



Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday 20 November 2022



Readings for this week:

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43



Readings for next Sunday

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44



Liturgical Jottings *Ars Celebrandi 2*

The art of celebration is not something that can be improvised. Like every art, it requires consistent work. For an artisan, technique is enough. But for an artist, in addition to technical knowledge, there has also to be inspiration. The true artist does not possess an art but rather is possessed by it. One does not learn the art of celebrating by frequenting a course in public speaking or in persuasive techniques of communication. (I am not judging intentions, just observing effects.) Every tool can be useful, but it must be at the service of the nature of the Liturgy and the action of the Holy Spirit. A diligent dedication to the celebration is required, allowing the celebration itself to convey to us its art.

Desiderio Desideravi n 50
Pope Francis 19/6/22

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Looking at the Readings

The three readings all include the concept of kingship and reality of kings. David is anointed king, St Pauls write of the kingdom of the Son of God and in the Gospel the crowd mocked Christ's kingship yet the good thief recognised him as true king and Pilate allowed INRI (Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews) to hang on the cross. But! There is a big BUT to the concept of kingship: David a former shepherd ruled like a caring shepherd. The Kingdom of the Son in Colossians is closely connected to Christ's death on the cross and repeated in today's Gospel. We arrive at this Feast of Christ the King, depicting a shepherd, one who suffers and dies on the cross

The good thief crucified alongside Jesus, speaks: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus is a Hebrew name that means: "God Saves!" In the Hebrew scriptures, it is nearly always God that remembers and it is the people who forget. And to complete this man's acclamation of faith he acknowledges that Jesus is going to the eternal kingdom. With him we may also respond with today's psalm: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Did You Know?

Luke 23:35 "The people stayed there before the cross **watching** Jesus" There were all sorts of people: the jeering crowd, his mother and friends, an apostle, the Roman soldiers, the elders. Luke uses the Greek word "**theorein**" translated as watching (39 times), beholding (8 times), looking on (7 times) and staring and abiding (one apiece) in 56 different English bible versions. "**Theorein**" may be best translated as "**con-templating**" and so inviting his readers to also contemplate this scene.

Prayer for the Week

O Cross, mighty love of God and light of heaven!
Cross, eternal salvation, Cross, terror of sinners,
support of the just, light for Christians,
O Cross by whom on earth the God made man became our servant,
by you, the man of heaven has become king!
The light of truth has sprung up, the evil night has been conquered!
You are the peaceful link that unites one to Christ, his mediator"
You have become the ladder by which one climbs to heaven.
May you always be for the faithful a pillar and anchor:
Hold up our dwelling-place, guide our ship!
In the Cross, Lord, ground our faith, as it prepares our crown!
St Paulinus of Nola, died 431 AD

On the Lighter Side

A Haitian Christian youth group took 79 hours to read aloud at normal rate the complete bible in their church.



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES DURING NOVEMBER

For those wishing to have deceased family and friends prayed for during November, a basket will be available in front of the Font to place the names and remembrance envelopes for our deceased loved ones. November offering envelopes are available at the back of the church. Alternatively, for those unable to attend Mass, November envelopes with names can also be dropped off into the mailbox at the presbytery front door.

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12 2022

We congratulate our year 12 students of St. Augustine's who have graduated this week, for their hard work which has finally paid off. We feel so proud of you. May God continue to bless you as you move forward in your careers.



PRAYER FOR THE STATE ELECTION

Heavenly Father, You are the source of goodness, justice and truth. We thank you for the many freedoms we enjoy in Australia, including free and fair elections.

We entrust to you the State of Victoria and all who live within it.

We pray for the gift of wisdom ahead of the upcoming election. Guide us in our deliberations, so we may seek to elect representatives who will work tirelessly to pursue the common good in all things.

We pray for all those standing for election and their families. May all those elected work diligently to build a more just society.

May our local community of Victoria be a place where peace and justice flourish, religious freedom is respected, and all people, especially the most vulnerable are valued, respected and cared for.

And may we each renew our commitment to do the same ourselves – following the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in all things.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Advent Reconciliation

Thursday 15th December at 6pm –followed by social gathering

Christmas Eve

Saturday 24th December
Carols commencing at 6:00pm,
Mass at 6:30pm

Christmas Morning

Sunday 25th December
Mass at 8:30am

New Year Morning

Mass at 8.30am

. VICTORIAN FLOOD APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. A poster and related publicity are being prepared and should be available early next week, but if parishioners or schools are enquiring before then, contributions can be made by:

- **Call 13 18 12**
- visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>. You can also
- make a monetary donation through any one of our Vinnies Shops at point of purchase
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKENDS

Saturday 26th at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister- L Sorbello

Sunday 27th November at 8.30am:

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – M Cocks

Sunday 4th December at 8.30am:

Commentator – M Carver

Lector –N Watt

Special Minister – M O'Shea

FUNDRAISER FOR St Augustine

There are few more wood scroll Calendars 2023 available at the back of the church. , after the weekend Masses. \$20 each. Please contact **Veronica Fox**.

CEMETERY MASS SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Mass will be held
On Saturday, 26th November at 9.00 am
at the Kyabram Cemetery.
Please bring a chair, and if you like flowers.

MESSA AL CIMITERO

La Santa Messa per i nostri Defunti sara celebrata
Sabato 26 Novembre alle ore 9am nel cimitero di
kyabram per piacere portatevi la sedia.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes are now available to be picked up from the back of the church. Please note that electronic payments have not been updated on statements for the month of October. Thank you and God Bless You.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Amy Nicholson, Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Concetta Barbagallo,

Recently Deceased: Pat Anderson

Anniversaries: Allan Baker, Domenico Quattrocchi

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



WEEKLY TIME TABLE

Mon 21 Nov -
Tues 22 Nov Rosary 4:45pm, Mass 5:00pm. Liturgy Meeting 5.45pm.
Wed 23 Nov -
Thurs 24 Nov Mass 9:15am (Grade 5 & 6, Year 8) Memorial Service 6pm.
Fri 25 Nov -
Sat 26 Nov Cemetery Mass 9am, Mass at 6pm.
Sun 27 Nov Mass 8:30am

Mon 28 Nov -
Tues 29 Nov Rosary 4:45pm, Mass 5pm.
Wed 30 Nov -
Thurs 01 Dec Mass 10am, Anointing Mass.
Fri 02 Dec -
Sat 03 Dec No Mass
Sun 04 Dec Mass 8:30am, Mass 11.30am at Tongala.

Please find the Letter from the Bishops and an accompanying prayer at the back of the church.

Information to help you navigate these issues of significance can be found at: www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022.

SERVICE TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES

St Augustine's Parish Bereavement Support Group together with the Kyabram District Nursing Service, invite all those in our community who are grieving to attend the Memorial Service St Augustine's Church Kyabram Thursday, 24th November 2022 at 6.00pm.

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 on

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 together and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates
Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Aug's Church Kyabram.

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of

David our father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

VICTORY DEARLY-WON

While the idea of the monarchy may be a difficult and controversial one in contemporary Australia, today's feast calls us to reflect on the paradoxical kingship of Christ. We are invited to ponder with awe and gratitude a kingship unlike any other. In the ancient world, people such as Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar became kings or emperors as a result of their military exploits. David was acclaimed king by the tribes of Israel precisely on that basis. His military prowess was seen to be a sign of God's blessing upon him and his descendants. When we reflect on the kingship of Jesus it is patently clear that Jesus' exploits and prowess are of another kind. His battles were against sin, suffering and death. His victory was dearly won and his enthronement took place on a rocky outcrop called Calvary, surrounded by misunderstanding, ridicule, rejection and calls to exercise his kingship by saving himself. Both the early Christian hymn of Colossians and Luke's passion narrative bear eloquent testimony to a kingship based on service and self-giving love.

In the hymn from Colossians, we witness the outpouring of the faith of the early Church as it praised Jesus as Lord of creation, head of the Church, and firstborn from the dead. However, they did not lose sight of the fact that it was on the cross that victory had been won, wounds healed and all creation reconciled with God.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

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FIRST READING

2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / Let us go to God's house. / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. R.

3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. R.

SECOND READING

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.



Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers — all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way, because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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