



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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**Holy Trinity Sunday**

**Sunday 26 May 2024**



*Readings for this week:*

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20



*Readings for next Sunday:*

Exodus 24:3-8

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



## Liturgical Jottings

### Canonicity, Authenticity and Inspiration II

With the books in the Bible, "canonicity" and "inspiration" go hand in hand. All these books are "canonical" and they alone are "inspired." This is what faith attributes to them. This is why the establishment of the "canon" - the list - of books in the Scriptures, is given to the Church by tradition (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, 8). The Council of Trent, in its fourth session (1546), "judged it proper" to promulgate such a list.

The authenticity of a book or part of a book is the object of external criticism (what tradition says about it) and internal (an examination of the book itself). The question of authenticity affects many other works: documents, writings, works of art and music.

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## Focus on the Readings

The reading from the Book of Deuteronomy is a reflection or meditation on the presence and power of God from creation to the time of the Exodus. He is God in heaven and God on Earth. The people began to experience the nearness of God. They became familiar with his ways. He was their protection and their provider. As we listen to this reading at Mass or later we gain a sense of the work, life and love of the Trinity.

The second reading builds on this foundational experience of God. We are children of God (RNJB translation) able to call God, "Abba, Father" as Jesus taught.

The Gospel of Matthew's is the account of the commissioning of the Apostles and Jesus' ascension. The Trinity is explicitly named as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – not as a theological formula but as the direction of the Apostles' preaching and celebration of sacraments. Children learn the sign of the cross and the name of the Trinity well before they come to understand. May our experiences and meditation of the mystery of God lead us to deeper living out of our love and commitment to God and neighbour.

## Gospel Acclamation (cf Revelation 1:8)

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

## Quote of the Day

The Church announces the good tidings of salvation to those who do not believe, so that all may know the true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, and may be converted from their ways, doing penance. To believers also the Church must ever preach faith and penance, she must prepare them for the sacraments, teach them to observe all that Christ has commanded and invite them to all the works of charity, piety, and the apostolate. For all these works make it clear that Christ's faithful, though not of this world, are to be the light of the world and to glorify the Father before men and women. (*Constitution on the Liturgy art. 9*)

## On the Lighter Side

While shopping two nuns passed by a liquor store. Sr Mary asked Sr Colette if she would like a beer. She replied yes but would feel uncomfortable buying it. Sr Mary picked up a six-pack and took it to the surprised cashier and said, "This is for washing our hair." Without blinking an eye, he put a package of pretzels in the bag with the beer, saying, "The curlers are on me."





## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Olive McElroy, Daniel Lingard, Frances Corso, Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

**Recently Deceased:** Msgr Frank Hickey, Frank Pigatto, Tim Rawlings, Fay Herrick, Alexis Delahenty

**Anniversaries:** John Shaw, David Shaw, Julie Shaw, Didi Vengta, Leo Cavicchiolo

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

## ROSTERS

### Sunday 2 June 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – N Livsey

### Saturday 8 June at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – W Mulchay

Special Minister – L Busch

### Sunday 9 June 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – A Snell

Special Minister – J Chant

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 1229.75

## PARISH DETAILS

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Vicki Arnel – 0417 147 695

### PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT

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### PRINCIPALS

St Augustine's College - Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary - Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

## MASS TIMES

### KYABRAM

Week Day (Tuesday 5pm & Thursday 9.15am)

Saturday-2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday: 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

**ANointing MASS** - held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

This Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrate NATIONAL SORRY DAY when we commemorate the Stolen Generations. This event marks the beginning of NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK with the theme **NOW MORE THAN EVER** – a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Learn more at <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/> The Australian Bishops' Office have prepared a Resource for Sorry Day which continues the theme of their current Social Justice Statement, *Live, Love Learn: A New Engagement with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. You'll find both at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/> and for Laudato Si Resource from the Indigenous perspective go to: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/04/30/laudato-si-week-2/>

## MICROPHONE WORKSHOP

All lectors and commentators are encouraged to attend a microphone workshop on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June after 8.30am Mass. This workshop is intended to improve the quality of the sound in our church. If you are unable to attend please see Brendon Lane to arrange another time.

## CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

### Online Information Session

Monday 17 June at 7.30pm (AEST). Register via our website: [ctc.edu.au/information-session](http://ctc.edu.au/information-session)

For more information contact: Dr Maureen Saclot [ctc@ctc.edu.au](mailto:ctc@ctc.edu.au)

## RECONCILIATION DINNER

Reverend Shannon Smith will be presenting at St Andrews Reconciliation dinner at 5pm on Wednesday 29 May. There will be live music and a free sausage sizzle. At St Andrew's Anglican Church, 33 Church Street, Kyabram.

## SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY 2 AUGUST

For St Augustine's Trivia night. More details to come.

## FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

### Weekly Masses

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> May - 8.30am

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> May – 9.30am Whole College National Reconciliation Week Mass – Brigidine Centre FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> May – No 5pm Mass

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> May – 9.15 Year 5-8 Community Mass

### Weekly Masses

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June - 8.30am

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> June - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 6<sup>th</sup> June - 10am – Anointing Mass

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass



## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

On Tuesday 28 May at 9.30am the whole college of St Augustine's is holding a National Reconciliation Mass and FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony in the Bridgidine Centre. All welcome.

## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP LUNCH

On Tuesday 4 June May at 1pm the 9.30am the whole college of St Augustine's is holding a National Reconciliation Mass and FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony in the Bridgidine Centre. All welcome.

## NO MASS AT TATURA ON SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

Due to a scheduled power outage there will be no 10.30am Mass held at Sacred Heart Tatura on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. There will be Mass on Saturday 1 June at 6pm.

## FR UDAY TO TAKE MASS AT TONGALA

As Fr Novelito Lim will be away, and no Mass being held in Tatura, Fr Uday will be taking Mass at Tongala on Sunday 2 June.at 11.30am.

## SOCIAL GATHERING

(Happy Hour) will be held at Parkland Golf Club on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm. Bring along a small plate of nibbles to share. Drinks at bar prices. Invite a friend or someone who may live alone. All welcome.

## BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome William Hehir into our faith community. Please keep him and his parents and godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey

## LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 13 March at 2pm. If you need a ride, please call Mary Elliott 0427 822 754.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SURVEY

Near the end of last year, the Parish Pastoral Council asked parishioners to complete a survey to ascertain if the parish was meeting the needs of our parishioners. We thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey and share their views.

As the timing of the Survey coincided with the departure of Fr John Paul and the arrival of Fr Uday, the PPC decided it was prudent to consider the results with Fr Uday, as a new chapter was commencing in our parish.

Overall, the survey responses conveyed an extremely positive view of our Parish and the fellow parishioners who work tirelessly for the good of the parish.

The suggestions have been considered and implemented where appropriate. If any parishioner would like a copy of the responses, please contact Vicki at the Parish Office for a transcript. Thank you again for your support.

Parish Pastoral Council

## MONTHLY WORKING BEE

Monthly working bees are being held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 9.30am to do some general cleaning in the church eg dusting, cleaning glass doors, cobwebs, sweeping steps, etc. If you are able to help we would love to see you. The next working bee will be on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## 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.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1: 8  
Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was,  
and who is to come. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 28: 16-20

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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# Breaking Open the Word

## UNIQUENESS OF GOD AS TRINITY

The mystery of the Trinity as part of the revelation of God is something that we have come to know as part of our faith. As we engage with the readings today, we encounter something of the biblical journey to the understanding we have.

The verses of Deuteronomy focus on the uniqueness of God. Moses recalls Israel's exceptional encounters with God on Mount Horeb and in Egypt, declaring in v. 39 'there is no other'. Moses entreats the people to take to heart the all-encompassing realm of God and to keep God's 'statutes and commandments'. Paul, beginning with the statement that those led by the Spirit are children of God, logically unfolds that relationship step by step, to reveal that we are joint heirs with Christ. In this short passage, Paul presents Father, Son and Spirit in relationship with believers, an important text for later development of the theology of the Trinity.

The Gospel contains the final verses of Matthew. The location – a mountain – immediately suggests a connection with the encounter with God mentioned in the first reading. The eleven are gathered to see the resurrected Jesus before he ascends. They are then sent out to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The inclusion of teaching all future disciples to 'obey everything I have commanded' also echoes the words of Moses. Jesus words, 'I am with you always' links these final words with the beginning of Matthew's Gospel and highlights the all-encompassing presence of God from the beginning, recalled in Deuteronomy, and for all believers in the future.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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## FIRST READING

Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

*The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?'

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

Ps 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

2. By his word the heavens were made, / by the breath of his mouth all the stars. / He spoke; and they came to be. / He commanded; they sprang into being. **R.**

# THE SAVING WORD

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3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 8: 14-17

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

■ **The word of the Lord.**