

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.

2nd Sunday of Easter – 28th April 2019



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday the Feast of the Divine Mercy. It is based on the devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus

The feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina, receives from Jesus Himself the biggest promises of grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. In specific, Jesus said that a person who goes to sacramental confession and receives holy communion on that day, shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment.

When she was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions. in Mercy Sunday.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind [sic] will experience in the years to come."

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND.

They are listed in alphabetical name order. Please note that the commencement date for these new envelopes is May 19th.

Included in the letter is a new form that we ask if everyone could please complete and return to the Parish in the replied paid envelope.

Please ensure you collect your new envelopes or letters for credit card and direct debit contributors, from the Narthex Mass this weekend - this will save on unnecessary postage.

If you are not part of our Planned Giving Program and would like to be please contact Mary Connelly-Gale at the Parish Office.

ROSTER

The May 2019 rosters are now available. Copies are in the Narthex and also on the website.

Please remember if you are unable to attend on your rostered day please contact Trish Warnett as soon as possible on 5824 1083 or 0410 094 323.

Thank you

Trish, Mary and myself would like to thank everyone who helped throughout our Easter Services.

Fr Michael

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Vincent Ursin
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Evan Jenkins, Gary Basile, Lisa & Mark Licciardo, Peter Mitchell
	Our sick and their carers	Harley Jones, Ebony Hamilton

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Sat: 4 th May	NO MASS					Gwen Ranson
Sun: 5 th May	Carol Coulston	Debbie Worm	Ella Kerrins	M Sgammotta T Palmeri	Paul & Lou Kerrins G Ranson	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Day	Date	
Monday	29 Apr	
Tuesday	30 Apr	
Wednesday	1 May	9:15 am Liturgy
Thursday	2 May	No Mass
Friday	3 May	11am Funeral
Saturday	4 May	No Mass
Sunday	5 May	11:00 am Mass (Note different time)
Saturday Reconciliation	4 May	No Reconciliation
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

APRIL/MAY DIARY DATES		
Mon	29 Apr	Catherine of Siena
Tue	30 Apr	
Wed	1 May	St Joseph the Worker
Thur	2 May	School Photos
Fri	3 May	
Sat	4 May	NO RECO – NO MASS
Sun	5 May	11am Mass
Mon	6 May	
Tue	7 May	
Wed	8 May	
Thur	9 May	
Fri	10 May	
Sat	11 May	NO RECO – NO MASS
Sun	12 May	Mothers Day 11am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

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

*Everyday I need Thee, O Lord,
but this day especially.
I need some extra strength
to face whatever is to be.*



NOTE FOR MAY MASS TIMES

Please note there will be only be one Mass Service for the first two weekends in May on the Sunday at 11am. There will be **NO Saturday evening Mass** and no Saturday Reconciliation.

Mass times as follows:

Sunday 4th May 11:00 am
Sunday 11th May 11:00 am

Our normal weekend services will recommence on Saturday 18th May.

WHEN LIFE IS ENDING

Dr Caroline Ong RSM. Catholic teaching for End of Life and related topics, especially to assist ordinary parishioners as we approach the time when Victoria's Assisted Dying legislation takes effect. **Choose** a short overview Friday 3rd May 7.00 - 8.30 pm **OR** the more in- depth session Saturday 4th May 10.30 am - 2.00 pm. Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre, Knight St **SHEPPARTON.**
RSVP: Ph: 03 5441 2544
E: chancery@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR
adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Child Safety

Child safety is everyone's responsibility. All children have the right to feel safe and to be safe all the time. All Parishes in the Sandhurst Diocese are putting policies and procedures in place to ensure children are protected from physical, sexual, emotional and psychological abuse. Culture and policies are important enablers of child safety and they need to both expect and support action.

Under the Child Safe Standards "the parish supports and encourages families and carers to take an active role in monitoring children's safety when participating in activities"

Over the next three weeks we will be including in the Bulletin tips from Commission for Children and Young People which may be of assistance for families.

TEACH YOUR CHILD HOW TO KEEP THEMSELVES SAFE

As your child gets older, they become increasingly independent and may spend time away from you or with a babysitter/carer. As part of the journey of growing up, it's important to speak to your child about being safe. Let them know:

- Tip 1** It's OK to say NO if they think what they're being asked to do is or feels wrong.
- Tip 2** If they feel they're in danger, it's OK to yell, scream, kick or run to a safe place that you and your child have both agreed on – such as a neighbour or friend.
- Tip 3** Make sure that you tell your child that you would never send a stranger to pick them up.
- Tip 4** They can tell a lie, even to an adult, if they need to get away from someone who makes them feel unsafe.
- Tip 5** To use a 'code' word you both have agreed on, to let you know they're not feeling safe; as an example, using your first name when talking to you on the phone.
- Tip 6** Their body is their own – once a child no longer needs nappies to be changed or help with toileting, a carer or any other person should not touch their private areas.
- Tip 7** To tell you or another adult if they have any problems or if someone is making them feel unsafe.
- Tip 8** A babysitter or any other adult should not ask a child to keep a secret.
- Tip 9** Not to give out personal information online, including their school, suburb, sporting team or nicknames and to never meet someone they have met online in person.

Next week's Tips will be on "Other people looking after your child – babysitters"



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.

10 Outreach to "The Other"

- Church to be more open and inclusive, welcoming all persons.
- Community does not stop at the Church doors.
- All LGBTQ persons are made welcome as full members of the Church.
- Outreach to the divorced and remarried, outreach to refugees, and respectful dialogue with others are seen as ways of reaching out to "the other".
- That the Church assists all people to understand the diversity of being human, and not psychologically disordered or evil.
- That the Church creates an environment in which LGBTQ+ persons do not have to hide or become absent in their quest to be followers of Christ and bearers of his Gospel.

11 Clerical Sexual Abuse

- Recognition of the widespread hurt and disillusionment in the Church.
- Emphasis on healing, counselling and compensation.
- Open, effective and victim-oriented programs.
- Thorough investigation into abuse and appropriate apology.
- Transparency to Parishes of Diocesan practices of dealing with abuse.
- Compensation for abuse needs to be swift and compassionate.
- Difficulty of resolving the integrity of the confessional with compliance to State Laws.
- The Church has lost much respect because of the crisis and its failure to deal with it promptly and appropriately thus appearing to be compromised and hypocritical.
- There has been more focus on the Church "saving face" and protecting itself against legal and financial culpability than attending to the needs of victims.
- The long term impact of sexual abuse on the victim and the wider family needs to be deeply understood.



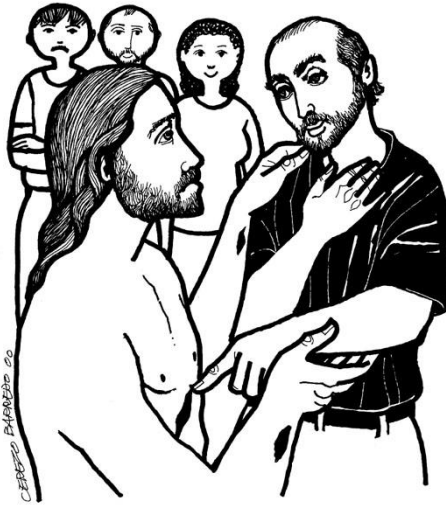
Readings for
this week:

Acts 5:12-16
Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31



Readings for
next week:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
Apocalypse 5:11-14,
John 21:1-19



Liturgical Jottings

Eighth day of Easter

The term Octave of Easter refers to the eight-day period (octave) in Eastertide that starts on Easter Sunday and concludes with the Sunday following Easter.

The Octave Day of Easter refers only to that day. Officially called the Second Sunday of Easter it is also called Low Sunday, particularly in the Anglican Communion. It is also called Thomas Sunday among the Eastern Christians.

Other Christian communities call this day Quasimodo Sunday (from the first words of the Latin Mass on this day) and in Chile Cuasimodo Feast Day. Other names include Renewal Sunday.

On 30 April 2000, it was also given the title Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul II who died in April 2005, the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1 May 2011 and canonised a saint on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April 2014, by Pope Francis.

Looking at the Readings

Crisis and Opportunity! St Patrick was sent to pagan Ireland as a slave but later returned as a bishop to convert the people to Christianity. St John was exiled to the Island of Patmos for witnessing the Risen Christ and converting many to Christianity. But while in exile on Patmos he was able to write many works. Today we have the fourth Gospel, three Letters and the Book of the Apocalypse. Written later than rest of the New Testament, John offers complementary material, visions, reflections and insights. In the second reading he introduces himself to the reader and in today's Gospel gives us the "Johannine Pentecost" and the encounter of Jesus with Thomas.

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ (v 29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the First Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!

Easter Prayer for the Week

Risen Lord, help us to believe that you are in our midst.
Send us your Spirit so that we may have courage
to proclaim you by the witness of our lives. Amen.

The Saints on Easter

This is the octave day of your new birth. Today is fulfilled in you the sign of faith that was prefigured in the Old Testament by the circumcision of the flesh on the eighth day after birth. When the Lord rose from the dead, he put off the mortality of the flesh; his risen body was still the same body, but it was no longer subject to death. By his resurrection he consecrated Sunday, or the Lord's day. Though the third after his passion, this day is the eighth after the Sabbath, and thus also the first day of the week.

St Augustine, sermon 8, on Easter

On the Lighter Side

Religion and Society do get mixed up. A teacher was reviewing the children's experiences of their Easter Sunday and asked them: "What did Jesus do on this day?" Hands shot up and a student blurted out, "Jesus Recycled!"

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May you have the power to know the love of Christ. Eph3:9