

# 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.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfils the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labours. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labour.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Saviour of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-joseph-the-worker/>

### A Quiet Moment to Pause and Think

The Lord is my Shepherd – Author unknown.

The Lord is my shepherd – That's Relationship!

I shall not want – That's Supply!

He makes me to lie down in green pastures – That's Rest!

He leads me beside still waters – That's Refreshment!

He restores my soul – That's Healing!

He leads me in the paths of righteousness – That's Guidance!

For his name sake – That's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil – That's Protection

For thou art with me – That's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and they staff they comfort me – That's Comfort

Thou prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies – That's Hope!

Thou anoint my head with oil – That's Consecration!

My cup runs over – That's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life – That's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord – That's Security!

Forever – That's Eternity!

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | <b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b> | Sheelagh Flanagan,           |
|                                                                                   | <b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>            | Kath Feehan                  |
|                                                                                   | <b>Our sick and their carers</b>                                  | Harley Jones, Ebony Hamilton |

| Date                     | Commentator    | Reader        | Gospel Procession | Presentation of the Gifts | Special Ministers              | Counter    |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Sat: 4 <sup>th</sup> May | <b>NO MASS</b> |               |                   |                           |                                | Bill Woods |
| Sun: 5 <sup>th</sup> May | Denise Woodman | Debbie Turvey | Bernie Maher      | M Normington<br>C Serra   | A Nihill<br>R Kelly<br>K Gaffy |            |

| MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK     |                                |                                                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Day                            | Date                           |                                                      |
| <b>Monday</b>                  | 6 May                          |                                                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                 | 7 May                          |                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b>               | 8 May                          | 9:15 am Liturgy                                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>                | 9 May                          | No Mass                                              |
| <b>Friday</b>                  | 10 May                         | 9:15 am Liturgy                                      |
| <b>Saturday</b>                | 11 May                         | No Mass                                              |
| <b>Sunday</b>                  | 12 May                         | <b>11:00 am Mass</b><br><b>(Note different time)</b> |
| <b>Saturday Reconciliation</b> | 11 May                         | No Reconciliation                                    |
| <b>Rosary</b>                  | 15 minutes Before Weekday Mass |                                                      |

| APRIL/MAY DIARY DATES |        |                          |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 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<br>11am Mass |
| Mon                   | 13 May | Our Lady of Fatima       |
| Tue                   | 14 May | St Matthias              |
| Wed                   | 15 May |                          |
| Thur                  | 16 May |                          |
| Fri                   | 17 May | 9:15 am Liturgy          |
| Sat                   | 18 May | 6:00 pm Mass             |
| Sun                   | 19 May | 9:30 am Mass             |

### PASTORAL CARE

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#### Along the Track

The latest edition of Along the Track are in the Narthex for collection. Or you can read this edition and past edition online at  
[http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along\\_the\\_Tracks.aspx](http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along_the_Tracks.aspx)

## The Heaven it provides

A further benefit that comes to us through the cross of Christ is the final place of peace it provides. The unbounded imagery of the book of Revelation reaches its climax in this twenty-first chapter, where John describes heaven in extremely picturesque and elaborate terms.

The most intriguing thing to me about his description of the new Jerusalem is that the way in is through 12 gates, each made of pearl. You may know that a pearl is a product of pain. The oyster sitting on the seabed is invaded by a tiny parasite or a grain of sand, and instantly the healing powers of the little mollusc are marshalled at the point of peril. In that hour of mortal danger, and only at that time, the oyster exudes a precious secretion in order to heal the wound and save its life. The result is a pearl. So a pearl, it can be said, is really the result of a wound that has been healed. If there had been no wound there would have been no pearl.

John's imagery reminds us that the only way into the new Jerusalem is through the innocent sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ who, on the cross, endured the crushing cruelty of our sin, and turned that pain into a pearl. Jesus told a parable about finding the 'pearl of great price' (Matt. 13:46, AV). He is that pearl.

Maybe this saying takes on a new meaning for us.

## Mother's Day Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Although we are only having one Mass next Week we will still be celebrating all our Mothers, so we encourage you all to come along to our 11am Service next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

# Child Safety

*Continued from last week*

Victorian law does not say how old a babysitter must be; you must think about the maturity of the person and if they have the skills to keep your child safe and well – check they have experience in looking after a child of similar age to yours – this is particularly important for babies.

## Tip 1

Talk to other people you know and trust and ask who they have used as a babysitter.

## Tip 2

Ask a potential babysitter for references for you to contact to help you decide if the person is a good fit for you and your children.

## Tip 3

Have a conversation with the babysitter about your expectations – be clear they must never leave a child unattended; explain bath safety; safe sleeping requirements for a baby or young child, and the importance of never shaking a baby.

## Tip 4

Be clear with the babysitter that you expect positive interaction with your child – it is not OK for a babysitter to yell, hit, abuse, ignore, shame or demean your child.

## Tip 5

Provide your family rules and routines for meal time and bedtimes.  
Leaving your child in the care of another person requires careful consideration.

## Tip 6

Make sure you give the babysitter information to help them care for your child safely and clarify any safety issues, including if the babysitter can have a friend over while they are caring for your child and who can and cannot visit the home whilst you are away.

## Tip 7

Prepare your child for a new babysitter – talk to your child about the babysitter and observe their reaction to babysitter or other carer; this may provide insight into how comfortable they feel in the person's care – check with other people who have used the babysitter to ensure that they were happy with them.

## Tip 8

Make sure the babysitter knows what to do in an emergency – have the 000 emergency number clearly displayed, as well as the poisons information 13 11 26.

## Tip 9

Show the babysitter where you keep your first aid kit, fire extinguisher and fire blankets.

Next week "Older children home alone"



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

## 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.***

### Community and Welcome

- A welcoming and inclusive Church in which there is no judgement of an individual and in which a person receives understanding, tolerance, dignity, and compassion.
- No discrimination: sacraments open to everyone, dignity and respect for all, especially the divorced and those who feel on the margins.

### Women in the Church

- The meaningful participation of women in all areas of the Catholic Church to be acknowledged and celebrated.
- Possibility of Woman Deacons.
- Women not to be excluded from genuine and equal decision-making processes.
- Gender equality within the Church and priesthood as women are needed in all areas of governance and the varying expressions of the Church's ministry.
- Lead by example and not by directives and laws.

To be continued next week

## Politics in service of peace

Catholic bishops' federal election statement.  
The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote.

"Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" there are copies in the Narthex or you can read it on-line [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

### PLEASE NOTE

**Only one Mass service next week at 11am Sunday**



Readings for  
this week:

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



Readings for  
next Sunday

Acts 13:14,43-52  
Apocalypse 7:9,14-17  
John 10:27-30



## Liturgical Jottings

### ICHTHYS

The Greek word ΙΧΘΥΣ (ichthys), an acronym for Ἰησους Χριστος Θεου Υιος Σωτηρ, translates into English as 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour'. Iota is the first letter of Ἰησους, "Jesus". Chi is the first letter of Χριστος, "anointed" (of the Lord). Theta is the first letter of Θεος "God". Upsilon is the first letter of (h)υιος "Son". Sigma is the first letter of σωτηρ "Saviour".

The acronym and symbol, made of two curved lines, affirmed the belief of early Christians in the twofold nature, of Jesus Christ being both fully human and fully divine. Early Christians used the fish symbol as an identifier among themselves.



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## Looking at the Readings

It sounds strange that, after experiencing the joy and wonder of the resurrection, that Peter would suddenly say: "I'm going fishing." Fishing is an occupation, a recreation, a quiet and pleasant distraction: What was Peter's motivation? In any case six other apostles agreed with him and went fishing. But they caught nothing until they encountered the Risen Christ. And then they caught a great number of big fish. What, if any, is the significance of 153 Fish?

Fish are mentioned and given symbolic meaning several times in the Gospels. Some of Jesus' 12 Apostles were fishermen. He commissions them with the words "I will make you fishers of men". (Mark 1:16-18) Having been resurrected, Jesus is offered some grilled fish in the upper room (Luke 24:41-43) and cooked fish by the lake of Tiberius (John 21:9-11), and the boy with five barley loaves and two fish at the feeding of the 5000 (John 6:9). Jesus makes the parallel with Jonah's three days in the belly of the fish and himself three days in the earth (Matt 12:40) and the parable of the dragnet catching many fish.

We can understand why the symbol of the fish and the Greek acronym ΙΧΘΥΣ (ichthys) 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour' quickly became the symbol for Christianity. It would identify Christian homes and point towards Christian gatherings. The Cross came a few centuries later as the identifying symbol, but even today "ichthys" car bumper stickers, window transfers and medals are still used by Christians.

## Easter Prayer for the Week

Lord, I place my life at your direction.  
May my words and actions advance the coming of your kingdom.

## The Saints on Easter

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our Saviour Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration. (*St Justin Martyr, First Apology Chap 66-67*)

## On the Lighter Side

Why do fish swim in schools? Because they can't walk!  
How do you communicate with a fish? Drop it a line!  
There was a punch-up at the café. Two fish got battered!  
What music should you play while fishing? Something catchy!

