



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Cycle B

31 December 2023



Readings for this week: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40



Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

Feast of the Holy Family

Celebrated within the Christmas cycle, this feast commemorates the saving truth that Christ grew up nourished by human love and subject to human authority, yet was destined, in the Spirit, to be oriented to God the Father's will and word in a way that relativised all fleshly ties (cf. Mark 3:34–35).

The Feast was introduced as an optional memorial in 1894 on the third Sunday after Epiphany then moved to 19 January and again to the first Sunday after the Epiphany and finally as a universal feast to the Sunday after Christmas or the 30 January, Pope St John XXIII, in particular, desired to foster family groups and associations to protect and promote family life and values.

The Collect at Mass:

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

Looking at the Readings

While the Gospel for this feast tell us about the family life and events of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the accompanying readings follow themes not connected to the Holy Family but rather connected to the purpose of the Feast Day (see the column on the left). The Gospels relate three separate difficulties the Holy Family experienced together: their escape into Egypt and return (A: Matt 2:13, 19-23); the prophecies of Simeon and Anna concerning suffering and sorrow at the presentation of Jesus in the Temple (B: Luke 2:22-40 [today]) and account of losing and finding 12 year old Jesus in the Temple (C: Luke 2:41-52).

The first reading from the book of Genesis gives a very abbreviated account of the promise to Abraham that he will be a father and a beginning of a new line of descendants. Then we skip six chapters to hear the fulfilment of God's promise with Sarah giving birth to Isaac. Our response is: "The Lord remembers his covenant forever." A praise of God's faithfulness to his people for 1000's of generations. The second reading is a praise of the faith of Abraham and Sarah. The faith of parents: Mary and Joseph, Abraham and Sarah is the faith we find from God to be parents in a tough world, in difficult times and in uncertain futures our our sons and daughters, and their children.

Pope Francis of the Family

To protect harmony in the family, the dictatorship of the "I" has to be fought - when the "I" inflates. It is dangerous when, rather than listening to one another, we blame one another for mistakes; when, rather than showing care for each other, we become fixated on our own needs. It is sad to see a family at dinner, with everyone on their mobile phone. In the evening, when everything is over, always make peace. Never go to bed without making peace.

Prayer for the Day

O God, you cradle us at the beginning of life and embrace us at our journey's end, for you love us as your own. Bind our families together and deepen our faith, that, like the Holy Family of Nazareth, we may grow in wisdom, obedient to your word. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

Mary and Joseph, Abraham and Sarah easily chose names for their sons. But I heard one family put more effort into determining their username and password for their Wi-Fi than naming their first child. But it should be easy naming your kids: you don't have to add extra digits and special characters for that greater security.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Alan McGrath, Maria Zappala,

Anniversaries:

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



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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 31st December – 8.30am

Tue 2nd January - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 4th January – 10am Anointing Mass

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

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 7th January at 8.30am

Commentator – A Snell

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – J Chant

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 784.35 - Christmas \$1000.35

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We would like to wish all Parishioners, staff and students best wishes for a happy and safe New Year and holiday break.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Fr John will celebrate his final mass at Kyabram next Sunday 7th Jan. There will be a cuppa after mass. You are welcomed to bring a plate.

TONGALA MASS

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

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

On behalf of the St Vincent De Paul Conference Kyabram, we would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to the St Augustine's Parish Christmas Tree Appeal this year.

The generosity and kindness shown to those less fortunate than ourselves at this Christmas time is of great benefit to many members of our community.

Thank you once again for the generous donation.

St Vincent De Paul Conference Kyabram.

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 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.

MEN'S CHOIR

The men's choir has restarted on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please come at 8am to practice.

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.

CUPPA AFTER MASS ROSTER

Thank you to the people who have volunteered to be on the roster. A new roster is now available. Please see Mary Zobec if you have not received yours.

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.

FROM THE BISHOP

Clergy Appointments

As a result of priests moving to a new parish, several associated responsibilities are no longer practical, and I have made the following new appointments:

Vicar Forane of the Goulburn Valley Deanery: Fr Jophin Joy ALCP/OSS (commencing 13 January 2024)

Supervising Priest of the Rushworth Parish: Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ (commencing 24 January 2024)

'Come and See' Program

Abishek Mandanu and Anil Madanu, who I met during my recent pastoral visit to India, will undertake a three-month 'Come and See' program in the Diocese in early 2024. During this time, they will visit the seminary and several parishes to gain an experience of ministry in Australia. Following this, a decision will be made about whether they commence as seminarians for the Diocese.

New Seminarian

I have accepted Ryerson De Lai, from Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura, as a seminarian for the Diocese. He will commence formation at Corpus Christi College in February 2024.

"Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You."
St. Augustine of Hippo

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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)**

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| 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 have wood scroll Calendars 2024 available in the Piety Store in the gathering space at the church, after the weekend Masses. \$20 each and 5 different calendars, **Divine mercy, Holy Family, Miraculous, St Anthony, and Sacred Heart Jesus.** All money raised to St Augustine Parish.

