

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.

Pentecost Sunday – 9 June 2019



This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

Here's what you need to know about the feast day:

The timing and origins of Pentecost

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and after his ascension into heaven.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word pentecoste, meaning 50th.

What happens at Pentecost?

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

Where's that in the bible?

The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in Acts 2:13, though the events immediately following (Peter's homily, the baptism of thousands) continue through verse 41.

Happy Birthday, Church

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

Pentecost vestments and customs around the world

Typically, priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God's love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/everything-you-need-to-know-about-pentecost-78932>

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion

On behalf of Caritas Australia I would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2019.

This year Sacred Heart Parish Tatura raised \$2,236.75

Through your generosity you are helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

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

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Sat: 15 th June	Tish Miller	Mary Gale	Ev Leahy	J Caiafa D Hamilton	S Finlayson J Webster L McGrath	Debbie Worm
Sun: 16 th June	Denice Bourke	Simon Cowan	Bernie Maher	M Sgammotta T Palmeri	D Worm L Cowan AM Nihill	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Day	Date	
Monday	10 June	
Tuesday	11 June	
Wednesday	12 June	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	13 June	9:15 am Mass
Friday	14 June	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	15 June	6:00 am Mass
Sunday	16 June	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	15 June	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

JUNE DIARY DATES		
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 Sunday
Mon	17 June	
Tue	18 June	
Wed	19 June	St Romulad
Thur	20 June	
Fri	21 June	St Aloysius Gonzaga
Sat	22 June	
Sun	23 June	Hospital Sunday 1:30 – Tatura Hospital

PASTORAL CARE

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

Can you help?

We are looking for someone who has Microsoft Office experience. We are looking for someone to work with Mary for approximately 6 hours a week, and can fill in when Mary is away. For more information call Mary at the presbytery 5824 1049 Wednesday 8:30 am – 4pm

Different Ways to Pray

'He will call on me, and I will answer him.'
Psalm 91:15 ^{NIV}

When we try to spend an extended period of time in prayer, our minds tend to wander. When that happens, is God upset with us? No, when your mind wanders – God's Spirit is still with you. Sometimes your wandering thoughts can actually guide you into prayer.

John Ortberg writes: 'I begin praying, and then I imagine myself being wildly successful at something. Or I replay a conversation with a person I'm upset with. Or I try to figure out how to solve a problem I'm worried about.

I used to think of those kinds of thoughts as obstacles to prayer, but I've come to think of them as prayers waiting to be offered. Maybe the reason they pop into my mind isn't simply my short attention span, but rather what my mind is really concerned about. So instead of trying to suppress these thoughts, it's better to begin to talk to God about them. And just like that, I'm back in the flow of prayers.

Indeed, we are free to pray in ways that will best help us live in the joyful awareness of God's presence.'

Obviously, things like getting your hair done or your car fixed are distractions. When these arise, just write them down and say "I'll get to that later," then get back to prayer.

Developing a rich and rewarding prayer life isn't something you accomplish overnight; you have to work at it. But the rewards are more than worth the efforts.

You're not unique; everybody battles distractions in prayer. Those who succeed are those who learn to deal with the distractions.

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Christ is Alive

Five takeaways from Pope Francis' letter on young people and the Church, *Christus Vivit*, which was released in April.

1) Make a Ruckus!

Youth is a time to be bold – to get out there and to make a difference in the world. 'Take risks, even if it means making mistakes.'

2) Questioning faith is OK

Don't be afraid to ask challenging questions about God or the Church. 'A Church always on the defensive, which loses her humility and stops listening to others, which leaves no room for questions, loses her youth and turns into a museum.'

3) Love, not evil, will triumph in the end

It's OK to feel overwhelmed by the evil in our world. Jesus was crucified, but that wasn't the end of the story. 'Evil does not have the last word in your life, for you have a friend who loves you and wants to triumph in you. Your saviour lives.'

4) Friendships are really, really important

We can't find God alone – the only way to deepen our relationship with God is to deepen our relationships with others. 'Through our friends, the Lord refines us and leads us to maturity... The experience of friendship teaches us to be open, understanding and caring towards others.'

5) God has a plan for everyone

You have to discover your own way of being holy, though. It'll be different for everyone. 'Your life ought to be a prophetic stimulus to others and leave a mark on the world, the unique mark that only you can leave.'

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Retirement?

Many have been asking when am I retiring?

I have been in discussion with the Bishop and he has accepted my request and we have agreed on a date which will be Wednesday 23rd October.

So Sunday the 20th will be my last Mass in the Parish after 16 years. The Bishop has been discussing the future of Tatura with the Consultors with no decision as yet. He does hope to have another priest in the parish.

In retiring from the parish I do so as Parish Priest but only to do 'lesser duties' which means I will be available to help out in parishes at weekends etc.

I will reside near Yarrawonga and enjoy a quieter lifestyle and spending time with family, their families and friends.

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2019 Mini Vinnies

WINTER APPEAL

Mon 10th – Fri 21st June

The time has come for us to again hear and respond to the call to help others in need! As part of our upcoming Winter Appeal Mass, our Mini Vinnies team will again be leading the collection of donated foods and goods. Our students participate in the appeal each year when the weather starts to turn colder.

The action of giving through the Winter Appeal aligns closely with the traditions and history of Sacred Heart. Through the appeal, students further develop values of compassion, respect and hope by praying for and collecting for people who might be in need of food or blankets to keep healthy and warm during Winter. These donated goods will be distributed to families in the local Tatura area who are in need on a helping hand.

This year we again would like to focus on the appeal during a short time frame. Our overall aim would be for each student to bring an item every one or two days! Our Mini Vinnies team members will be visiting classrooms next week to discuss the appeal and what students can do to be involved.

When donating, please ensure each item has an appropriate expiry date and is non-perishable.

There will be a basket in each classroom for students to place their item in each morning.

The following suggestions for each class are a guide, though any suitable donations are welcomed.

FKO: Cereals	1/2KD: Tinned soups
FCL: Pastas	1/2JS: Cereals
3/4LM: Tinned fruit	1/2VT: Bathroom products
3/4DTKN: Jams & spreads	3/4MCRB: Jams & spreads
5/6CW & 5/6CB: Tea, coffee, sugar & UHT milk	

Our Mini Vinnies team will take all donated goods to our local St Vincent De Paul centre in Week 10.

We thank you for your tremendous ongoing support.

Regards,

Sacred Heart Mini Vinnies



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday

Proverbs 8:22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15



Liturgical Jottings

Moveable Feasts

Several feast days in the liturgical calendar take their dating from Easter Sunday. Ascension is 40 days after Easter but in many countries is transferred to the next Sunday. Pentecost is seven weeks after Easter, Trinity Sunday eight weeks. The Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi) is Thursday after Trinity or transferred to the next Sunday (thus nine weeks after Easter in Australia). The Feast of the Sacred Heart is Friday after the tenth Sunday after Easter. Two Feasts of Mary are also moveable. Mary the Mother of the Church is the Monday after Pentecost and the Immaculate Heart of Mary the Saturday after Sacred Heart, Easter varies from the 22 March (eg 1818 & 2285) to 25 April (eg 1943 & 2038)

Looking at the Readings

We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ. © Dianne Bergant CSA

The Saints on Pentecost

"The Church is always, so to speak, in a situation of Pentecost: she is always gathered in the Upper Room in prayer and at the same time, driven by the powerful wind of the Spirit, she is always on the streets preaching". St John Paul II June 8, 2003

On the Lighter Side

Three intransitive verbs walk into a bar.

They sit. They drink. They leave.

The past, present, and future walked into a bar. It was tense.

A pun, a play on words, and a limerick walk into a bar. No joke.

A Rabbi, a Priest and an Imam walked into a bar. The barman asked: "Is this a beginning of a joke?"



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And when I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them just as on us at the beginning"

Acts 11:15