



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 July 2023



Readings for  
this week:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43



Readings for  
next Sunday:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52



## Liturgical Jottings Morning Prayer

The Liturgy of the Hours, also called the Divine Office is the official book of prayers of the church. The daily prayers are set out in “Hours”. The two hinges of the day are morning and evening prayer with smaller “hours” completing the day: prayer during the day and night prayer. Also included is the Office of Readings. The morning prayer is also known as “Lauds” from the Latin “Laudate” meaning *Praise* coming from the last three Psalms. It is one of the most ancient Christian rites tracing back to the Apostles. The Prayer is recited at daybreak to give praise to God for the new day and to offer the work of the forthcoming day to the Lord. It consists of several elements: a hymn, a morning psalm, an Old Testament canticle, a psalm of praise, short scripture reading and responsory, the Benedictus (hymn of Zechariah), intercessions, the Lord's Prayer and concluding prayer or Collect. The texts and antiphons are according to the liturgical day, season or feast.

## Looking at the Gospel

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be ‘merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity’, and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope. © Dianne Bergant CSA

## Pope Francis on Good & Evil, Wheat and Weeds

The Lord helps us to understand that good and evil cannot be identified with specific areas or human groups: “These are the good, those are the bad”. He tells us that the boundary line between good and evil passes through the heart of each of us. Then Jesus teaches us a different way of looking at the field of the world, of observing reality. We are called to learn God’s time — which is not our time — and also God’s “gaze”: thanks to the beneficial influence of uneasy anticipation, what were weeds or seemed to be weeds can become a good product. It is the reality of conversion. It is the prospect of hope!. Sunday Angelus 23 July 2017

## Quote of the Day

Because evildoers persevere in their misdeeds, will not God persevere in his patience. *St Augustine. Letter 153*

## On the Lighter Side

I took a picture of a wheat field today.

It came out pretty grainy.

A man was arrested while running in a wheat field.

He was charged for going against the grain.

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## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Fr Steve Bowhan, Cheryl Pearce (Baker), Anne Dodd, Sam Peyton, Philip Bowman, Shane McDonell, Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, John Zobec

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

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



## **Parish Priest**

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**Mass Times**

[Kyabram](#)

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 are held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

## **FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE**

### **Weekly Masses**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 6pm

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 8.30am

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 27<sup>th</sup> July – 9.15am – Year 7 & Year 11

### **Weekly Masses**

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> July - 8.30am

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> August - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> August - 10am – Anointing Mass

### **Weekly Masses**

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> August - 8.30am

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> August - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> August - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> August - 9.15am – Year 1/2 & Year 8

### **Weekly Masses**

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> August - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm – cuppa after Mass

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> August - 8.30am

## **ROSTERS**

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 8.30am**

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister – J Chant

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 8.30am**

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – M Cocks

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm**

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – M Radanov

Special Minister – C Stewart

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

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

**Last week's Collection is \$ 1195.85**

## **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.

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN FELLOWSHIP DAY

You are invited to join the Annual Fellowship Day at St Andrew's Church St, Kyabram on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm followed by afternoon tea.

This year the day is co-hosted by St Andrew's and St Augustine's. Theme for this year is "Renewal through Trust: Growing in God's Ways."

Australian Church Women Inc. seeks to unite Christian women across denominational boundaries and to promote peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It supports Christian outreach to migrants, refugees, and the peoples of the Pacific and South-east Asia. This service is open to women and men, and gives local Christian groups a chance to show ecumenical solidarity. We encourage people to make an effort on behalf of St Augustine's Parish. Make a group and come along.

Enquiries: Maria 0427 194 885.

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome Patrick DePasquale son of Ross and Taleera into our faith community. Please keep Patrick and his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

## SACRAMENTAL FORMATION EVENING

A reminder that the next formation evening for the Sacramental families will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm.

## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer group next meeting will be Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 5pm in the church. Please join in for Adoration, prayer and reflection on the word. Inquiries Mary 0427 190 282.

## MEN'S CHOIR

The men's choir will be restarting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Please come at 8.00am to practice with Brendon.

## MINISTRY OF LECTOR AND COMMENTATOR

We are looking for new people to be readers and commentators. If you are interested, please write your contact details on the clipboard in the gathering space or contact parish office. Training will be made available.

## ST DONATO FEAST DAY – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

A Mass to celebrate the annual St Donato Feast will be celebrated on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 10.00am at Sacred Heart Church Tatura followed

by 3 course lunch and entertainment by Rick Brun, Auctions and Raffles at Tatura Italian Social Club. Tickets adults \$60 and youth (5-12) \$25. RSVP by 1<sup>st</sup> August to Nick Lagozzino 0412726481 or Pino Lagozzino 0427677943, Joe Gagliardi 0438579989 or Mary Zobec 0427190282

## WORLD YOUTH DAY

We pray for all who are making their way to Lisbon Portugal for World Youth Day 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> August that the Holy Spirit will inspire our youth and bring them home safely.

## PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 23<sup>rd</sup>

**July 2023** Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Am

## ANOINTING MASS.

Did you know that the Anointing Mass is not only for the sickly and fragile but for anyone who is in need of healing of mind, body and spirit. Our next Anointing mass will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> of August at 10am followed by a cuppa.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS-From Bishop Shane

Last Friday and Saturday in Shepparton, the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council (SMPC) held its second meeting. Having considered recommendations made by the Council, I am very pleased to announce the following appointments:

### Chair of the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council

Ms Gabby Downie – St Joseph's Parish, Benalla  
*This initial appointment of SMPC Chair is for a period of 12 months, after which there will be a preliminary review of the role before any further appointment.*

### Member of the Diocesan Finance Council (from among the SMPC members)

Mr Mick Chalkley – St Therese's Parish, Kennington  
*This appointment is for a term of up to five years, provided that Mick remains a member of the SMPC during that time.*

### Participants in the College of Consultors

Mr Brendan Lindsay – St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton  
Ms Christine Sebire – St Mary's Parish, Echuca  
*This appointment is until the conclusion of the term of office of the current College of Consultors on 31 December 2027.*

I am very grateful for the willingness of each of these people to serve the needs of the diocese in these various roles, and I look forward to the contribution that they will make over the coming years.

Yours sincerely, Bishop *Shane Mackinlay*

**"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry." St. Francis de Sales**



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