

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.

4th Sunday of Lent – 31st March 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT PROJECT COMPASSION



MICHAELA in AUSTRALIA

Twenty-one year-old Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise for people with chronic illnesses at The Purple House in Alice Springs. Featured in Project Compassion 2014, the First Australian-run Wellbeing Program, uses its profits to connect and care for dialysis patients who are far from home. The program helps keep traditional knowledge strong and gives new hope to staff and patients alike. Michaela is a young Alywarr woman, who lived in both Alice Springs and Adelaide while she was growing up. As a Purple House trainee, she completed a Certificate IV in business management and was recently promoted from administration trainee to permanent employee, working on The Wellbeing Program. The Purple House is a 'home away from home' for First Australians who are suffering from chronic kidney disease
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413. See the conclusion in handout in the Narthex.....

"PALM SUNDAY"

PALM SUNDAY is a day for people of passion and goodwill to come together, to encourage one another in working towards a fairer and more inclusive world. Join with the Combined Churches of Bendigo and Rural Australians for Refugees to express your commitment to justice, peace and inclusion. SUNDAY APRIL 14TH: Meet at 12.00 noon and walk from St Andrew's UCA, St Paul's Cathedral, Sacred Heart Cathedral, St Killian's or the Poppet Head, Rosalind Park to Bendigo Library Gardens for 12.30 pm gathering to hear stories and songs of journey and welcome. Activities for children and families. Bring a picnic lunch.

Fr. Rob Galea

Just a quick update on Fr Rob's new album 'Coming Home'. Fr Rob and his band launched the album at the Los Angeles RE Congress last Friday evening to an amazing response. Over 8,000 young people were the first to hear the new music live. Fr Rob & his band will be holding concerts across Australia in the months ahead and Shepparton is fortunate to be chosen as a concert location. **Riverlinks Westside on Sunday 11 August at 5pm**
Tickets will be very limited and they go on sale this week!!! Don't miss this rare opportunity to see Fr Rob perform live. Check out www.frgministry.com/tickets when they are released on **Wednesday 27 March**. The **Coming Home** album is available to download through iTunes and Spotify or order a CD from www.frgministry.com/store You will be surprised at the great new sound - check it out soon.

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Palmina Barone (One month), Bill Nicholson (Stanhope)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Colleen and Gabrielle Feehan, Leo Cocks
	Our sick and their carers	Brian Morley, 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
Sat 6 th April 6:00 pm	Denise Woodman	Trish Miller	Judith Steele	Joan Webster Gwen Ranson	A Ciavarella Anne Hutchison Mary Gale	Simon Cowan
Sun 7 th April 9.30 am	Lou Kerrins	Maria Spedding	Rob Miller	Barry & Jan Lowe	E Worm Ross Kelly K Gaffy	
Sat 13 th April 6:00 pm Palm Sunday	Carol Coulston	Gwen Ranson(Epistle) Judith Steele Steph Hicks Fr. Michael	Seth Hutchison	Joan Cummins Ev Leahy	Anne Hutchison Annette Hicks Joan Webster	Trish Warnett
Sun 14 th April 9:30 am Palm Sunday	Denise Woodman	Denice Bourke (Epistle) Karen Nihill Debbie Turvey Fr. Michael	Ella Kerrins	Lou & Paul Kerrins	De Lai family Evert Worm	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	1 st Apr	No Mass
Tuesday	2 nd Apr	No Mass
Wednesday	3 rd Apr	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	4 th Apr	9.15 am Mass
Friday	5 th Apr	9:15 am School Mass
Saturday	6 th Apr	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	7 th Apr	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	6 th Apr	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	
APRIL DIARY DATES		
Mon	1 April	
Tues	2 Apr	Feast: St Francis of Paola
Wed	3 Apr	School Board Mtg. 7.00pm
Thurs	4 Apr	Feast: St Isadore
Fri	5 Apr	Feast: St Vincent Ferrer – W (Day of Penance)
Sat	6 Apr	
Sun	7 Apr	5 th Sunday of Lent / Baptism
Mon	8 Apr	
Tues	9 Apr	St Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm Centre
Wed	10 Apr	
Thurs	11 Apr	Feast- St Stanislaus
Fri	12 Apr	
Sat	13 Apr	Feast – St Martin
Sun	14 Apr	Passion Sunday

PASTORAL CARE

Debbie Worm 5824 1841 Pauline Hindson 5824 1841;
Anne Hutchison 5824 3460

EXPLANATIONS OF OUR CHURCH FURNITURE AND SYMBOLS

Church Front Doors

Originally, there were two sets of wooden doors with a large column in the middle. Movement in and out was restricted because of the narrow opening. They were removed (plus the column) and the new glass doors were installed. Why glass? So passers-by can see the red light glowing over the altar. 'The lights are on in God's house'. He is home!

To be cont.....

Easter Timetable 2019

16 th	April	Tuesday 11.00 am Chrism Mass Bendigo
17 th	April	Wednesday 7.30 pm Parish Reconciliation
18 th	April	Holy Thurs 6.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
19 th	April	Good Friday 10.00 am Stations of the Cross
19 th	April	Good Friday 3.00 pm The Passion of Our Lord
20 th	April	Easter Sat 6.00 pm Easter Vigil
21 st	April	Easter Sun 9.30 am Mass

DIOCESE OF SANDHURST **Report on the first stage of the Council.**

What follows is an attempt to synthesise the hundreds of submissions by people in the Sandhurst Diocese to the Plenary Council to some fifteen themes. These themes are not necessarily presented here in order of importance nor does this report attempt to identify every theme or suggestion received. What follows is an attempted summary of the principal areas raised.

SEMINARY AND TRAINING

Attention needs to be given to the particular needs of overseas priests ministering in the Diocese and specifically efforts in inculturation; the experience of isolation and loneliness; professional assistance with accent through language classes; appreciation of their own particular understanding of priesthood; and, dedicated attempts to welcome and appreciate these priests.

- The Church needs to be more relevant for those living in rural, regional and remote Australia as the Church in the bush operates quite differently to the Church in major cities.
- Seminary Formation in terms of style and method needs a radical overhaul.
- Seminary Formation needs to place greater emphasis on the stages of development of the whole person and not just intellectual and spiritual formation.
- Seminarians would benefit from ongoing mentoring and assessment.
- More training in practical Parish skills.
- Lay formatters and Parishioners be involved in Seminary training as staff.
- Increased study of psychology, sociology and the human sciences in Seminary Formation.
- Seminarians need to understand that communication and the ability to relate to others is the key to undertaking ministry.
- Seminarians be encouraged to see that formation means becoming more fully human rather than becoming perfect.

**Next week -Theme 4 –Accountability and Transparency
To be cont....**



"We can learn so much from the animal kingdom!"

SACRED HEART FETE

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped at the Parish/School Fete and especially Maria Spedding and her fabulous team. It was, as usual, a really great event and we made approximately \$17,000. Well done everyone – helpers and shoppers!!

Raffle winners were:

1 st	Ranson Family	6 th	Bryan Miller
2 nd	Pat McDonough	7 th	Jo Matic
3 rd	Geoff Semens	8 th	Rebecca Hearn
4 th	Michael Gaffy	9 th	Leonie Warnett
5 th	Cummins Family	10 th	Samuel Connors

WHEN LIFE IS ENDING:

Dr Caroline Ong RSM MBBS, FRACGP, MA (Bioethics & Health Policy) and a panel of local professionals serving in the areas of Palliative, Medical and Pastoral and Spiritual Care. **A consideration of Ethics and Catholic Church teaching in relation to End of Life, including Palliative Care, Advanced Care Planning and the pending Victorian legislation--Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017.** ALL WELCOME. Sr Carol is a Sister of Mercy, a practising medical doctor and author of "When Life is Ending..."

(www.cam.org.au/Portals/9/Documents/End-of-life-2017_A5-web-single.pdf)

Friday 3 May 2019 7.00 – 8.30 pm. - Brief overview of topic followed, Panel Discussion, Q & A.

Saturday 4 May 2019 10.30 am – 2.00 pm. - More in-depth exploration, VAD Act details & possible responses, Panel Discussion, Q & A (Lunch, small donation welcome)

Venue: Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre, Knight St SHEPPARTON.

RSVP by Wednesday 24th April 2019 Chancery: E: chancery@sandhurst.catholic.org.au Ph: 03 5441 2544 or E: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Readings for
this week:

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Readings for
next Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11



Liturgical Jottings

Lectionary Readings

Readings in the Lectionary differ slightly from the passages of the bible from which they are selected. Today's gospel contains a good example. The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) has three earlier verses added to the Lectionary reading. They serve to give both context and comparison to the parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin and Lost Son. Verses 1-3 Jesus must explain to the complaining Pharisees why he eats with sinners. Also, we see that the Pharisees may be compared to the elder son: in their righteousness they do not see their hypocrisy and envy to the sinner. The Lectionary also exchanges many pronouns to nouns, eg: "He said to them ..." to "Jesus said to his disciples or to the crowd or to the Pharisees and scribes" depending on the context.

Looking at the Gospel

Three characters play significant roles in Luke's account of the parable in today's Gospel: younger son, older son and the father. The parable fits well with Luke theme of the mercy and joy of God and into our Lenten agenda this year, particularly forgiveness and reconciliation.

The younger son's sins are most obvious: treats his father as if he is dead, greedy for his inheritance, wasteful, immoral lifestyle, and insincere when he decides to return to his father.

The older son's sins are less obvious because he is not law abiding: serving his father, obeying his father's orders and being thrifty with money? But his sins are quickly identified: envy, anger, aggression, accusations against his father of ingratitude and meanness. He lacks, among many things, self-consciousness: that he is ruled by fear not love, unable to choose good but becomes indifferent and complaining.

The father, the central figure in the parable has the mercy and joy of God that enables him to go out to his two sons: one of the road and one outside the house to bring them back to the family and rejoice with him. He puts a stop to the younger son's insincerity and listens to his older son's complaints, acknowledges his difficulties and invites him to the party to celebrate mercy and forgiveness, life and discovery.

Prayer for the Week

Compassionate God, you know our failings, and yet you rejoice in our homecoming. Encourage us to be ministers of reconciliation in a world of division. Help us to become the very holiness of God.

Lenten Quote from the Saints

There are three things, my brothers and sisters, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other. *St Peter Chrysologus sermon 43*

Lighter Side

Dear Dad, I feel miserable because I keep writing for money. I feel ashamed to have to ask for another \$200, I beg on bended knee that you forgive me. Your son, Marvin.
PS I felt so terrible I ran after the post-man to get this letter back and burn it. I prayed that I could, but I was too late.
A few days later Marvin received this reply from his father: "Son, your prayers were answered. Your letter never arrived!"



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Hope requires that we spin a few dreams for ourselves that are possible, doable & desirable. Joan Chittister OSB