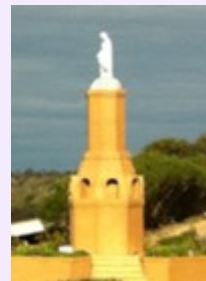




Ta' Pinu Shrine

Our Lady, Queen of the Family

A CALL TO PRAYER



OUR 'PILGRIM' LADY TA'PINU—QUEEN OF THE FAMILY

OUR LADY, OUR QUEEN 'S MAIDEN WALK !!!!



What an honour and a privilege, it was to be acknowledged as a special guest, with a specially reserved seat during her first visit to St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral.

The number of self confessed devotees could have been larger on this great occasion but rest assured that Our Lady, Our Heavenly Mother, Our Queen was received and carried to the St Paul's Anglican Cathedral with the greatest

honour, praise and glory she deserves.

Catholics believe that Mary is the ever-virgin Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven and Earth. But she also was a human being—a woman, who made a **journey of faith** through various trials and uncertainties and endured her share of suffering.

Our Mother Mary appears at crucial times in the Bible for example she rushed to help her cousin Elisabeth at the birth of her son John and remained there for three months. She also gave birth to her son Jesus in an animal's den. She interceded with her son Jesus avoid dishonour to be brought upon the bridal family's name at the Cana's Wedding. She assisted her son Jesus during his agony on the Cross and with her unique graces and vocation, Mary remains a woman we can relate to and from whom we have much to learn.

In Walking with Mary, we are blessed with an insight about how we can apply in our daily lives, the Blessed Mother's faith and devotion, in order to draw out spiritual lessons for our own walk with God. We follow her step-by-step through the New Testament account of her life, reflecting on how she responded to the dramatic events unfolding around her.

We hope and pray that this journey with her may help you to know, understand, and love Mary more. And that it may inspire you to walk in her footsteps as a **"faithful disciple of the Lord in your own pilgrimage of faith."** In the coming months, our intention is to try to continue to walk and pray with Mary on her pilgrim journey through various places within the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

OUR LADY TA'PINU SHRINE HAS XXIII FACEBOOK!!! we are pleased to announce that we have created a Facebook account for Our Lady Ta'Pinu Shrine in Australia to be able to share with you some highlights of past, present and future events www.facebook.com/TaPinuShrineAustralia



On 18th June 1997, His Holiness Pope John Paul II blessed this stone in the Vatican City to be the foundation stone for the future Church dedicated to Our Lady Ta Pinu, "Queen of the Family" at this Marian Centre, On Sun 27th April 2014 (Divine Mercy Sunday) the Canonisation of Blessed: -Pope John XXIII, -Pope John Paul II, will be celebrated during a PAPAL MASS in Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City at 10:00a. (Italian time)



I shall be what the Lord wants me to be
(from the 'journal of a Soul' of the "Good Pope"—Pope John XXIII)

"I shall be what the Lord wants me to be. It is hard for me to think of a hidden life, neglected, perhaps despised by all, known to God alone: This is repugnant to my pride. And yet, until I succeed doing such violence to my own likes and dislikes that this obscurity becomes not only indifferent but welcome and enjoyable, I shall never be able to do what God wants from me (Dec 1903)".

The one who was to become John XXIII was very faithful to these early spiritual ideas these ideas are known to have become second nature to him so much so it was written by one of his biographers that John XXIII accepted the pontificate as simply and naturally as he would news of a train delay" Let us ponder, in all seriousness, on those words as ask God to give us the same grace: as His Holiness John XXIII (The 'Good Pope' - a 'light that shines in darkness) whose examples and teachings were truly valuable to Our Church. it's all about placing ourselves constantly in the hand of God specially in matters of our life and missions that the most personal and close to home.

"The future starts today, not tomorrow." *(from Crossing the Threshold of Hope by Pope John Paul II)*

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted. It is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. "It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." Therefore, he says: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."



The Most Holy Trinity



The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father, the Son is one and the same God.

The mission of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in the name of the Son (*Jn.14:26*) and by the Son "from the Father" (*Jn 15:26*), reveals that, with them, the Spirit is one and the same God,

"With the "Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified". (*Nicene Creed*)

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father as the first principle, and by the eternal gift of this to the Son from the communion of both the Father and the Son".

(*St Augustine De Trin. 15,26,47: PI42:1095*)

By the grace of Baptism "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," we are called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity, here on earth in the obscurity of faith, and after death in eternal light.

(*Cf. Paul VI. CPG/9*).

Wisdom: Better to pay attention to a wise reprimand (reproach) than listen to a song by a fool

THE GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE MONTH:

Jesus is the Light, the Truth the Way and the Life.

At the death of his friend Lazarus, Jesus decided to go to Bethany to visit Martha and Mary. The disciples were not very pleased with this decision. So they drew his attention that the Jews wanted to kill him. Jesus, referring again to his previous statement, "**I am the light of the world**" (*John9.5*), insisted that they should go, because what he would be doing would be "**In God's glory**", and his own "**glorification**", and that "**Now you (disciples) will believe**". Then talking to Martha Jesus said, "**If anyone believes in me, even if he dies he will live**".

These statements, and others like them, were often made by Jesus himself. But how many of us meditate on them, accept them and live according to them? I don't talk of those people who have never heard of Jesus, I don't talk of the Catholics who once practiced their religion and for some reason, left the Church, although they still have their responsibility like any other Catholics. But I talk of those around us who, like the Pharisees, **pretend** to be the spiritual leaders of our people, but they are blind like the Pharisees.

St Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "**You were darkness once, now you are light**". We too were darkness once. But when we received our Baptism and the other Sacraments, we became light in the Lord according to our state of life. And being light in the Lord we are supposed to enlighten our actions with this light and spread its rays around us. However, the actions of many of us give evidence that they are blind to Jesus' "**Light, Truth, Way and Life**". They don't practice these virtues at all.

It is natural for a person to know that it is physically blind but not so easy to admit that he or she is spiritually blind. There are many forms of blindness that go against "Truth, Way and Life" that Jesus expect us to follow. For example, 'insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we cause to others, arrogance blinds us to others' dignity, pride blinds us to our own faults; materialism blinds us to spiritual values. All of these defects and many others like them draw us away from God.

But the worst blindness is when one has eyes, that is, has been well instructed in religious life, through spiritual reading, lessons, sermons, good example, friendly advice, and never bows his and says, "I am wrong, I should correct myself". The worst blindness is when a person hears someone speaking about such blindness and instead of pointing to himself, he starts thinking to whom might apply those words.

In a few days from now we will be commemorating the Sorrowful Passion Jesus suffered for our redemption. Please while meditating on the sorrowful passion of our Lord, ask him to increase your Faith in him "**Whoever lives and believes in me will never die**" (*Jn 17:26*), and in his mother Mary's love. While

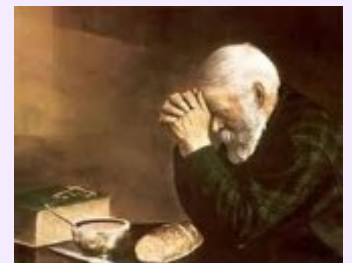
breathing his last moments on the Cross Jesus gave us his mother to be our advocate and protector. If you really listen to her **She will never abandon you.**

Liturgical Celebrations for April–May 2014

Date	April 2014 Celebrations
Sat 5th April 2014	First Saturday—Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion at 2.00p.m Rosary Confession followed by OUR LADY OF SORROWS PILGRIMAGE Holy Mass and Benediction at 2.30p.m.
Wed 2,9,16,23,30 th	Mother and Child Oratory Novena at 8.00p.m
Sun 13th Apr	PALM SUNDAY Blessing of the palms , procession Followed by Holy Mass at 2.00 p.m
FRI 18th Apr	LITURGY OF THE LORD’S PASSION, Adoration of the Cross at 2.30 p.m followed by GOOD FRIDAY Pageant at 3.30 p.m.
Sun 20th Apr	EASTER SUNDAY The Risen Lord Celebration at 2.30 p.m. followed by procession
Sun 27 th Apr	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1.45p.m. Divine Mercy Prayers & Chaplet and confession followed by Holy Mass
Way of the Cross followed by Holy Mass During April	Sun 6 st April at 10.00 a.m.: Sri Lankan Community Tue 8th April at 10.30 St Peter & Paul, Parish Community Wed 9th April at 11 a.m. St Joseph Chelsea Anima Group Thu 10th April 11 a.m. Our Lady’s Maidstone Parish Community Fri 11th April 10.00 a.m Chaldean Parish Community Sat 12th Apr 9.30 a.m. Alliance of the Holy Family 11.0a.m Our Lady of Lourdes & St Agatha parish Community Mon 14th April at 10.00 a.m St Monica Parish Community Tue 15th April at 10.30a.m. Our lady of Lebanon Community Fri 18th April at 10.00 a.m. Syros-Malabar Community
	Major Events for May 2014
Wed 7th May	1st of the 15 Wednesdays Devotion of the Assumption of Our Lady 11a.m Rosary ,Confession and Holy Mass

The power of Prayer.

Christ has conferred upon prayer all power concerning good. So it’s only knowledge to call back the souls of the diseased from the very highway of death, to straighten the feeble, to heal the sick, to cleans the devil-possessed, to open the bars of the prison, to loosen the bands of the innocent. It also absolves sins, drives back temptations, quenches persecutions, strengthens the weak-hearted, delights the high minded, brings home wayfarers, stills the waves, confounds the robbers, feeds the poor, rebukes the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports the unstable upholds them that stand.
Tertullian on prayer (Chs 28-9)



Seven Churches Visitation

At the end of the Solemn Mass on Holy Thursday the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in a special place provided for the occasion so that the faithful can spend some time in adoration.

It is a tradition that during this vigil, the faithfuls make a pilgrimage to seven churches for adoration in each church. Where churches are not numerous, they visit one church for seven times. In some place there is also the practise to meditation of the ”stations of the Cross’

2014 Bacchus Marsh Easter Pageant

The Good Friday Association Inc. invites everyone to join them for their 30th Annual Easter Celebration . Ten life-size statues, biblical characters and ornaments will be part of the re-enactment of Our Lord’s Passion . Details and time as listed in table above.

Our Lady of Sorrows Pilgrimage
Saturday 5th April 2014
Starts at 2.30 p.m.

Good Friday Passion Pageant
Friday 18th April 2014
Starts at 2.30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Feast of the Resurrection
Sunday 20th April
Starts at 2.30 p.m.

Palm Sunday Celebration– 13th April 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

You are invited to join us for the celebration of the “ Triumphant Entry of Jesus in Jerusalem ‘ Blessing of the palms and procession will start from our ‘ very own garden of olives’ followed Holy Mass. All Ethnic groups are most welcome to join in this celebration.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY– 27th April 2014 at 1.45 p.m.

The Indian Community Group wishes to invite each and everyone to come and pray with them during this sumptuous occasion– The Divine Mercy Sunday



POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE OF LOVE AND HOPE - SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART.



Dear brothers and sisters ,

Excuse me because I speak in Italian. But I am not speaking English. But I will speak no Italian, no English but "heartfully" - **It's a language more simple and more authentic.** But this language of the heart has a special (particular) language and grammar- *A simple grammar.*

*Two rules: **Love God above all, and love the neighbour** because he is your Brother and Sister.*

With those two rules we can go ahead. And it's my pleasure to greet you.

Joyful because it gives me joy that you have come together to worship Jesus Christ, the only Lord. And to pray to the Father and to receive the Spirit This gives me joy because we can see that God is working all over the world.

Nostalgic (yearning) because.. but it happens, as within our suburbs.

In the suburbs there are families that love each other, and families that don't love each other.

Families who come together and families who separate themselves. We are kind of...permit me to say, **separated.**

Separated because it's sin that has separated us, all our sins. The misunderstanding throughout history.

It has been a long road of sins that we all shared in. Who is to blame?

We all share the blame. We have all sinned. **There is only one blameless, the Lord.**

I am nostalgic that this separation comes to an end and gives us communion.

I am nostalgic of that embrace. That the Holy Scripture speaks of when Joseph's Brothers began to starve from hunger they went to Egypt to buy so that they could eat. They went to buy. They had money. But they couldn't eat the money.

But there they found something more than food, they found their brothers.

All of us have currency. The currency of our culture. The currency of our history.

We have lots of cultural riches, and religious riches. And we have diverse traditions.

But we have to encounter one another as Brothers. We must cry together like Joseph did.

These tears will unite us. -The tears of love. I am speaking to you as a Brother. I speak to you in a simple way.

With joy and nostalgia (yearning). Let us allow our nostalgia to grow. Because this will propel us to find each other, to embrace one another. And together to worship Jesus Christ as the only Lord of History.

I thank you profoundly for listening to me. I thank you profoundly for allowing me to speak the language of the heart.

And I ask you also a favour. Please pray for me, because I need your prayers. And I will pray for you. I will do it, but I need your prayers. Let's give each other a spiritual hug and let God complete the work that He has begun.

And this is a miracle; the miracle of unity has begun.

A famous Italian author named Manzoni once wrote , in his novel about a simple man amongst the people, once said this, "I never seen God begin a miracle without Him finishing it well". He will complete this miracle of unity.

I ask you to bless me, and I bless you.

From Brother to Brother, I embrace you. Thank you.

FRANCIS

24hrs for the Lord

Following the call for prayer from Pope Francis, we would like to invite the Faithfuls to take part in the special dedication named "24 hours for the Lord," during which people can find special opportunities for prayer and the sacrament of confession.

"It will be a celebration of forgiveness.

"The forgiveness that the Lord gives us" should make us "celebrate like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, who, when the son returned home, had a party, forgetting all his sins."

"Lent is the appropriate time to look inside, to bring out our true spiritual needs, and ask for the Lord's help in prayer," Pope Francis stressed.

"Every encounter with Jesus changes our lives,"

"Every encounter with Jesus fills us with joy."

Like the Samaritan woman, we are called to "leave our jars" at the well and "witness to our brothers the joy of meeting Jesus and the wonders that his love accomplishes in our lives,"



THANK YOU!!! Those who have or will be walking along the Way of the Cross at the Shrine would take notice of the repairs made by a group of dedicated volunteers from the **Vietnamese Community Group** at Ta'Pinu Shrine. We would like to present to them and to our helper who does not to be named , our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks. Their passion and commitment is an example to many other groups as they showed themselves to be true symbols of being part of the family network we hope to re-create in Bacchus Marsh. Let us hope that our mutual collaboration among all diverse Ethnic groups will continue to grow and soon together, we will transform Our Mother 'Mary's place into the true Heavenly place it deserves to be.



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