



# Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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We come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land

**Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**



Readings for  
this Sunday

Numbers 11: 25-29  
James 5:1-6  
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



Readings for  
next week:

Genesis 2:18-24  
Hebrews 2:9-11  
Mark 10:2-16



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Senses - Touch

Entering the Church we touch the holy water to bless ourselves. We make the sign of the cross with our hands at the beginning and end of Mass and at the gospel we sign the forehead, lips and over the heart with our thumb. We shake hands at the sign of peace. We touch the Eucharist in receiving Holy Communion.

As Christ and the apostles laid hands for healings, blessings and commissioning, ministers of the church lay hands in celebrating baptisms, confirmations, anointing the Sick and Holy Orders. Couples hold hands in the marriage rite.

Touching is very human way to communicate meaning but with Covid-19-safe directions many of these opportunities are on hold.

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## Focus on the Readings

The delightful account of Medad and Eldad, two men only once cited in the scriptures, serves as a perennial lesson. Lesson about God's freedom and the human tendency to restrict God's freedom into their institutions and laws. Joshua wanted to keep things in order and control, Moses recognised the emerging conflict and was able to allay human fears and trust in God's initiative.

An identical issue arose with the apostles and the unnamed follower of Christ healing outside the camp. Again Jesus addressed their concern, allayed the conflict and went further in assuring anyone who does even a minor gesture in his name will attain the reward of the kingdom of God.

Both spontaneous and enigmatic actions of Christians doing good works in faith must be recognised, accepted and celebrated. On the other side of the coin leaders and authorities are challenged to be open and unafraid to accept these actions and refrain from institutionalisation and over legislation. The Church has the practice in its laws to recognise "Epikieia" as a principle and virtue in responding to cases outside the norms. This principle is often described as the work of the Holy Spirit in practice.

The second half of today's Gospel serves as a lesson to care for the vulnerable in our midst and by a common literary device of hyperbole, exaggerations, of those times, Jesus warns us the need for integrity and wholeness in faith and actions.

## Epikieia, Moral Principle and Virtue

Epikieia, this oldest and often forgotten virtue, serves as a basis for pastoral solutions in particular cases. It is not a contra-norm against the norm, but is suitable to evaluate particular cases in an extra-judicial way. Life is always richer than any law or regulation that can be formulated, and our God is a God of life. *Précis from Prof Günter Virt in the Journal of the Faculty of Theology, University of Malta 63/1 (2013): 17-34*

## Season of Creation

Pope Francis introduces a new phrase into Church teaching, integral ecology and connect ecological insights with the radical way of life of St Francis in his environmental encyclical *Laudato Si'* (#10-11). It embraces a bundle of connected spheres - ecology, human fulfilment, care for the poor, economics, politics and life style. Believers can proclaim with joy the integral link between Justice, Peace and Care for Earth. It offers a new spiritual package to inform our Sunday Mass and a guide to daily living that we can bring to prayer. [www.columbans.org.au](http://www.columbans.org.au)

## On the Lighter Side

I broke a mirror and got seven years bad luck, but my lawyer reckons he can get me four.

## REFUGEE & MIGRANT SUNDAY (26<sup>th</sup> Sept)

For this year's **WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES**, Pope Francis has chosen the theme: **TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER "WE"**. He says, "The present time shows that this "we" willed by God is broken and fragmented, wounded and disfigured. This becomes all the more evident in moments of great crisis, as is the case with the current pandemic. Our "we", both in the wider world and within the Church, is crumbling and cracking due to myopic and aggressive forms of nationalism (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 11) and radical individualism (cf. *ibid.*, 105). And the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as others: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries. The truth however is that we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single "we", encompassing all of humanity."

We give thanks for the variety of gifts with which our migrant & refugee brothers & sisters have enriched the tapestry of Australian life. We pray Australia will continue to generously "welcome the stranger".

## MASS BOOKINGS

As per the Victorian Government Covid restrictions, currently Mass numbers will be limited to 20 people, plus those necessary to conduct the service.

**Bookings for weekend Masses only** can be made through Trybooking on our website or ringing the Parish Office and leaving a message. **Bookings do not need to be made for weekday Masses.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** -

**Anniversaries:** Virginia Spina



## MASS TIME & ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.30am:**

Commentator – M DiPetta; Lector – S Carroll;  
(No Special Minister required).

## SEPTEMBER PPC REPORT (repeated)

A few items repeated from last weekend's bulletin PPC report:

- Our final workshop on the Strategic Plan continues to be on hold until we can meet face to face, but that has not stopped the PPC from making plans for the future and how we can better service our Parish.
- **A new phone system** has been installed in the Parish and any messages left now are sent through emails so office staff can respond quickly, especially during lockdown when office staff were working from home.
- A reminder to everyone that **Parish bulletins** are available at the front of the Presbytery/Parish Office from Friday afternoon for those who are unable to access the bulletin online. We encourage parishioners to drop off a bulletin to those who are housebound.
- We are planning a **parish get together** around November, hopefully when restrictions are eased; so stay tuned and if you have any ideas please send us a message via the Parish Office to PPC members.
- We would love to hear from **parishioners how they are coping with the pandemic** and share stories on our bulletin, so if you can please send through any tips, reflections etc that would be wonderful.

**Parish office hours** are limited over the school holidays so please contact the office with any bulletin notices or anniversary names well in advance.

## DIARY DATES

Mon	27 Sept	-
Tues	28 Sept	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed	29 Sept	-
Thurs	30 Sept	Mass 9.15am
Fri	1 Oct	-
Sat	2 Oct	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	3 Oct	Mass 8.30am
Mon	4 Oct	<i>Term 4 begins</i>
Tues	5 Oct	Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Protection of the Unborn)
Wed	6 Oct	-
Thurs	7 Oct	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	8 Oct	-
Sat	9 Oct	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	10 Oct	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Tongala