

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
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Luke

Weekday Year 1

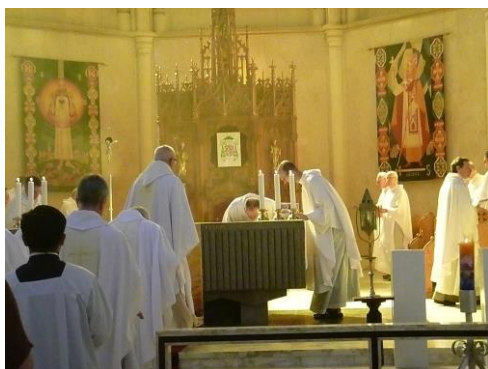


Parish Pastoral Council
In recess until further notice

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.

Easter Sunday – 21st April 2019



On Tuesday (16th April) several parishioners made their way over to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo to attend the Chrism Mass. Bishop Les was joined by Fr Michael and other priests from across the diocese to celebrate in this significant Mass. This ceremony has the particular purpose of the consecration of the Oil of Chrism and the blessing of the sacred oils which are used in Baptism and Anointing of the Sick and, it is also the occasion when our priests renew their priestly promises.

At the Chrism Mass, Bishop Les blessed three oils the Oil of Catechumens (Baptism), Oil of the Infirm (Sick) and the Chrism Oil. Each of them is oil extracted from olives, but the Chrism is distinguished from the others by having balsam mixed with it. These oils will be used by Fr Michael throughout the year in the administration of the sacraments.

Members of each parish come forward with a container of the oil (first the Oil of Baptism than the Oil of Sick) to be blessed by Bishop Les with a special prayer, expressing the purpose for which it is to be used and its signification.

¹"The blessing of the Holy Chrism is different from that of the other oils: Here the bishop breathes over the vessel of chrism, a gesture which symbolizes both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil and the life-giving, sanctifying nature of the character of the sacraments for which it is used. (Recall how our Lord "breathed" on the apostles on the night of Easter, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:22).) The concelebrants at the Chrism Mass also extend their right hands toward the chrism as the bishop says the consecratory prayer, signifying that in union with their bishop they share "in the authority by which Christ Himself builds up and sanctifies and rules His Body," the Church (Vatican II, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests, No. 2).

The tradition of the Chrism Mass is rooted in the early Church as noted in the Gelasian Sacramentary (named after Pope Gelasius 1, d. 496), but was later absorbed into the Holy Thursday evening Mass; Pope Pius XII issued a new Ordinal for Holy Week, which reinstituted a special Mass of the chrism distinct from the evening Mass."

This was a beautiful Mass and Bishop Les thanked us all for coming and supporting our Priests in the renewal of their priestly vows.

Mary Connelly-Gale

¹ Fr William Sanders, "What is the Chrism Mass? Catholic Exchange March 23, 2017

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Antoon De Kleijn
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Bill Corrigan, Tom Flanagan, Jim Kearney Michael Kearney
	Our sick and their carers	Harley Jones, Ebony Hamilton

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Sat 28 th April 6:00 pm	Trish Miller	Sheila Gregg	Doreen Corrigan	P Anderson & P Newman	A Ciavarella C Coulston G Ranson	Trish Warnett
Sun 29 th April 9.30 am	Rob Miller	Sacha Finlayson	Carmel White	Barry & Jan Lowe	S Nihill D Worm C Serra	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
DAY	DATE	
Monday	22 Apr	No Mass
Tuesday	23 Apr	No Mass
Wednesday	24 Apr	No Mass
Thursday	25 Apr	9:00 am Anzac Day Mass
Friday	26 Apr	9:15 am Mass Intention Tom Flanagan
Saturday	27 Apr	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	28 Apr	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	27 Apr	11:30 am Reconciliation
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before Weekday Mass	

APRIL DIARY DATES		
Mon	22 Apr	Easter Monday
Tues	23 Apr	2 nd Term for school begins
Wed	24 Apr	
Thurs	25 Apr	Anzac Day 9:00 am Mass
Fri	26 Apr	
Sat	27 Apr	
Sun	28 Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday
Mon	29 Apr	Catherine of Siena
Tues	30 Apr	
Wed	1 May	St Joseph the Worker
Thurs	2 May	School Photos
Fri	3 May	
Sat	4 May	No Reco - No Mass
Sun	5 May	11am Mass

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St Brendan's Men's Group

Recently while I was staying at St Brendan's, I attended the Men's Group on the Saturday morning at 7:30 am.

We started with breakfast – cereal, toast and fruit. This only lasted for 15 minutes then into some prayer time and then a member did a presentation on something in his life. They have discussion time following this and it was all over by 8:30 am.

I found it great to be amongst 20-25 men who enjoy being Catholic and having some time with other Catholic men. They meet fortnightly in the meeting room behind the church. There is a break to the norm because on Sunday April 28th there is a film & pizza night – 5:30 pm. I have left some cards in the Narthex if any men would like to attend or speak to me about your interest.

'WHEN LIFE IS ENDING'

Dr Caroline Ong RSM. Come to the short overview session Friday 3rd May 7.00-8.30 pm OR the more in depth presentation, Q & A and discussion Saturday 4th May 10.30 am-2.00 pm (lunch inc). Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre, Knight St SHEPPARTON.

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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.

Celibacy and Married Clergy

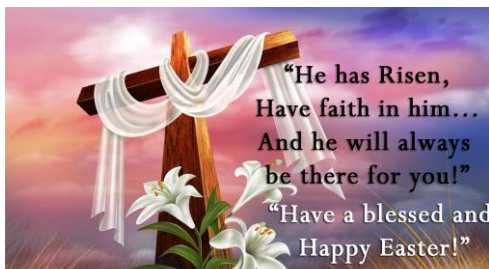
- Celibacy for the Clergy should be optional.
- Ordination of women is a major issue facing the Church.
- Parishioners want stability in clerical appointments as the way of building up trust in relationship with their priest.
- Priests to benefit from supervision and Pastoral Support.
- Retired Priests appear to be neglected.
- Priests who have left the priesthood to marry should be invited to return to active ministry.
- That dialogue, research and exploration of different forms of leadership commence now rather than wait for future developments.
- The assumption that once a man is ordained he can be a competent manager of Parish, School and Community is not always correct.

Lay Involvement and Lay Leadership

- Lay leadership and participation in the life of the Church needs to increase.
- The involvement of lay leaders in decision-making process leads to empowerment and better outcomes.
- The skills of lay people need to be utilised and enhanced more.
- By virtue of baptismal dignity lay people need to advocate for cultural change and reform in the church to replace a culture that appears to be entrenched and outdated.
- Lay people to be invited to leadership in the church in a collaborative fashion that involves real responsibility.

Next week -Theme 9 –Outreach “To Other”

To be cont....



Joseph's Easter Dream

(Written by Karen Maree and John Canavan)

I had a dream Mary, like the one you had at Christmas. It was also about Our Son Jesus, who, on Good Friday gave the Greatest Gift of all to mankind – His Life. But in this dream Mary, so few people understood the true meaning of Easter.

So many people disbelieved and doubted the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Son Jesus. They were looking forward to Easter as only a break away from work – a long weekend.

Oh Mary, how the world had changed! The evil one had deceived many of Our Son's children.

I looked on in disbelief as both young and old exchanged gifts of chocolate and talked of the Easter Bunny, rather than remembering the Great Gift of Life Our Son had given them. They did not realise the intense suffering and pain Jesus endured for all mankind!

Rather than spending time with Our Son, many chose to spend their time shopping, gambling and participating in sporting events over these most sacred days.

Unfortunately, Good Friday had for many become just a good holiday.

I then saw Our Son nailed to the cross, crowned with thorns and His eyes were filled with tears as He looked towards his Heavenly Father and said:

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Mary, when I suddenly awoke from this dream, I fervently prayed: Please, let none of what I dreamt come true.

This Easter Celebrate the Holy Days, not the holidays.

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Special Mass will be held on Thursday 25th April at 9:00 am to commemorate Anzac Day. Our service will still allow you to attend the Tatura Service at the Mactier Memorial at 11 am.



Readings for
this week: Acts 10:34,37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8
John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12



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



Liturgical Jottings

Litany of the Saints

At the Easter Vigil, during the Liturgy of Baptism, the litany of the saints is sung. In it we ask God for mercy, add petitions for the church and those to be baptised and invoke the assistance of the saints in our Christian lives. "It is good and beneficial to invoke them for their prayers and support to obtain God's favour through Christ" (Council of Trent). And "For our greater good we seek from the saints, example in way of life, fellowship in communion and help of their intercession" (Vatican II). The Litany begins and concludes with invoking the mercy and love of Christ. The saints are not listed in chronological order but with Blessed Virgin Mary, prophets, patriarchs, apostles, martyrs, virgins, confessors, holy men and woman,

Looking at the Readings

The readings for Sunday tell the story and the faith of Resurrection of Christ. Three themes emerge: Creed, Catechesis and Celebration.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles takes up the mission of the Apostles to proclaim the resurrection of Christ. Peter expresses his faith. His words to Cornelius express the work of God the Father, Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. He speaks of the Lord's life, death and resurrection and his coming as judge, and the forgiveness of sins. It is the truth that is to be proclaimed and to handed down to all generations. This becomes the kernel of the Apostles Creed.

The second reading, is either St Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8. Both are very short and contain affirmations of the faith of Christians and encouragement to a new way of life (catechesis).

See and Believe (John 20:8). Witnessing the miracles of Christ in his ministry and seeing wondrous signs at this death: earth in darkness, torn temple veil, blood and water from his side and the empty tomb (John 20:1-2) are symbolic of a far greater reality. This reality is our salvation in Christ. Now we are called to believe, to celebrate and to witness. Christ gave to the apostles, the church and the community his blessing and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Like the two on the road to Emmaus, may our hearts burn in celebration of Easter faith (Luke 23:32)

Word from the Saints on Easter

Our baptism is not like the baptism of John, which conferred only the forgiveness of sins. We know perfectly well that baptism, besides washing away our sins and bringing us the gift of the Holy Spirit, is a symbol of the sufferings of Christ. By baptism we went with him into the tomb. When we were baptised into Christ and clothed ourselves in him, we were transformed into the likeness of the Son of God. Having destined us to be his adopted sons, God gave us a likeness to Christ in his glory, and living as we do in communion with Christ, we are rightly called "the anointed ones." *From the Jerusalem Catecheses (3rd or 4th century)*

On the Lighter Side

A young child was "playing up" during a long Easter Vigil Mass. His parents did their best to keep him quiet and still but were losing the battle. After the Litany of the Saints, his dad picked him up to carry him out. Just before reaching the doors, the little boy cried out loudly to everyone, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"



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