

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.

The Ascension of the Lord – 2 June 2019

The Ascension of Our Lord.

Occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, and is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

History of the Ascension of Our Lord

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is the denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later.

The Novena to the Holy Spirit has a long and beautiful history. A novena is a nine-day prayer recalling the time the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles spent in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. When Christ ascended into Heaven, He told them He would send His Holy Spirit, and so they prayed for the coming of the Spirit.

<https://www.learnreligions.com/ascension-of-our-lord-jesus-christ-542462>

The Novena to the Holy Spirit

On the first day of the Novena to the Holy Spirit, we ask God the Father to send the Holy Spirit to prepare us to receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

On the second day we ask the Holy Spirit to grant us the gift of the fear of the Lord, the first of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

On the third day we ask the Holy Spirit to grant us the gift of piety, the submission to all rightful authority (including respect for our ancestors) that flows from the love of God.

On the fourth day, we ask the Holy Spirit to grant us the gift of fortitude, one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and a cardinal virtue. "Courage" is often used as another name for fortitude, but, as we can see in the verse, prayer, and meditation for the fourth day, fortitude is more than courage. It is also the strength to do what is necessary to live a holy life.

On the fifth day we ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of knowledge, so that we may truly understand that the world is ordered toward God and we may be able to perceive His will for us.

On the sixth day, we pray for the gift of understanding, which helps us to grasp the meaning of the revealed truths of Christianity and to live our lives in accordance with those truths.

On the seventh day we pray for the gift of counsel. This is the "supernatural common sense" through which we can translate our faith into action in everything that we do.

On the eighth day, we pray for the gift of wisdom, the most perfect of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom shows that the Christian faith involves the head as much as the heart, and reason as much as the will.

On the ninth day we pray for the 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit, which come from cooperating with the supernatural graces of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and reinforce our desire to do good. <https://www.learnreligions.com/holy-ghost-novena-4008842>

Because the Ascension is now celebrated on the Sunday, maybe commence the Novena on this day.

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	Layla deLeeuw, Harley Jones, Ebony Hamilton

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Sat: 8 th June	Denise Woodman	Sheila Gregg	Seth Hutchison	J Webster J Steele	A Hutchison C Coulston A Ciavarella	Trish Warnett
Sun: 9 th June	Mary Gale	Debbie Turvey	Keith Stewart	Barry & Jan Lowe	S DeLai R DeLai J DeLai	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Day	Date	
Monday	3 June	
Tuesday	4 June	
Wednesday	5 June	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	6 June	9:15 am Mass
Friday	7 June	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	8 June	6:00 am Mass
Sunday	9 June	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	8 June	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

JUNE DIARY DATES		
Mon	3 June	
Tue	4 June	
Wed	5 June	St Boniface
Thur	6 June	St Marcellin Champagnat
Fri	7 June	9:15am School Mass
Sat	8 June	Long weekend
Sun	9 June	Pentecost Long weekend
Mon	10 June	Mary Mother of the Church Public Holiday
Tue	11 June	St Barnabas 2pm Italian Rosary 7:00 pm St Vincent de Paul at Centre
Wed	12 June	9:15 am Anointing Mass 5:30 pm Finance Committee
Thur	13 June	St Antony of Padua
Fri	14 June	
Sat	15 June	
Sun	16 June	Trinity

PASTORAL CARE

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ITALIAN ROSARY

Il Rosario sar  recitato ore 2pm Martedi 11 Giugno nella Chiesa. The Italian Rosary will be recited in the Church on 11th June at 2.00pm. All welcome.

WHEEL OF PRAYER DAY

Saturday August 3 2019 10.00 am – 3.30 pm
Mons Peter Jeffery Parish Centre Knight Street, SHEPPARTON.

To help us to grow in awareness of different prayer forms and a contemplative sense of community, as we continue our journey towards Plenary Council 2020.

RSVP by Friday 5th July 2019 to: The Sandhurst Diocese Chancery Ph: 03 5441 2544 or Adult Faith Education Sandhurst
E: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Choose 4 workshops with expert presenters from our Diocese:

- A. **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** in the Benedictine John Main OSB tradition
- B. **PRAISE AND WORSHIP**
- C. **DEVOTIONS** Divine Mercy and Marian Devotions
- D. **LECTIO DIVINA** - 'SACRED READING'
- E. **PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE** IGNATIAN PRAYER
- F. **PRAYING THE ROSARY**
- G. **CHARISMATIC PRAYER**
- H. **TAIZE PRAYER**

2019 Stronger Retreat: REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Registrations for the Stronger Retreat are now open. Young people from Yr 11-26 years old are invited to this amazing weekend. Come along and join other young people from around our diocese for a weekend of fun, growing in discipleship and learning about your faith.

Date: 23rd – 25th August 2019

Venue: PGL Campaspe Downs, Kyneton, Victoria

Cost: \$175

Register now at strongeryouth.com.

For more info follow @StrongerYouth on Facebook or contact Sandhurst Youth Ministry at youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or call 5441 2544

A Reflection – Pope Francis at a General Audience:

Never be Slaves to Work, Only Masters of It.

Below is a thought provoking article from Pope Francis. He challenges us to look at family, celebrations, work and prayer in a more meaningful manner than that which most of us currently do.

Enjoy the reading and discuss with family and friends.

Pope Francis has warned the faithful against being slaves to work and has exhorted them to celebrate and spend time with God.

He made this exhortation at a recent General Audience, where he reflected on three facets of family life: celebration, work and prayer.

In the story of Creation, the 78-year-old Pontiff recalled, we see that celebrations are the invention of God who rested from his labors on the seventh day.

"It is God himself who teaches us the importance of dedicating time to contemplating and enjoying the fruits of our labors, not only in our employment or profession, but through every action by which we as men and women cooperate in God's creative work, even in times of difficulty," he said.

"I speak of work, of course, not only in the sense of the job or profession, but in a more broad sense of every action with which we men and women can collaborate in the creative action of God."

Even at the workplace too, for birthdays, a new baby, a marriage, the Holy Father underscored, we celebrate. When we take a break from our work for these important occasions it reminds us we are made in the image and likeness of God, "who is not a slave to work, but the Lord of work!"

"And so we must never be slaves to work but rather its master!" he said.

Francis lamented how millions of people around the world, even children, are slaves to work and how human life is often put at risk for abuses of "economic profit" and "technical efficiency."

"In this time, there are slaves, they are exploited, slaves of work and this is against God and against the dignity of the human person!" the Pope said.

The Pontiff also highlighted the sacredness of prayer and quiet moments with God. During our moments of rest on a Sunday, we find God. The Eucharist brings all of Jesus' graces to our celebrations, Francis noted, such as His presence, love and sacrifice.

In this way, in this way of being with us, the Lord forms us into a community, he said.

"Everything is transfigured by his grace: work, family, the joys and trials of each day, even our sufferings and death," the Pontiff said. The Argentine Pontiff prayed, "May we always recognize the family as the privileged place to understand, guide and sustain the gifts which arise from our celebrations, especially the Sunday Eucharist."

"The family is equipped with an extraordinary competence for understanding, addressing, and sustaining the authentic value of the time of the celebration," Pope Francis underscored, before adding off the cuff: "And how beautiful are these celebrations in the family. They are beautiful!"

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Parish Housing and Homelessness Forum,

Date: Saturday 6th July
Time: 10.30-2.30.
Venue: Msgr Peter Jeffrey Centre,
Shepparton,

Share your ideas and learn from others about homelessness and housing stress. RSVP by June 21 to caroline.carter@ccds.org.au

Did you know?

Patron Saint of Parish Priests, St John Vianney grew up with a homeless man who his family sheltered.

Fr Rob Galea

'Coming Home' Concert Tour

Fr Rob and his band will be performing at the Mooroopna Westside as part of his 'Coming Home' Concert Tour in August.

Venue: Riverlinks Westside, Mooroopna

Date: Thursday August 8th

Time: 5pm

Tickets available at www.frgministry.com/tickets

Don't miss out book your tickets early.



Readings for
this week:

Acts 1:1-11
Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53



Readings for
next Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
Romans 8:8-17
John 14:15-16,23-26



Liturgical Jottings

Fire

Fire is often referred to in the Mass readings but rarely used in the Liturgy. The most importance fire is the fire of the Easter Vigil. The Paschal Candle is lit from it that dispels the darkness and welcomes the Resurrection of Christ. In the rite of the dedication of an altar a brazier containing a fire for burning incense is placed on the altar. A pre-liturgy fire may be used to burn the palms to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Fire is one of the symbols of Pentecost. We recall the words of John the Baptist, "I baptise you with water so that you will give up your sins. But someone more powerful is going to come, He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Matt. 3:11).

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Looking at the Readings

Luke is the author of two New Testament books: the Gospel that bears his name and the Acts of the Apostles. This year, in the Year C Cycle of Readings we read the end of his gospel and the beginning of his Acts of the Apostles which include an almost continuous account of the Ascension. Yet the words describing the event differ but do not contradict. "He withdrew from them", and "He was lifted up" and "He was carried up to heaven" The Apostles were left "staring into the sky" and "they were full of joy" and "continually praising God". The Ascension leaves us with a sense of wonder and joy, but more than anything else - hope!

The ascension is a mystery of hope. Christ, by entering the sanctuary of heaven, has opened up a way for us to follow him at his return. Christian life is sustained by this hope, the object of the Church's prayer— "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev 22:20)— expressed in the Eucharist that is celebrated everyday "until he comes in glory" but does this desire possess us as strongly as it should? "Christians, charged after Israel with always keeping alive the flame of desire, what has happened to our hope, twenty centuries after the ascension?" (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin 1957)

Prayer for the Week

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Collect Prayer from the Roman Missal

The Saints on Easter/Ascension

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. ... For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. ... Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. St Augustine homily on the Ascension

On the Lighter Side

A disciple who kept asking: "Where is he? What's he doing now? Has the time come? When is he restoring the Kingdom?" was diagnosed with Ascension Deficient Disorder.

A student was asked to list the Ten Commandments in any order. He wrote, "3,6,1,8,4,5,9,2,10,7."



I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.

Luke 24:49