

KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

14 January 2024



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



Readings for next Sunday:
Jonah 3:1-5,10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Christian Life 1

This title may be misleading. The two are not separate. Communal, explicit and formal activities of Christian worship or liturgy may be distinguished from the rest of Christian life but the two are distinct without separation. This is central to the Christian and Jewish traditions. The further complexities of the relationship whereby Christian life is a form of worship and Christian worship a concentration and manifestation of the life will gradually emerge. The purpose of this series of articles is to explore these complexities as they have developed in the Christian tradition and continue to challenge the Christian community.

Moral theology was seen as the only teaching on Christian life. The renewal of moral theology and of liturgical studies brought about an increased interest and interaction between worship and Christian action in the world. Cf NDSW p

Looking at the Readings

The call of Samuel by God and the call of the first two apostles by Christ are announced in the readings today. Samuel is a young boy and does not quite understand what is being said and how he is called. Taking Eli's advice he waits for the voice to call him a fourth time: Samuel! Samuel! And he is ready to reply: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." God gave Samuel a most difficult task to do which is omitted from the reading today. Then the next morning, again with Eli's firm encouragement Samuel gave him the message. For today the message is not the issue, the call of a young boy to be God's servant and mouthpiece is the crucial point.

John the Baptist, similar to Eli, guides Andrew and the unnamed disciple to follow Jesus. The next morning Andrew finds his brother, Peter, and introduces him to Jesus. This time the mission with its message is not yet revealed but in trust and faith they start their discipleship.

"Come and see" is more than a call, more than an invitation. The disciples embarked on a personal encounter with the Lord. They "saw and stayed with him" which deepened their relationship and enabled Andrew to say: "We have found the Messiah". The Gospel according to John repeats the call to the reader to "Come and See"; to "Stay and Believe" by the words and actions, the signs and wonders that the Lord has given.

Pope Francis on Call and Mission

God's call, includes a "sending". There is no vocation without mission. There is no happiness and full self-realization unless we offer others the new life that we have found. God's call to love is an experience that does not allow us to remain silent. St Paul says, "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16). The First Letter of John begins with the words, "What we have heard and seen, looked at and touched – the Word made flesh – we declare also to you, so that our joy may be complete" (cf 1:1-4).

Prayer for the Week

From our earliest days, O God, you call us by name. Make our ears attentive to your voice, our spirits eager to respond, that, having heard you in Jesus your anointed one, we may draw others to be his disciples. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Shane McDonell

Anniversaries: Joseph Bowman

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



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Fr Uday Marneni,

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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

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

Tue 30th January - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 1st February - 9.15am

Weekly Masses

Sun 4th February - 8.30am

ROSTERS

Sunday 21st January at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – M O'Shea

Saturday 27th January at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – M Radanov

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 28th January at 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – A Ryan

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.

GOODBYE FROM FR JOHN PAUL

Message from Fr John After more than three years of pure joy and absolute blessings. I am immensely grateful to all of you for your patience, kindness, friendship, and generosity towards me. The warmth and acceptance I've experienced from this community has been truly heartening. I hold dear the openness you shared with me, allowing me to be a part of your lives. From the celebrations of baptism, first reconciliation, first eucharist and confirmations, to the solemn moments of praying by the bedside of a loved one and anointing them with the soothing oil of God's tenderness, and even the heartbreak of laying a loved one to rest in the hope of eternal life – these experiences have truly touched my heart. Please know that you are all in my prayers, and I pray that God continues to bless you. I have truly been blessed to be part of this parish - thank you. Fr John Paul Pasala

SOCIAL GATHERING

(Happy Hour) will be held at Parkland Golf Club on Thursday 18th January at 4.30pm. Bring along a small plate of nibbles to share. Drinks at bar prices. Invite a friend or someone who may live alone. All welcome

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.

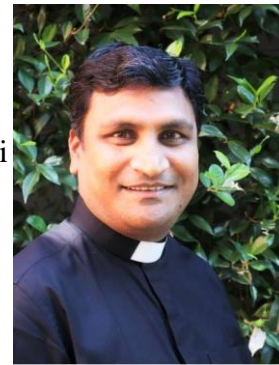
COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

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.

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)

“He who possesses God lacks nothing: God alone suffices.” *St. Teresa of Ávila*

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Have you checked out the piety store in the gathering space of the church? Do you have a family baptism, sacramental member? Why not grab a lovely gift?

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 Uday, 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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