



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 November 2023



Readings for this week: Wisdom 6: 12 – 16
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13



Readings for next Sunday: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30



Liturgical Jottings Eucharistic Prayer part 10 Origins

In the past nine weeks we looked at the different elements of the Eucharistic prayer. These nine elements evolved very early in the Church's liturgy with both scriptural evidence from the Gospels and the letters of Paul, particularly on the words of the institution narratives. Other early writings such as the Didache (pre 100AD), the Apostolic Constitutions the Anaphora of Addai and Mari, and the Apostolic Tradition contain other elements. The form and structure also their roots in Jewish table grace and synagogue prayers and blessings which in turn have origins in the writings of the psalms and the prophets. Before fixed written Eucharistic Prayers the celebrant prayed according to circumstances and his oratorical skills. One of the first fixed prayers was written for the purpose of con-celebration. It is now the basis of Second Eucharistic Prayer.

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Looking at the Readings

What is Wisdom?. The reading from the book of wisdom gives some clues: Wisdom is bright, quick and readily available to those who seek it. From the book of Wisdom and the wisdom literature as a whole we learn that wisdom is not knowledge nor a science nor an exercise of judgement but a reflection of God's own wisdom, his desire, his purpose. The author personifies wisdom, it is an attribute or "person" of God.

To be a wise bridesmaid is more than to be careful with the lamp oil reserves. The parable of Jesus, as humorous as it is intriguing and full of symbolic meaning, highlights the difference between the wise and the foolish. The wise prepare and plan, keep watch and wait, recognise the Lord's coming and go out to meet him.

Jesus, later in his passion, asks his disciples to keep vigil, to pray. It is in the night that his betrayer and adversaries arrive, it is in darkness that he dies and in darkness that he rises to new life, He is the door that we must enter into life. In the rite of Baptism the newly baptised are given a lighted candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) Candle with the words: "... *this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly, so that ... enlightened by Christ, [you] may walk always as children of the light and, persevering in the faith, may run to meet the Lord when he comes.*"

Quote for the Week

During the whole of this time in which this age, representing night, is running its course, the Church is keeping vigil, the eyes of her faith fixed upon the holy scriptures as upon lamps lit at night, until the Lord comes. When he will find his Church awake and watching with mind alight and alert, then he will rouse her even from her bodily sleep in the tombs. *St Augustine - sermon 223 D.*

Pope Francis' Laudate Deum

2. A Growing Technocratic Paradigm: The mentality of maximum gain at minimal cost, disguised in terms of reasonableness, progress and illusory promises, makes impossible any sincere concern for our common home and any real preoccupation about assisting the poor and the needy discarded by our society. ... In conscience, and with an eye to the children who will pay for the harm done by their actions, the question of meaning inevitably arises: "What is the meaning of my life? What is the meaning of my time on this earth? And what is the ultimate meaning of all my work and effort?" (31,33)

On the Lighter Side

What do you get when you cross a thought with a lightbulb? A bright idea!



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Anwar Mehanni, Leon Pettifer

Anniversaries: Domenico Quattrocchi

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

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 11th November - 5.30pm Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 12th November - 8.30am

Tue 14th November - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 16th November - 9.15am - Year 5/6 & Year 10

Weekly Masses

Sun 19th November - 8.30am

Sun 19th November - 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 21st November - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 23rd November - 9.15am

Weekly Masses

Sat 25th November - 5.30pm Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 26th November - 8.30am

Tue 28th November - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 30th November - 9.15am

ROSTERS

Sunday 19th November at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – M DiPetta

Saturday 25th November at 6pm

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 26th November at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – A Brunt

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 963.55

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on Tuesday, 14th November commencing at 5.45pm.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS

Year 12 Graduation mass will be held on Thursday 16th November at 6pm. Please keep these students in your prayers as they embark on their new pathways.

CHRISTMAS MASS FOR PRISONERS

On Friday 15th December Father John will be celebrating a special Christmas Mass at Dhurringile Prison at 4.30pm. Fr John would like to invite Parishioners to join him, the prisoners and Chaplains for this Mass. If you would like to come, please contact Debbie on 0407804317 (AH) and provide your full name, address and date of birth before **Monday 20 November** to organise your visit.

SOCIAL GATHERING

A social gathering (Happy Hour) will be held monthly at Parkland Golf Club. Starting on Thursday 23rd November 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

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS

Cemetery Mass will be held on Saturday 25th November at 9am. Please bring a chair.

PAST STUDENTS & FRIENDS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Will be held on Saturday 25 November at 5pm in the school memorial gardens. Mass will follow at 6pm followed by cuppa.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

During the month of November, you are invited to place names of loved ones in the basket provided.

This basket will be brought up at the Offertory time. Names will later be burnt and scattered in the school Memorial Garden. Envelopes available for November Mass offerings in the gathering space.

LIGHT OF JESUS – THE FEAST:

Join us for an inspiring spiritual gathering! Date: Sunday 19 November, 2pm. Venue: St Kilian's Parish Hall. We warmly invite you to be part of our "Pop-up Feast," an afternoon filled with faith, fellowship, and divine grace. The Feast is a prayer gathering of the Light of Jesus Family founded by a Catholic lay preacher and writer Bo Sanchez in the Philippines.

MASS: Commence the gathering with a Holy Mass at 2pm. Experience the serenity and sacredness of the Eucharistic celebration.

WORSHIP: Raise your hearts and voices in adoration during our Worship session. Let the music and prayers uplift you're your spirit! **FELLOWSHIP:** After nourishing your soul, join us for a time of fellowship. Connect with fellow believers, share stories, and create lasting bonds.

Come be a part of this blessed gathering.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN PAUL

Wishing Father John Paul best wishes for his birthday this week.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE

Parishioners we need your help and opinions. Commencing the weekend 5th November, the PPC is conducting a questionnaire to gauge parishioner's opinions about the activities in our parish and to obtain suggestions to strengthen our parish. Please fill in the questionnaire and place in the suggestion box located in the gathering space. Feel free to take the questionnaire home and return next time you are at Mass. Thank you for your time.

CCR SANDHURST RENEWAL DAY CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS & LUNCH TOGETHER



at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

St Brendan's Shepparton

Knight St, Shepparton

25th November, 2023

9.30 cuppa - 3.30pm

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share

Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196

Mary Zobec: 0427 190282

Denise Illot: 0407 506 813

FUNDRAISER FOR ST AUGUSTINE

We have wood scroll Calendars 2024 available in the Piety Store in the gathering space at the church, after the weekend Masses. \$20 each and 5 different calendars, **Divine mercy, Holy Family, Miraculous, St Anthony, and Sacred Heart Jesus.**

All money raised will go to St Augustine Parish.



"The devil fears hearts on fire with love of God." *St. Catherine of Siena*

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12 months (50 weeks) \$10.00 per week \$500

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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