



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

Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross

Sunday 8th August 2021



Readings for this Sunday
1 Kings 17:8-16
Colossians 3:12-17
Matthew 6:25-34



Readings for next week:
Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6,10
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Luke 1:39-56



Liturgical Jottings

Patron Saints of Australia

The people and their newly arrived pastor, Father John Therry selected Blessed Mary, under the title of Help of Christians as their patron saint of Australia. In 1844, at the first assembly of Australian Bishops Mary Help of Christians was officially declared the patron saint of Australia; feast day is 24 May.

St Francis Xavier (3 Dec) and St Therese of Lisieux (1 Oct), as co-patrons of the universal missions, were also patrons of Australia until 1976, when Australia was no longer considered a mission country.

On request 15 January 2013, of the Australian Church, Rome approved St Mary of the Cross MacKillop as the Australia's second patron saint of. Her feast day is today, 8 August.

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Focus on the Readings

The three Scripture Readings for the Solemnity were chosen to express the spirit, charism and faith of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. From the first Book of Kings the widow of Zarephath was down to her last supply of food for her son and herself. She thought they would both perish. Mary, in providing for poor mothers and their children, often wondered if she would have enough food for the next day. Then an Elijah-like person would arrive at the door with supplies. Like the miracle in the first reading, food often appeared by God's providence and human agents.

Mary often suffered at the hands of incompetent leaders: her school master in Victoria, her bishop in South Australia, and some education and welfare authorities. With humility and strength she overcame all opposite and continued to work in generosity and thanksgiving as expressed in St Paul's letter to the Colossians. This passage also expresses her mission: "Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom" Col 3:16.

The Gospel, an extension of Our Lord's "Sermon on the Mount" is a teaching on trusting in the providence of God, God's care for his people and our freedom gained by trusting God. Mary's life and death expressed her "Trust in God" so much so that these very words are chiselled in marble on her gravestone.

Quote of Mary MacKillop

I feel a joy when things go well, for I see God's will in this, and an equal joy when they seem to go wrong or against our natural desire, for there again I see God's will, and am satisfied that He has accepted my prayers and those of many more for some other object at the time nearer to His adorable will. *From a letter of Mary MacKillop to Monsignor Kirby.*

From Today's Readings

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. *Gospel Acclamation in the Mass of St Mary of the Cross*

Pope Francis: Let us Dream

Time belongs to the Lord. Trusting in Him, we move forward with courage, building unity through discernment, to discover and implement God's dream for us, and the paths of action ahead.

On the Lighter Side

Sainthood comes in moments: of gentleness, of humour, of kindness, of times when we choose to do the loving thing. And for our 'companions on the journey', such moments help to keep their hope alive. *The Little Brown Book Too (pages 32-33)*



PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting will be held this coming **Tuesday, 10th August** at 5.30pm in the Presbytery.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

We congratulate the Sacramental children who made their First Reconciliation on Thursday evening, after two postponements due to Covid lockdowns.

Next weekend, the children will be making the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Bishop Shane Mackinlay DD will celebrate the two Sacramental Masses.

Mass times next weekend are:

Saturday (14th August):

- Sacramental Mass, 7.00pm in the Brigidine Centre.

Sunday (15th August):

- Mass 8.00am in St Augustine's Church
- Sacramental Mass, 10.30am in the Brigidine Centre.

As part of the children's preparation for the Sacraments they will be presented with 'The Creed' at Mass this weekend.

We ask that you keep the children and their families in your prayers.

THANK YOU

Following positive test results, I would like to thank everyone for their support and their prayers which have been very much appreciated.

It is great to belong to such a caring community.

- Angela Finn

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 14th August at 7.00pm:

To those rostered for this Mass, please note that you will not be required due to the Sacramental Mass in the Brigidine Centre.

Sunday 15th August at 8.00am:

Commentator – M Finn; Lector – Help needed; Special Minister – N Livsey

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome:

**Callum James Dervish
Oliver Brian Dervish
Letizia Jan Tenace**



into our faith community.

Please keep Callum, Oliver and Letizia and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

AN HOUR OF DEVOTION TO MARY

An hour of Devotion to Mary to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and to pray for all parishioner's needs, will be held at 4.00pm in St Augustine's Church on **Tuesday, 17th August.**

FESTIVAL MASS – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

2021 Goulburn Valley Regional Council Festival Mass and Gathering will be held on **Sunday, 12th September** at 10.30am in St Augustine's church, Kyabram.

Please RSVP by Saturday 28th August to rohans@svdp-vic.org.au. Please note that RSVP is essential as numbers may be limited depending on COVID restrictions.

This inspiring event – which celebrates our year in service – will include:

- Morning tea with presentation of long service badges and acknowledgement of Emeritus Vincentians;
- Mass at midday
- Commissioning of St Vincent de Paul Society Presidents
- Commissioning and recommissioning of St Vincent de Paul Society Members, Associate Members and Volunteers
- Lunch from 1.30pm with guest speaker.

Everyone is encouraged to invite family, friends and parishioners to come along.

QUOTE

Be kind with your words. They matter.

– Unknown

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: Constantina Palma

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	9 Aug	-
Tuesday	10 Aug	No Mass PPC meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday	11 Aug	-
Thursday	12 Aug	Mass 9.15am
Friday	13 Aug	-
Saturday	14 Aug	Mass – Sacraments 7.00pm Brigidine Centre
Sunday	15 Aug	Mass 8.00am St Augustine's Church Mass – Sacraments 10.30am Brigidine Centre
Monday	16 Aug	-
Tuesday	17 Aug	No Mass An Hour of Devotion to Mary 4.00pm
Wednesday	18 Aug	-
Thursday	19 Aug	No Mass
Friday	20 Aug	-
Saturday	21 Aug	Baptism 11.00am Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	22 Aug	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.00am Merrigum

NEW PARISH OFFICE PHONE SYSTEM

After a lengthy process and delays due to Covid, the Parish Office/Presbytery now has a new phone system and answering machine which will enable messages to be left and dealt with in a timely manner.

ONLINE TALKS – EUTHANASIA, DYING AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

'Euthanasia, Dying and the Dignity of the Human Person', a series of 3 ONLINE TALKS from the Catholic Dioceses of Broken Bay and Parramatta (NSW), starting Monday 1st August at 7.30 pm via Zoom. Each talk is free of charge and will feature speakers in theology, medicine and communications, they will be followed by a Q & A session.

Although the first session has been held, registrations are still open for the following two sessions.

Details & Registration: www.parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 27: 55

Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 6: 25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Do not worry about your life.

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more that they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown in the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



POVERTY AND TRUST

Two themes, 'poverty' and 'trust' leap out from the readings for St Mary Mackillop's feast day, both befitting Australia's first saint. Poverty in itself is a lack, a harsh suffering, even a death sentence for those like the widow of Zarephath mentioned in today's first reading, as well as many families that Mary Mackillop served in 19th century Australia. From another perspective, poverty can be embraced as a gospel path, as a way to draw close to the poor and to God who loves the poor.

This path refers not only to the vocations of people like Mary Mackillop, but to an attitude to life itself: the willingness to trust not in material possessions but in the steadfast love of God (Gospel), the decision to let go of personal security in order to reach out to others (second reading).

Mary Mackillop lived life on all these fronts. She knew the bitterness of material impoverishment, she embraced God's love for the poor, and she boldly trusted in God to use her life and gifts in the service of the gospel.

As she assured her family, and the sisters in her congregation, on many occasions, and often in the face of material impoverishment, 'God will take care of us all'.

Teresa Pirola

THE SAVING WORD

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP), VIRGIN / B

08 AUGUST 2021

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17: 8-16

A reading from the first book of Kings.

The jar of meal shall not be spent . . .

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow here to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please', he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug: I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scope of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth.'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 63: 1-8. R. v. 8

R. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long: / for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry weary land without water. / So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see you strength and your glory. **R.**

2. For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. / So I will bless you

all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

3. On my bed I remember you, / on you I muse through the night / for you have been my help: / In the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 3: 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Bear with one another, forgive each other.

As the chosen of God, the holy people whom he loves,

you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another.

The Lord has forgiven you: now you must do the same.

Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond.

And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful.

Let the Word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you.

Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom.

With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.

■ The word of the Lord.