

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

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

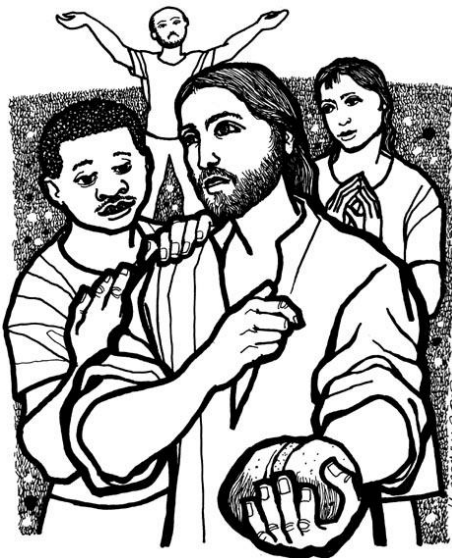
Sunday 1st August 2021



Readings for this Sunday
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35



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



Liturgical Jottings

The Word of the Lord

And when Christ says: *whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood (Jn 6:53)*, even though these words can also be understood of the Eucharistic Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching. When we approach the Eucharistic Mystery, if a crumb falls to the ground we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the word of God, and God's Word and Christ's flesh and blood are being poured into our ears yet we pay no heed, what great peril should we not feel?" Christ, truly present under the species of bread and wine, is analogously present in the word proclaimed in the liturgy. 2010 Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini* Benedict XVI para 56b

Focus on the Readings

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. His teaching will renew the spirit of our minds. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Quote from Let us Dream by Pope Francis (2020)

Tradition is not a museum, true religion is not a freezer, and doctrine is not static but grows and develops, like a tree that remains the same yet which gets bigger and bears ever more fruit.

Prayer for the Week

O God of glory, give us hope in the midst of suffering, and faith to perceive, even in the passion and cross, the glory of the risen Christ.

Approaching Feast Days

St John Vianney, patron saint of priests, Wednesday 4 August
Transfiguration of the Lord, Friday 6 August
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Sunday 8 August
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sunday 15 August

On the Lighter Side

A grandfather was telling his grandson that when he was a boy he could go to the store and get two loaves, of bread, five potatoes, a bunch of carrots and a dozen eggs for a dollar. His grandson replied you can't do that today; there are too many security cameras.



ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday 5th August at 10.00am** in St Augustine's Church. All welcome.

Please note that on this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.

ST DONATO FEAST

A Mass to celebrate the feast of St Donato will be held on **Saturday, 7th August** at 10.00am at Sacred Heart, Tatura.

Due to Covid uncertainty, celebrations that usually take place after Mass at the Italian Club have been cancelled this year.

Anyone wishing to have lunch is welcome to Hilltop Golf Club. Please ring the club on telephone 5824 1689 to make your own booking.

For further information, please telephone Joe Gagliardi on 0438 579 989.

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 7th August at 7.00pm:

Commentator – L Ratcliffe; Lector – J Harris;
Special Minister – K Guinan

Sunday 8th August at 8.00am:

Commentator – M Carver; Lector – N Watt;
Special Minister – J Chant

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome:

Trip Joshua Tucker

into our faith community.



Please keep Trip and his parents, Shannon and Monica, and godparents in your prayers.

MASKS

Just a reminder that it is a Covid requirement that masks must be worn indoors and outdoors. **Please remember to keep your mask on when entering the church.**

Everyone also needs to ensure that they continue to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- use hand sanitiser
- maintain social distancing (1.5m)

And remember, if you are feeling unwell, please stay home.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to our wonderful Sacristans and parishioners who have helped us in this Covid world, ensuring that all are checking in at Mass and complying with Covid restrictions.

We are most grateful for your care and support.



Life changes so quickly.

We can be happy one day, empty and broken the next. If we learn anything from this pandemic, I hope it is to value the moments, treasure the memories and hold onto what counts. Make time each day to realize how fleeting life is and to thank God for each blessing. Maybe this pandemic will teach us to slow down, appreciate what we have and how quickly it can be gone. My prayer is that it will.

LIFE IS A GIFT.

Shelby Condo

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: Joe DeMaio (first anniversary), Frank DeMaio, Brian Mangan

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

DIARY DATES

Monday	2 Aug	-
Tuesday	3 Aug	Mass 5.00pm (Intention of Brian Mangan) PPC meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday	4 Aug	-
Thursday	5 Aug	Anointing Mass 10.00am Sacramental Reconciliation 6.30pm
Friday	6 Aug	-
Saturday	7 Aug	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	8 Aug	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.30am Tongala
Monday	9 Aug	-
Tuesday	10 Aug	No Mass
Wednesday	11 Aug	-
Thursday	12 Aug	Mass 9.15am
Friday	13 Aug	-
Saturday	14 Aug	Mass – Sacraments 7.00pm
Sunday	15 Aug	Mass 8.00am Mass – Sacraments 10.30am

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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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We ask that you please keep the Sacramental children in your prayers as they make their First Reconciliation this coming **Thursday, 5th August** at 6.30pm.



PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting will be held this coming **Tuesday, 3rd August** at 5.30pm (following Mass) in the Presbytery.

QUOTE

Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyse you, they are supposed to help you discover who you are.

– Bernice Johnson Reagon

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering

you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,

it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread;

for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven

and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

SHORT MEMORIES AND DEEPEST HUNGERS

God must surely wonder at our capacity to quickly forget how we have been blessed. The people of Israel wasted no time in complaining to Moses about having been brought out of slavery in Egypt! It was not enough that they had seen the army of Pharaoh drowned, or the plagues sent as signs that God was working through Moses. In a similar fashion the people who had seen Jesus heal so many who suffered from sickness, and then feed the multitude, will demand a further sign from Jesus in order that they would believe in him and trust in him as the bread of life!

There is a tremendous tension in these readings between the patience and generosity of God on one hand, and on the other, the ways in which we can fail to appreciate and accept what God is offering us. In time the people in the desert tired even of the quail and manna, just as many of Jesus' contemporaries were unable to accept that he was the bread of life, and the answer to their deepest hunger and needs.

As Paul knew all too well the process of conversion is an ongoing one, a challenge to leave behind our old selves, that is, that which does not answer our most heartfelt needs or engender life. Even though we may recognise that Jesus is the source of our life it can still be a struggle to nurture the new life of Jesus within us because of old patterns of acting or perceiving.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

01 AUGUST 2021

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

FIRST READING
A reading from the book of Exodus.
I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v. 24

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, / the things our fathers have told us, / we will tell to the next generation: / the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

2. He commanded the clouds above / and opened the gates of heaven. / He rained down manna for their food, / and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**



3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. / He sent them abundance of food. / He brought them to his holy land, / to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

SECOND READING

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

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life: you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. *In 6:24-35*

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When