



# Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



Readings for  
this week:

Wisdom 9:13-18  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Luke 14:25-33



Readings for  
next Sunday

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32



## Liturgical Jottings

### Anointing of the Sick 1

One of the seven sacraments of the Church is the Anointing of the Sick. The revised rite from the reforms of Second Vatican Council was promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1972 titled: "The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick". The final English edition was prepared by ICEL, approved and published in Australia in December 1982 as the "Pastoral Care of the Sick, Rites of Anointing and Viaticum". The Ritual contains eight chapters providing various liturgies and rites for the sick, namely:

1. Visits to the Sick
  2. Visits to a sick child
  3. Communion of the Sick
  4. Anointing of the Sick
  5. Celebration of Viaticum
  6. Commendation of the Dying
  7. Prayers for the Dead
  8. Rites for Exceptional Circumstances
- And an appendix with the Rite for Reconciliation of Individuals.

## Looking at the Readings

We hear "Great Crowds" were accompanying Jesus to Jerusalem. It was a great opportunity to challenge them with the demands of believing and following him. These demands come at a great personal cost. Here is a popular quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer we may ponder on this Sunday:

"Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will gladly go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye, which causes him to stumble, it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows Him.

"Costly grace is the Gospel, which must be sought again and again, the gift, which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock.

"Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it costs God the life of His Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon His Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but deliver Him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God." *D Bonhoeffer, Le prix de la grâce, 1985 Traditions chrétiennes 20.*

## Paul's Letter to Philomen

The second reading is the letter from Paul to Philomen in Colossae. It is the shortest of Paul's writings, a personal note rather than a letter, only 25 verses, written while Paul is in captivity in Rome. The purpose was to solve a legal dilemma of a runaway slave but maintaining a Christian response by pleading freedom for the slave.

## Prayer of the Earth (part 2)

Fill us with peace, so that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

## On the Lighter Side

A bloke walks into a timber yard and orders some 2x4's. The yard assistant asks: "How long do you need them?" "A very long time," he replies, "We're building a house."



## FATHER'S DAY

Happy Father's Day to all of the special men out there. Enjoy!

God our Father,  
bless all the fathers in the world.  
Guide them to be good role models  
and loving to all their children.  
Help them to be a father like you are.  
Give them grace and patience  
to handle situations in a loving way.  
Grant this through Christ  
our Lord.

Amen.



## PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

The Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal will be taken up as a **leaving collection at all Masses this weekend** for the support of the retired priests of our Diocese.

The Retired Priests Foundation seeks your generosity in giving to this collection. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10, please use the envelopes provided at the back of the church.

Thank you for your contributions and prayers.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

This year's Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality.

It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.'

We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action.

To access the Statement, go to <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>.

More information is available at:

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

## PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you to our generous givers for your ongoing support of our Parish!

Our Planned Giving and collections are for – parish operating expenses, churches maintenance, clergy support and presbytery support.

If you are a new parishioner or now in a position to give there are many ways to give to our church needs.

Giving is by way of church envelopes, direct debit or periodic credit card payments and is flexible to suit your preference of weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, and half yearly or yearly. You can also give without a set pledge amount or timeframe to give by.

We encourage anyone who is not on the Planned Giving Program to contact the parish office. Thank you for considering this option to support our Parish.



## 2022 ANNUAL MARIAN FESTIVAL

The **48th Annual Marian Festival** will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on **Sunday 16th of October, 2022**, beginning with 11am Mass and concluding at 3.40pm.

The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima of the Diocese of Sandhurst joyfully invites all members of the faithful to come and join the celebrations of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 and as she requested, to pray for the world peace.

**St Brendan's Parish is organising a coach trip** to participate on the day (cost \$30 – payment and booking to be made before 30/9/22).

Please see the noticeboard at the back of the Church for further information, or call St Brendan's Parish office 5821 2633 or Bozena on 0426 867 647.

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday, 10th September at 6.00pm:**

Commentator – J Harris, Lector – L Ratcliffe,  
Special Minister – L Sorbello

**Sunday, 11th September at 8.30am:**

Commentator – M Carver, Lector – S Carroll,  
Special Minister – M DiPetta

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy

**Recently Deceased:** Dom Cerrone (1 month)

**Anniversaries:** John Brennan, Kathleen Clarke

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	5 Sept	-
Tues	6 Sept	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm
Wed	7 Sept	-
Thurs	8 Sept	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 3 & 4)
Fri	9 Sept	-
Sat	10 Sept	Mass of Thanksgiving – Sacramental Children 6.00pm (cuppa after Mass)
Sun	11 Sept	Mass 8.30am
Mon	12 Sept	-
Tues	13 Sept	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wed	14 Sept	-
Thurs	15 Sept	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 9 & 10)
Fri	16 Sept	-
Sat	17 Sept	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	18 Sept	Mass 8.30am (cuppa after Mass) Mass 12 noon Merrigum

## PARISH & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP LUNCHEON

An initiative of the PPC is to listen & discern with members of the Parish in order to formulate a Parish Strategic Plan.

Parishioners and PPC members are invited to attend a luncheon with students this **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September** from 12.54pm in either Our Lady Of Peace garden or rear of the Church, weather pending.

In order to assist with catering if you wish to attend please notify Parish Office Tuesday morning by 12.00 noon.

**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 0417 184 527.

**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.

## Parish Priest

Fr John Paul Pasala

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

### Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick (available in Parish Office on Thursdays, 8.30 to 5.00pm)

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

### Parish Office hours –

Tues/Wed/Fri – 8.30am to 12 noon

Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

Parish Office email address:

**kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au**

Parish Office website:

**www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au**

### Principals

St Augustine's College

Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary

Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala, Alma Limbrick

(Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan

(Chairperson), Maurie Finn,

Veronica Fox, Brendon Lane,

Finola Price, Jackie Stockdale,

Jay Sutton

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

Leanne Beck, James Harris, Naomi Hehir,

Peter Ryan, Terry O'Sullivan, Angela Shaw,

Mary Zobec

## Mass Times

### Kyabram

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

**Saturday** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## GETTING OF WISDOM

The search for wisdom has never been an easy one and each of us grapples with the challenge of making sense of the complex tapestry of life. As the first reading so pointedly observes, 'It is hard enough to work out what is on earth ... who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?' In the centuries that preceded Jesus' birth the people of Israel were fascinated, frightened and challenged by their encounter with the culture and philosophy of the Greek-speaking world. The book of Wisdom is one of the fruits of that encounter and was itself written in Greek. While the Greeks looked to Plato and Aristotle, the author of the book of Wisdom had come to see that true wisdom is a gift from God and is to be found in the traditions of Israel most particularly in the Law of Moses.

Jesus knew all too well that true wisdom has its price. As he journeys towards his death, those who would be disciples are forcefully reminded to carefully consider the cost of discipleship.

Paul was one apostle of the Lord who knew the cost of discipleship. For the sake of the gospel he had gone through many trials (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:22-29) and had suffered and learnt much. Writing from prison he now has to call on all his stores of wisdom to convince Philemon to take back his runaway slave Onesimus. In a world where slavery was an accepted reality, Philemon is challenged to see his former slave as a brother in Christ.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

4 SEPTEMBER 2022

**FIRST READING**

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
*Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?*

'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESP PSALM**

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning, / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**



**SECOND READING**

Philem 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self: I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

■ **The word of the Lord.**