



Readings
for this
week:

Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45



Readings
for next
Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



Liturgical Jottings

Holy Year: Reconciliation

The Jubilee year is a sign of reconciliation because it establishes a "favourable time" (cf 2 Cor 6:2) for conversion. We are called to put God at the centre of our lives, growing toward Him and acknowledging His primacy. Even the Biblical call for the restoration of social justice and respect for the earth stems from a theological reality: if God is the creator of the universe, He must be given priority over every reality and partisan interest. It is God who makes this year holy by bestowing on us His own holiness.

In practice reconciliation involves receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, rediscovering the value of confession and experiencing God's personal words of forgiveness. You can prepare yourself to receive the sacrament by following a guide.

Looking at the Readings

The Scripture readings are short this Sunday. Only 13 verses in all; 26 last week and 26 next week. Pope Francis three times in two years urged priests to keep their homilies short: no more than 8-10 minutes. Most recent was at the papal audience on 6 Dec 2024.

We find great examples of short homilies in the Gospel. The Beatitudes and the parables are always short. Especially today we hear four mini parables: one blind man guiding another, removing the splinter in your brother's eye, a tree producing rotten or sound fruit; picking figs from thorns, grapes from brambles. From these homely everyday events in the lives of his listeners, Jesus teaches them about goodness from the store of goodness in one's heart.

These last three Sunday Gospel passages address the way of life for the Christian: the Beatitudes (6th), ethical ways (7th), and what it is to be and live as a disciple of Jesus (8th). Also, each gospel reveals the heart of God in very human ways.

Fourth Encyclical Letter (Excerpts)

It is only by starting from the heart that our communities will succeed in uniting and reconciling differing minds and wills, so that the Spirit can guide us in unity as brothers and sisters. Reconciliation and peace are also born of the heart. The heart of Christ is "ecstasy", openness, gift and encounter. In that heart, we learn to relate to one another in wholesome and happy ways, and to build up in this world God's kingdom of love and justice. Our hearts, united with the heart of Christ, are capable of working this social miracle. *Parag. 28 Pope Francis, Oct 2024.*

Reconciliation

At their meeting in November last year the French conference of bishops offered some points of orientation for confessors. Some points concern safeguarding protocols. Other points present an important perspective on its purpose. For example, *the sacrament of reconciliation allows the faithful to renew their baptismal life. So the confessor is watchful not to focus excessively on their confession but rather he reminds them of God's bounty and compassion ... The confessor invites the penitent to renew their faith in the action of the Holy Spirit.* It is not the priest's job to scrutinise hearts and souls. (*from Liturgy News, Summer 2024, p14*)

On the Lighter Side

Doctor, how much will it cost to have a splinter removed?
He said \$70. The patient replied: "\$70 for just a few seconds work? Doctor: "I can pull it out very slowly if you prefer."



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Pat Baldwin
	Our sick and their carers	Judith Steele,

NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

Sunday 9th March 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm
 Reader: Dean Filgate
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
 Gifts: A Basile & L Mercuri
 Special Minister: E Worm
 Screen Operator: Mary Gale
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: E Worm & M Gale

Saturday 15th March 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
 Reader: Anne Hutchison
 Gospel Procession: Delphi Hamilton
 Gifts: J Caiafa & M Vraca
 Screen Operator: Deb Turvey
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 16th March 10:30am

Commentator: Mary Gale
 Reader: Sheila Gregg
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
 Gifts: B & J Lowe
 Special Minister: Debbie Worm
 Screen Operator: Lou Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: L Worm & E Worm

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your parish.

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 5th March

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 5th March 9:15am (Ash Wednesday)
 Friday 7th March 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 9th March 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12th March 9:15am
 Friday 14th March 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sat 15th March 6:00pm
 Sunday 16th March 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 19th March 9:15am
 Friday 21st March 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Sunday 23rd March 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)
Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

LENT 2025

Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:15am with the school.

Each Friday during Lent there will be the Stations of the Cross following Mass at 9:15am.

Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$664.30



Thank You

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.



The next one will be on 5th March.



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Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.

Luke 6:43-44

New Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Communion to the Sick - Training There will be training for Readers, Eucharistic ministers and for those who would like to take Communion to the Sick on 15th & 22nd March at 11:00am. Please put your name on the list in the Narthex if you would like to participate – this is for new and a refresher for current volunteers. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required to take Communion to the Sick.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish and would like to know more, volunteer, or be on our register there is a form in the Narthex for you to fill in and return. Thank you and welcome. We would love to hear from you.

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

Saturday 6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

World Day of Prayer- Friday 7th March

Sacred Heart Parish is organizing the Tatura World Day of Prayer on Friday 7th March at 2pm in the Church. Following this there will be afternoon tea in St Mary's Hall.
Everyone is invited.

St Vincent de Paul

Mooroopna Conference is happy to offer a service to people from Tatura at the Mooroopna Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Please ring for an appointment on 0437 915 732 or 8199 4232 between 9.00am and 10.30am.

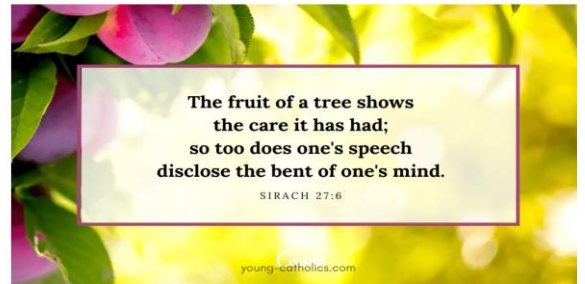


PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

Today you are invited to take a Project Compassion Box & a set of Envelopes. This action reminds us of the challenge which is Eucharist. When we say "AMEN" to the Body of Christ, we are also saying "AMEN" to *being* the Body of Christ. **We who eat must be the healing, loving, transforming presence of Jesus in our world today. Weekly Envelopes are a great way of sharing our lives through Lent.**

It's a good idea to keep a Box on the dinner table as a reminder, then each week transfer the contents to your envelope to bring to Mass. Bringing the envelope to Mass each week links

OUR LENT, OUR LIVES & OUR LITURGY
so let's UNITE AGAINST POVERTY - together, we can make a real difference and bring hope in our world.



The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

The readings for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C show us the importance of how we speak, live, and grow in faith.

In Sirach, we learn that our words reflect who we are. Good words come from a good heart, and hurtful words reveal inner struggles.

Jesus in Luke compares people to trees, saying that good trees bear good fruit. Our actions and words are signs of our inner selves. This reminds us to choose our words carefully, to lift up others and build loving relationships.



Please use this QR Code to make donations to CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION under the banner of the Tatura Parish.

Lord, help us to speak with kindness and truth. Give us hope in Christ's victory over death. Teach us to be humble and see our own faults. Guide us to live faithfully and love others as You love us. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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