



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 October 2023



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

Eucharistic Prayer part 6 Intercessions

“The Intercessions in the Eucharistic Prayers express the fact that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church, of both heaven and of earth, and that the oblation is made for her and for all her members, living and dead, who are called to participate in the redemption and salvation purchased by the Body and Blood of Christ.”
GIRM 79g

The placement, wording and length of the intercessions vary in each of the ten Eucharistic prayers in the Roman Missal. The third Eucharistic Prayer includes intercession for the peace and salvation of all world, the pilgrim Church, the Pope and Bishops, all the clergy, the entire people and all God's children scattered throughout the world and finally for our departed brothers and sisters.

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Looking at the Readings

The liturgy of the word opens with Isaiah's image of the Day of the Lord when all will be fulfilled. People will gather in the presence of God for a banquet that is more magnificent than any royal banquet or wedding feast. All suffering, mourning and sorrows will also end. We understand why this reading is also popular for funerals for it offers a vision of heaven with the best of everything.

The responsorial psalm (also used at funerals) complements the readings. The response also reinforces this sense: “I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” We are invited into God's presence and enjoy his comfort and great largess.

The Gospel is the third parable in a sequence addressed to the chiefs priests and the elders of the people (The two sons, Matt 21:28-32, 26th Sunday; the landowner and the wicked tenants Matt 21:33-43, 27th Sunday; the wedding feast and the guest not dressed appropriately, Matt 22:1-14, 28th Sunday that is today). We should not fall into the trap and say those nasty people, we know better and we behave correctly. Yet Jesus' words are still relevant to people today. We are God's holy people, we are baptised and participate in the church's mission and worship. Can these words of warning to the leaders apply to us today?

All types of people are invited to the feast God has prepared. Many refuse to listen and accept. There is the odd one who says “Yes” but refuses to change his old habits. God is offering a lot, asking little and ready to help those in need.

Prayer of the Week

You were hungry, you were thirsty, for you I have prepared the wedding feast. So many other voices have drowned out your call, so many lies have ensnared our hearts. Lord, call us back to your love! Your days were spent far from my joy, for you I have prepared festive garments. So many other joys scattered our desires, so many mirages fascinated our eyes. Lord, call us back to your love! *Cistercienne, Tropaires des dimanches 125.*

Quote of the Week

For a small reward, one will hurry away on a long journey; while for eternal life, many will hardly take a single step. *Thomas a Kempis*

On the Lighter Side

The best or worst excuses for not coming to a parish meeting or social function: “Cannot come on Wednesday nights, it is the time I wash my hair!” or “Cannot be there on Tuesday mornings, my dog gets its nails clipped!”



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Sam Peyton, Shane McDonell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson, John Nisbet.

Recently Deceased: Genoveffa De Cicco, Assunta Riccio, Marina Alford, Kathy Kukuljan

Anniversaries: Joseph Mahanggun, Elizabeth Popong, Paula Mahanggun

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



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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2nd and 4th 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 14th October - 5.30pm Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 15th October - 8.30am

Sun 15th October - 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 17th October - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 19th October - 9.15am - Year 7 & Year 11

Weekly Masses

Sun 22nd October - 8.30am - cuppa after Mass

Tue 24th October - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 26th October - 9.15am – Grandparents & Special
Friends day Mass – Brigidine Centre

Weekly Masses

Sat 28th October - 5.30pm Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass

Sun 29th October - 8.30am

Tue 31st October - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 2nd November – 10am Anointing Mass

ROSTERS

Sunday 22nd October at 8.30am

Commentator – A Snell

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – J Chant

Saturday 28th October at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – M Radanov

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 29th October at 8.30am

Commentator – E Luvara

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – M Cocks

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 891.45

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.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

There are envelopes available at each door for the annual Priest Retirement Foundation appeal collection. Please consider supporting our retired priests in the diocese, donation envelopes can be left in the collection plate. Collection will be sent away next week.

THE MEANING AND PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE STICK

For too long the indigenous people of this country have been left on the margins of our society, and sadly this has often been true of the Church as well. The installation of the Message Stick in Catholic parishes across Australia, acknowledges the wrongs of the past and highlights the special place that Aboriginal people occupy in the Church.

For thousands of years the Aboriginal People used the message stick as a way of communicating across country. Symbols or markings were engraved or painted to tell of Sacred Ceremonies, asking permission to cross the country of another tribe with different totems and lore. Today the Aboriginal Catholics carry the Message Stick with the Bible, symbolising the respect for cultural differences when spreading the Good News.

The Message Stick in the liturgical context, made its appearance in 1993, at the 20th anniversary of the first National Aboriginal Mass, which had been celebrated in Melbourne in 1973 at the time of the Eucharistic Congress.

During the Gospel procession the Message Stick was carried with great pride, alongside the book containing the Christian Word. This was a powerful symbolic gesture manifesting the willingness of both cultures to accept the Word and the coming together of peoples of different cultures to worship the Creator. On Aboriginal Sunday, July 5th, 1998, the Message Stick was installed in St Patrick's Cathedral. In the twenty-five years since, message sticks have been instated in Catholic parishes across Australia.

The Message Stick will continue to touch and heal the hearts of all who hear and believe the message of this story. The Church – the people of God – by accepting it, have taken an important step forward on our journey together toward reconciliation.

References: <https://www.cam1.org.au/cathedral/en-au/Aboriginal-Culture/Article/13411/Message-Stick> and Catholic Education Sandhurst <https://www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au/kalik>file>

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

We have some 2024 Columban Mission art calendars available for sale for \$10 each, available from gathering place.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Maci Spedding into our faith community. Please keep Maci and her parents and godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SEMINARS

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter **Desiderio Desideravi** (2022) on Liturgical Formation of the People of God invites renewed reflection on the preparation and celebration of the Church's liturgy. In this keynote address, Prof. Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy will provide an overview of Pope Francis' letter and suggest some implications for liturgical ministries.

Plenary Keynote Presentation at Brendan's Church, Shepparton Wednesday 18 October 5.30pm-8.30pm to book– <https://www.trybooking.com/CJJVX>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement, coordinated by the Pontifical Mission Societies, who are also known as *Missio*. It is celebrated on the penultimate (next-to-last) Sunday of October every year, October 22, 2023. It was created by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as the day of prayer for missions. Closely related to Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

SONGS OF PRAISE

A visit to Belgrave Heights for "Songs of Praise". Enjoying fellowship and singing. Thanks to Walters Buslines, a 24 seater bus will be leaving Kyabram Transit Centre at 9.30am on Sunday 22nd October. The trip will take about 3 hours. Cost is \$63 per person. A stop for lunch is planned at the South Belgrave "white Wolf" café, where you will be booked in to buy your own lunch. The cost for the concert is \$10 (\$5 conc). Hope you can come and join in. Arrival home will be about 7.30pm. Contact Margaret Body 0422 532 213.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you new to the Parish? We would love to get to know more about you. There are forms around the church for you to fill in your details so our Pastoral family can reach out to you. Please fill in a form or reach out to one of our parish volunteer to introduce yourself.

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 2 November at 10am followed by a cuppa.

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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If you would like further details, please talk to Fr John, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.

PIETY STORE

Have you checked out the piety store in the gathering space of the church? Do you have a family baptism, sacramental member? Why not grab a lovely gift?

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