



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

St Augustine's-Kyabram ~ St Patrick's-Tongala ~ St Sebastian's-Merrigum

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - Cycle B

7 January 2024



Readings for
this week: Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Readings for
next Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:3—10,19
1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
John 1:35-42



Liturgical Jottings Epiphany in East & West

The Epiphany celebrates, in the Western churches, the adoration of the Magi from the East as the story of the revelation of the mystery of God's saving will (Eph 1:9) as embracing Gentiles as well as Jews. In the Eastern churches Christmas (January 6, an ancient date for the winter solstice) commemorates the birth of Christ and the homage of the Magi, while Epiphany marks Christ's baptism. The mystery of Christ as one sent by the Father in the Spirit to all nations and races and the essentially missionary character of the church are found in this feast. The Magi's following of the star to Christ has always expressed the longing of sages and philosophers for the fullness of truth, which only is found in full surrender to God in Christ, the Wisdom of God. The feast for Western Christians is a reminder as well a fount of the riches of worship, theology and spirituality which the Eastern churches bring to the *catholica*.

Looking at the Readings

Isaiah passage today gives a few "epiphany moments": Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come; Lift up your eyes and look round; your heart throbbing and full. The words of the prophet are not just words of Salvation for God's chosen people but for all peoples, nations and rulers. Extending the insights from this Old Testament text to our present day we are able to confess: "Christ brings salvation not just to us, to those who come to our church, but to the whole world – to all those grumpy, depressed, selfish, worried, suffering, disadvantaged people we meet in the street, most directly to Christians of every kind, but also to those who have not yet found Jesus. The Epiphany is the time when Jesus 'went public', symbolised by the coming of the Wise Men from the East." (Henry Wansbrough, *Universalis commentary*)

A second prophet is quoted in today's Gospel by Matthew. The Prophet Micah, born in Bethlehem, spoke well of his birthplace and added: "for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel." Though Micah's actual words were not *shepherd my people* but "rule over Israel" (Micah 5:2). Matthew has "updated" the prophet's words and interpreted them to describe Jesus' mission for all peoples.

Definitions of Epiphany

This Greek word means manifestation applied particularly to the event in Matthew's Gospel of the visit of the Magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus. Christ is revealed to the Gentiles as Lord and Saviour. Some dictionaries include epiphany in a figurative sense meaning a sudden revelation, an "Aha!" moment.

Quotes for the Day

Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies. *John Milton*

Love is the epiphany of God in our poverty. *Thomas Merton*

Prayer for the Day

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Prayer after Communion*)

On the Lighter Side

After the Christmas play, I asked my 6-year-old son if he remembered the gifts that the Magi brought to Jesus. He thought for a minute then said "gold, frankincense, and humour". We could all give and receive that gift!



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Shane McDonell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Joseph Bowman

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)



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Mass Times

[Kyabram](#)

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am

[Tongala](#)

First Sunday of month 11.30am

[Merrigum](#)

Third Sunday of month 12 noon

[Reconciliation](#) – Second Saturday of month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

[Mass of Anointing](#) - held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 7th January - 8.30am (No Mass Tongala)

Tue 9th January - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 11th January – 9.15am

Weekly Masses

Sat 13th January - 5.30pm Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 14th January - 8.30am

Tue 16th January - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 18th January - 9.15am

Weekly Masses

Sun 21st January - 8.30am

Sun 21st January - 12.00pm – Merrigum

Tue 23rd January - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 25th January - 9.15am

Weekly Masses

Sat 27th January - 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 28th January - 8.30am

ROSTERS

Saturday 13th January at 6.00pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – S Carroll

Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 14th January at 8.30am

Commentator – E Luvara

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – M Cocks

Sunday 21st January at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – M O'Shea

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

Last week's Collection is \$ 806.00

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults.

If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child safety officer Finola Price on 03 5852 1310.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

FAREWELL FATHER JOHN PAUL

Fr John Paul will celebrate his final mass at Kyabram this Sunday 7th January. We wish Father all the best with his move to Wodonga and his new faith journey.

Thank you father for the three years of service he has given to our Parish. There will be a cuppa after mass.

TONGALA MASS

Please note that there will be **no** mass at Tongala today Sunday 7th January.

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

The Kyabram conference members of the St Vincent de Paul Society thanks the parishioners for their generous donations toward their annual Christmas appeal. \$785.20 was collected at the Christmas masses and the funds will be used to support those in need in our community.

St Vincent De Paul Conference Kyabram.

PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Committee will be held on Tuesday, 13th February, 5.45pm (following Mass) in the Parish meeting room.

LITURGY MEETING

A meeting of the liturgy group will be held on Tuesday, 23th January, 5.45pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A big thank you to Hans Van Vlodrop who assisted in restoring the Stations of the Cross. Hans' expertise and advice has been invaluable!

Also thank you to the team who helped Hans initially and to Frank Zobec and Johnny D'Angelo who hung them up. God bless you all.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

We have some 2024 Columban Mission art calendars still available for sale for \$10 each, available from gathering place.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

If you would like an anniversary Mass for your loved ones, feel free to contact the Parish office (telephone 5852 1026) to arrange a suitable day.

SAFEGUARDING

In line with our Safeguarding policy for children and adults at risk, information can be found on the notice board in the gathering space. Please make yourselves familiar with the information provided. If you have any concerns, please contact Finola Price 03 5852 1310 or Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.

A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH

Have you thought about leaving a bequest to the church? The forms are available in the office if you would like to leave a bequest. These can be filled in and left with your will. Please contact Vicki or email the office for a copy.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRIEST FR UDAY MARNENI



I am Fr. Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS. I was born on 24th March 1981 and since then I grew up in my village (a small village of 300 Catholic families)

Bhimanapally Kammagudem

in the Diocese of Nalgonda, in the state of Telangana, India. I am the youngest child to my late parents, Roman and Jathruthamma; I have an older sister and an older brother. My brother died four years ago.

My family was a traditional Catholic family. I did my schooling in Catholic Institutions. I was inspired to religious life by my cousins, who are religious sisters. I observed their faithful service in different fields, pastoral, medical, educational and social. They guided me to choose this way of life. Meanwhile, as years passed when I was in the seminary, I felt more than ever, the call to vocation that God had planned for me.

I was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest on 14 May 2011 for the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the Opus Spiritus Sancti (ALCP/OSS).

Priesthood, for me, is challenging and rewarding. Being a priest has given me the privilege of getting to know people well and of being part of their lives in joyful and painful times. I hope to be a part of your community soon to be one of you to share the Word of God and Break the Bread of Life.

HOME COMMUNION

The Parish offers home communion. If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish Office.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT SACRAMENTALS ARE?

Sacramentals are powerful & blessed objects that can be a means to express your faith in God and are instruments of grace that God uses to draw us closer to Him and to work through our lives to protect and sanctify us. Sacramentals come in different forms like rosaries, medals, pictures, statues of saints, scapulars, crucifixes, incense, salt, water, oil etc. When a Sacramental is blessed, they have the power to bring down God's graces upon the user, they protect us and have power to bring a soul to conversion and lead them to the sacraments. Sacramentals can bring spiritual healing to a soul, give you grace to fight temptations and deliver you from many dangers. (www.scapulars-au.com)

“Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be – and becoming that person.” St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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Would you like to volunteer to help with the store? There is a clipboard to put your name down to be included on the roster.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Would you be interested in advertising your business in our Parish bulletin and on our website?

The costs are: **Advert (5x6cm)**

3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200
6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

If you would like further details, please talk to Fr John, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.

FUNDRAISER FOR ST AUGUSTINE

We still have a couple of wood scroll Calendars 2024 available in the Piety Store in the gathering space at the church, after the weekend Masses. Calendars are \$20 each and we only have 3 different calendars left, **Divine mercy(x1), St Anthony (x2), and Sacred Heart Jesus(x1)**. All money raised to St Augustine Parish.



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