giving of a new name and the presentation of the cross.

The Rite of Acceptance, celebrated in a gathering of the parish community, includes welcome and affirmation by the priest, sponsors and congregation, signing of the cross on the forehead (and other senses, shoulders, hands and feet depending on local custom), presentation of a bible, intercessions and prayer over the catechumens. The Catechumenate proper begins and includes regular gatherings to listen to the Word of God, nurturing and sharing faith, teaching and prayer.

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Looking at the Readings

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ. © Dianne Bergant CSA

The Beatitudes

The Gospel of Matthew contains the more familiar version of the Beatitude. Luke's account is briefer and includes both "Blessing and Woes". Pope Francis offered a new version for modern Christians:

- Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.
- Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.
- Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.
- Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.
- Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
- Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

Pope Francis Malmo stadium. Sweden, All Saints 1 Nov 2016

On the Lighter Side

In the 1950's a Christian movement tried to have the Ten Commandments displayed in Public Buildings and Churches. What about the Beatitudes? Blessed and the merciful" in the Law Courts; "Blessed are the peacemakers" on military bases ...



World Day of Pray – March 2019

Slovenia 'Come – Everything is Ready'

Friday 1st March, 7:30 pm St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Tatura (Supper to follow)