



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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Year B – Sunday 27th December 2020



A Christmas Message from Bishop Shane

Bishop Shane Mackinlay has released his 2020 Christmas message. This video can be found through the following YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/d2-oWyZ3ge0>

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 2nd January at 7.00pm:

- Commentator – M Radanov
- Lector – J Harris
- Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 3rd January at 8.00am:

- Commentator – A Snell
- Lector – M DiPetta
- Special Minister – F Turner

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Geoff McGowan, Michael Hogan, Kadyn Mitchell, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: Margaret (Peg) O'Neill

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



CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

ALONG THE TRACK – “AND SO ...”

“What will a Covid normal Christmas be like? Christmas is usually a wonderful time for most people, time with family and friends, gift giving and receiving, a break from work, the start of summer holidays for many. But for those moving out of lockdown, it will be a time of very mixed emotions, joy and apprehension, companionship and sadness for who can't yet join us or for lost ones whose passing has gone unsung. The Virus has changed even the most basic things, even the way we gather. ...”

This is an excerpt from Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article. If you would like to read the rest of this article, it can be found on our Parish website at <https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/> under 'Other Information' on the Home page.

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK

Week Day Masses:

- Tuesday, 29th December: NO MASS
- Thursday 31st December: 9.15am

Weekend Masses:

- Saturday, 2nd January: 7.00pm
- Sunday, 3rd January: 8.00am

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME - 2021

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has confirmed that 'Mass for You at Home' will continue to air in 2021 on Network Ten and in regional areas and on pay television through Aurora. It will also be available online on demand. **Mass for You at Home can be viewed on your television every Sunday at 6.00am.**

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Reflections on the Gospel

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH / B

THE SAVING WORD

27 DECEMBER 2020

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 1: 1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 2: 22, 39-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.
Longer form Lk 2: 22-40

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GOD AT WORK IN THE FAMILY

In today's readings, there is a tension between dreams and reality, between hope and fear, that helps us situate ourselves as we reflect on the Holy Family and our own experience of family life. The letter to the Hebrews speaks rightly of Abraham and Sarah as being models of faithfulness, however, this should not blind us to the very real struggles they experienced.

At times both Abraham and Sarah had lost heart and become fearful that God's promises were only a false hope after all. Abraham had decided to make one of his young relatives his heir. Sarah hoped that her slave Hagar would give them the son they longed for. In the end, God would realise the promises made to them despite their attempts to take matters into their own hands!

As Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple they bring all their hopes and fears for him as they wonder how his life will unfold. Simeon and Anna recognise that God is powerfully at work in this child but Simeon also warns how Jesus' life will be marked by both success, as well as rejection. What Simeon and Anna have the eyes to see is that God's saving plan will be at work in all that will befall him. While models of family life are placed before us today it is important not to judge ourselves too harshly. Abraham and Sarah had their difficulties, and Mary and Joseph did not always understand how God was at work in their family either!

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING Gen 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3
A reading from the book of Genesis.

Your own son shall be your heir.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless . . . ' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants: some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. 'Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 104: 1-6, 8-9. R. v. 7, 8

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, / make known his deeds among the peoples. / O sing to him, sing his praise; / tell all his wonderful works! **R.**

2. Be proud of his holy name, / let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. / Consider the Lord and his strength; / constantly seek his face. **R.**



3. Remember the wonders he has done, / his miracles, the judgements he spoke. / O children of Abraham, his servant, / O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R.**

4. He remembers his covenant for ever, / his promise for a thousand generations, / the covenant he made with Abraham, / the oath he swore to Isaac. **R.**

SECOND READING Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.