



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16 October 2022



Readings for this week:

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8



Readings for next Sunday

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Prayer II

Broadly speaking, we have liturgical prayer and solitary or group prayer. Liturgy is the public, authorised and shared activity among the assembly to worship God and express faith of the community. Liturgical Prayer in the assembly has various forms and distinctive patterns namely:

- Non-verbal communication in silence and gestures,
- The celebrant's address to God and to the community,
- Formal prayers by the celebrant,
- Formal prayers by the community and in unison with the celebrant.

These types can be further nuanced and in the Eucharistic Liturgy there are other distinctive texts. The readings in the Liturgy of Word, the homily and the Creed are not regarded as prayers as such, yet the acclamations and the responsorial psalms are certainly prayers from sacred scripture.

Looking at the Readings

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple; there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the Week

Lord, tireless guardian of your people, always ready to hear the cries of your chosen ones, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Support our prayer lest we grow weary. Impel us to seek your enduring justice and your ever-present help.

Quote of the Week

The physical voice we use in prayer need not be great nor startling; even should we not lift up any great cry or shout, God will yet hear us. Origen: Treatise on Prayer, 2nd century.

On the Lighter Side

The stranger approached the priest after Mass and said, "I'd like you to pray for my hearing." The priest placed his hands on the man's ears and said a passionate, earnest prayer. "How's your hearing now?" he asked. Looking surprised, the man said, "Well, it's not until tomorrow." (Court hearing)

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Lord, I pray for everyone
needing to feel Your
presence today.
May You wrap Your loving
arms around them
to fill that empty space
in their broken hearts.
Thank You Lord for
showing them that
You will never leave them
nor forsake them.
Cover them with Your
precious blood and
comfort them with Your
peace which surpasses
all understanding.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Fr. John

FUNDRAISER FOR ST AUGUSTINE

We have 25 wood scroll Calendars 2023 available at the back of the church, after the weekend Masses. \$20 each and 5 different calendars, **Divine mercy, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Anthony, Sacred Heart and our Lady of Perpetual Help.** All money raised will go to St Augustine Parish. Please contact **Veronica Fox.**



Sandhurst World Youth Day 2022:

Our Lady, Mother of God Church, Wangaratta South,
1pm – 9pm, Saturday 19th November

Bishop Shane is inviting all young people aged 15-35 from across the Diocese to gather in Wangaratta on Saturday November 19th for the annual Diocesan World Youth Day celebration.

Drawing on the global WYD theme, “Mary arose and went with haste” Luke 1:39, the Sandhurst celebration will explore what it means when Pope Francis asks young people to be “protagonists of change” (Christus Vivit, n174).

With music, talks, conversations and opportunities to meet other young people from across the Diocese, the Sandhurst World Youth Day 2022 celebration is shaping up to be an event not to be missed. We will, of course, also be celebrating the Vigil Mass for the Feast of Christ the King with Bishop Shane.

Ruth Lawlor, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst, 0458 585 200

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday: 22 October 6.00pm

Commentator– W Mulcahy

Lector –M Radanov

Special Minister –C Stewart

Sunday 23rd October at 8.30am

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – B Stone

HUB ALONG TO EVANGELISE CONFERENCE:

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to ‘Evangelise’, a national, online conference to be held from October 20-22, 2022.

The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer.

In Sandhurst, we are very excited to be hosting the opening session of EVANGELISE, which will be livestreamed from the Chancery from 6.00pm on Thursday 20 October. This session will include a panel discussion with Bishop Shane, Dr Chris Cotter (Director of Mission and Pastoral Life), Ruth Lawlor (Sandhurst Youth Ministry Coordinator), Fr Novelito Lim (PP St Mary’s Echuca) and Loris Fletcher (Parishioner, St Patrick’s Wangaratta). Bishop Shane will speak explore ways to go forth after the recent Australian Plenary in his Keynote “Into the Deep”. It will also feature a video introduction to our Diocese and a hymn by Sally and Paul Holmes.

We strongly encourage you to create a group and attend EVANGELISE. Tickets are very accessible, \$25 per person or \$100 for a group.

Evangelise 2022 - National Centre for Evangelisation, Australia (catholic.org.au)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Steve Doherty, Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Amy Nicholson, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kady Mitchell-Treacy

Recently Deceased:-

Anniversaries:-

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



DIARY DATES

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| Mon | 17 Oct | |
| Tues | 18 Oct | Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the word 5.00pm |
| Wed | 19 Oct | - |
| Thurs | 20 Oct | Mass 9.15am (St. Aug's Foundation and year 9) |
| Fri | 21 Oct | - |
| Sat | 22 Oct | Baptism of Zoe Hazel Mitchell 5pm Mass 6.00pm |
| Sun | 23 Oct | Mass 8.30am (World Missionary Sunday) |
| Mon | 24 Oct | - |
| Tues | 25 Oct | Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm. |
| Wed | 26 Oct | - |
| Thurs | 27 Oct | Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 1/2 & 7) |
| Fri | 28 Oct | - |
| Sat | 29 Oct | No Mass |
| Sun | 30 Oct | Mass 8.30am (and cuppa after Mass) |

PRIEST RETIREMENT FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SANDHURST SUPPORT ANNUAL COLLECTION

You will find envelopes at the back of the church for the support of the Priest Retirement Foundation, please collect after the Mass.
Thank you

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.

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 together and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates
Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Aug's Church Kyabram.

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00 am in St Augustine's Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. "There was a judge in a certain town" he said "who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, "You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

PRAYER AND THE SCRIPTURES

Many people find the scriptures both fascinating and confusing. Written for different times and cultures between 2000-3000 years ago, it should come as no surprise that there are occasions when their meaning is not immediately clear, and their application to our lives uncertain. Today's readings from the second letter to Timothy reveal that it was not all that different for Christians late in the first century. Paul's letters were just beginning to be gathered and the gospels were just beginning to be preserved in written form. How should a community of faith make use of the Old Testament and these new Christian writings?

Timothy is challenged on a number of levels to use the scriptures as a resource for his ministry, providing sound teaching and guidance. One of the deepest challenges in the reading is that of proclaiming the message whether it is welcomed or not. It is a call to have the courage of one's convictions and persistent and enduring faith.

Jesus' parable about the widow and the unjust judge, as well as Moses' victory over the Amalekites, focus on how persistent and hope-filled prayer is essential for the life of faith. In an age when communication is almost instantaneous, it can come as a shock to learn that it is by patiently waiting and listening that we will best hear God's voice. While it may seem that God is slow to answer, sometimes it's our hearts that are slow to grow, change, and be attuned to God's plans!

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 OCTOBER 2022

FIRST READING

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

■ The word of the Lord.