



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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October 2020



Readings for this week:
Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



Readings for next Sunday:
Isaiah 45:1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21



Liturgical Jottings

Names for the Eucharist

Three weeks ago this column gave nine titles for the Eucharist listed in the Catholic Catechism (1328-32). Here are ten more from Catholic Hymnody: The Body of the Lord, the Body of Christ, Bread of Heaven; Sweet Sacrament Divine; Blessed Sacrament; Heavenly Food, Living Bread the Life, Bread of Life Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels), Living Bread of God, plus many more referring to the Last Supper, the heavenly banquet, Communion Cup and the Blood of Christ. These names and titles carry some the meaning and mystery of the sacrament as well as express our belief, spirituality and love of and devotion to the sacrament.

Looking at the Readings

A wedding banquet or feast is a great image of the kingdom of heaven. Isaiah and Our Lord Jesus present this image as the eschatological event – that is the activity in heaven at the end of time. Preparations are made, the menu organised, the invitations are sent, and the experiences are anticipated: the end of sadness and death (Is 25:7), the place filled (Matt 22:10); and “we shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.” (cf Ps 23:6)

Today’s parable is the third in a row addressed to the chief priests of the Temple, the Pharisees and the elders of the community. Christ is warning his listeners then and now that all are invited, but not all respond accordingly. His warning adds the consequence the invitees may find themselves out in the cold and the dark. We need to make life choices based on what is good and right, physically, morally, socially, spiritually and finally. Jesus’ invitation is in the form of his grace and love; our reply is by our life of integrity and love.

Prayer of the Week

God, of goodness and kindness, you invite all peoples to the banquet, and offer them a feast beyond compare. Give us your saving grace to keep unstained the robe of our baptism until that day when you welcome us to heaven’s joyful table. (*Collect 28th Week of Ordinary Time ICEL 1995*)

Did You Know?

In the time of Christ a Jewish wedding celebration often lasted for as long as a week, which may explain why some guests were reluctant to attend. Like living in the Kingdom, it was demanding!

Quote of the Week

Sorrow can be alleviated by a good sleep, a hot bath and a glass of wine. *St Thomas Aquinas*

On the Lighter Side

Occasionally I ask children and adults what meals are you likely to find in heaven. The way of the question eliminates any theological debate but gets straight to the issue. Answers range from the traditional Sunday roast with all the trimmings, favourite home cooked meals to the latest take-away fad. The connoisseur, young or old, would elaborate and include drinks, table settings and dinner companions. Then we move to the crux of the matter: “How?”



CARERS WEEK

Carers Week in Australia will be celebrated from 11th – 17th October this year. National Carers Week is about recognising and celebrating the outstanding contribution unpaid carers make to our nation.



Carers Australia defines carers as people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue, or who are frail aged. There are over 2.7 million family and friend carers in Australia providing 36 million hours of care and support every week. The replacement value of that unpaid care is \$1.1 billion per week.

The impact of caring on the carer's health and wellbeing should not be underestimated. Many carers have to balance their workload and responsibilities as a carer. Due to COVID-19, carers, parents, family and friends are facing even more challenges while supporting those who need them.

Parish communities can play a pivotal role in providing support, both spiritually and practically, to carers in their parish communities. We are called to not only celebrate and acknowledge carers but to look for ways to listen to, build relationships with and form networks of support for carers.

Pope Francis instructs us: "It means opening the doors and letting Jesus go forth. Many times we keep Jesus closed inside the parishes with us, and we do not go out and we do not let Him leave!"

We are encouraged to open the doors of our parishes and open our hearts to carers.

Gracious God, be with those whose lives are consumed by the loving care of others, with exhaustion leaving them empty from the act of giving. Grant them refreshment, rest and strength enough for the challenges of each day. May they, and those within their care, be blessed as love is given and received. Amen.

MARIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday, 11th October, 2020

For the last 45 years, the Marian Festival has been celebrated every year in the Bendigo area as a special day of prayers and devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

The festival has grown in size over time and in recent years hundreds have come from all over the Sandhurst Diocese as well as from Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong.

This year, because of the lockdown restrictions, the festival will be streamed online so people can participate from at home. **It will take place at St Liborius Church, Eaglehawk this Sunday, 11th October.** To watch online or to find out more, go to www.bendigofatima.com.

KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH LADIES VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Ladies - our next virtual morning tea will be on **Tuesday, 13th October** at 10.30am. Don't forget your special cup and this week bring along a special ornament that you treasure.

Your hosts are Alana Brennan and Mary Zobec. Please call Mary if you need help joining in on 0427 190 282.

You can join with the information below.

Topic: Kyabram Catholic Ladies Virtual Morning Tea.

Time: Oct 13, 2020 10:30am

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7652761030?pwd=auERURsQVJ4OFBrUDZPUnhUVnZMUT09>

or

Meeting ID: 765 276 1030

Passcode: 4YRfmr



QUOTE

Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it.

The time will pass anyway.

– Earl Nightingale

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

BISHOP SHANE'S MESSAGE TO YEAR 12s

Bishop Shane has a video message for all the Year 12s of 2020 in our Diocese.

To those that have already finished up for the year, to those who sat down to complete the GAT this week, to those who are completing VCAL, to those at our Catholic Schools and those at any of the schools or other educational settings within the Diocese, to each and every one of you, this message is for you!

Click the following link to view the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GB5B8WCk464>

We ask all in our Parish to pray for our Year 12s as they enter into term 4, exams, final assessments, goodbyes and new beginnings!



SAFEGUARDING POLICY for Children and Young People

Sandhurst Diocese regards the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults who attend our parishes and entities as one of its primary responsibilities.

The Diocese has zero tolerance to any form of abuse.

The Professional Standards Committee of the Diocese has undertaken a thorough review of its policies of safeguarding.

That same Committee recently approved and recommended to the Bishop the adoption of a revised safeguarding policy.

This policy is now the foundational and primary one to ensure all persons coming into our communities are safe from all harm.

POPE FRANCIS' THIRD ENCYCLICAL Fratelli Tutti (Brothers and Sisters All)

A world seeking a roadmap beyond the pandemic can find one in Pope Francis' new encyclical, which Archbishop Mark Coleridge says "is not just for believers but for the entire human family". The document focuses on the ideas of friendship and human solidarity. "In his previous encyclical *Laudato Si'* (Praise Be to You), Pope Francis spoke of care for our common home. Here he speaks of care for each other, the family that dwells together in the common home." said Archbishop Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

"Pope Francis offers a grand yet simple vision of human interconnectedness. We're all connected to each other in ways we scarcely imagine. Our task now is to work out what this means in practice as we look beyond the pandemic.

"In what he offers in this letter, the Pope can help with that. It's impassioned yet tender, visionary yet practical, radical yet reasonable."

Read *Fratelli Tutti* and access other material at: <https://www.catholic.org.au/fratellitutti>.

[Story courtesy of Australian Catholic Bishops Conference]

MENTAL HEALTH DAY (10th October)

People with disabilities or chronic health conditions may be three or four times more likely to develop depression and anxiety disorders.

Because they are 'invisible' illnesses, we are often tempted to misjudge people and expect that they can 'snap out of it' with willpower. We need to work towards changing Government and community attitudes so that they include compassion for people who live with mental illness.

BLESSED BE THESE HANDS:

Blessed be these hands that have touched life.
Blessed be these hands that have felt pain and tiredness.
Blessed be these hands that have lovingly embraced others with compassion.
Blessed be these hands that have been clenched in anger, or been withdrawn in fear.
Blessed be these hands that have drawn blood and administered medicine, written policies, protected patients, made progress notes, and cut through red tape.

Blessed be these hands that have cleaned bodies and beds, and disposed of wastes.
Blessed be these hands that have anointed the sick and suffering, offered blessings and prayers.
Blessed be these hands, some still smooth with youth - some that have grown stiffer with age.
Blessed be these hands that have comforted the dying and held the dead.
Blessed be these hands and all the creativity they engage.
Blessed be these hands, for with them we hold the future.
Blessed be our hands, for they are the work of your hands, O Holy One.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Una Donegan, Joan Childs, Jacqui Rosendale, Fr Peter Dell'Avo,
Fr Ted Harte

Recently Deceased: –

Anniversaries: –

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



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OUR BULLETIN

We continue to provide our weekly bulletin as we adjust to the impact of COVID-19 on our lives.

With none of the usual activities of Parish life at the moment, much that is contained in our bulletin is online links to other sites. We hope that these links will provide you with ways to celebrate your faith, find prayers and reflections, as well as activities to sustain you.

Fr Jinjo will continue to pray for our sick, our recently deceased and for anniversaries. If you would like a name included on the bulletin, please email to Kyabram@cdos.org.au.

Our peace and blessings to you all.

PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS

Our journey to the Plenary Council continues!

The postponement of the first session of the Plenary (originally scheduled for this month in Adelaide) is not so much a setback as a graced opportunity to continue our prayerful discernment.

Sandhurst responded enthusiastically to the first phases of discussion and reflection. We now have the opportunity to keep the momentum of preparation going by participating in the diocesan program of prayerful discernment around the six thematic papers of the Plenary. That diocesan program outlining our preparation between October 2020 - May 2021 can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

Let's continue our prayerful involvement!

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1739-our-journey-to-the-plenary-council-continues>



INTERNATIONAL WHITE CANE DAY 15th October each year

On this day we celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or have low vision, and the White Cane as an important symbol of blindness and a tool of their independence.

Currently, it is important for us to support our blind and low vision communities, especially in light of social distancing and social isolation of white cane users.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“My God will supply whatever you need...” - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are sceptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are sceptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.