



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

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 19th September 2021



Readings for
this Sunday

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37



Readings for
next week:

Numbers 11: 25-29
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



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Liturgical Jottings

The Senses - Hearing

There are many sounds and voices in the liturgy. The First sound may be the Church Bell that calls us to worship. Many religious traditions have sound devices Judaism: the ram's horn. Islam: the voice high up in the minaret. Hinduism and Buddhism: the gong. Other sounds are the pipe organ, other musical instruments and the sanctuary bell signifying moments within the Eucharistic Prayer and the time for Communion.

Of course hearing is essential to hear the Word of God proclaimed, the prayers, responses and hymns of the Mass and the greetings and exchanges of peace. But we also have intrusive or distracting sounds from boisterous infants, mobile phones, erratic sound system and seating noises. Also the sound of silence has its place in the liturgy.

Focus on the Readings

The Gospel last week (Mark 8:27-35) gave Christ's first prediction of his suffering and death. Skipping 33 verses the lectionary presents Christ second prediction of his impending rejection, death and resurrection in the Gospel today. It is juxtaposed with the first reading from the book of Wisdom where the godless plot against the innocent. We readily see the major scripture theme here: the prophecy and prediction of Christ's passion, death and resurrection that demand faith from his disciples.

A minor theme is the human failures always present in our world and in our lives. There are the plotters and schemers avoiding consequences of their bad choices; there are those driven by jealousy and ambition who fight among themselves (Letter of James); and even the apostles arguing among themselves about who is the greatest. Yes came to call us to change, to give us hope and redeem us.

Quote of the Day

Jesus is an authentic man, and the unalterable nobility of human beings is to be able, even to feel a duty, to project freely the design of their existence into a future they do not know. For believers the future into which the propel and project themselves is God in his freedom and immensity. *Hans Urs von Balthasar, 1969*

Prayer for the Day

I have God for my help, the Lord upholds my life (Ps 53:6).

Season of Creation - Today's readings remind us that God graces cosmic and human evolution with purpose. The death of Jesus is not some punishment arbitrarily imposed but freely chosen. Have we chosen to live a life with purpose or fallen into escapism? www.columbans.org.au

Laudato Si - In calling to mind the figure of Saint Francis of Assisi, we come to realize that a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change, "we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart". 218

On the Lighter Side

Facemasks often make it difficult to recognise people in chance meetings. But it may have the opposite outcome. A priest wearing his alb was going down the school corridor when a small preppie passed by and greeted him: "Hello, Jesus!"



SEPTEMBER PPC REPORT

As we continue with lockdowns and restrictions our Parish Pastoral Council have continued to meet monthly, the last two meetings we have learnt the skill of zoom meetings.

Our final workshop on the Strategic Plan continues to be on hold until we can meet face to face, but that has not stopped the PPC from making plans for the future and how we can better service our Parish.

- **Screens in church update:** Our initial quote for replacing the screens in the Church came in above budget and now we are working through a new quote but lockdowns and social restrictions inhibit the opportunity to meet with suppliers and work through the plan.
- **A new phone system** has been installed in the Parish and any messages left now are sent through emails so office staff can respond quickly, especially during lockdown when office staff were working from home.
- We celebrated **our Lady's birthday** on 8th September with Mass via zoom; a lovely celebration for the Feast of Mary.
- **Another virtual morning tea** was held via zoom last Thursday and it was great to catch up with some of our parishioners.
- A reminder to everyone that **Parish bulletins** are available at the front of the Presbytery/Parish Office from Friday afternoon for those who are unable to access the bulletin online. We encourage parishioners to drop off a bulletin to those who are housebound.
- We are planning a **parish get together** around November, hopefully when restrictions are eased; so stay tuned and if you have any ideas please send us a message via the Parish Office to PPC members.
- Our **Mass times** have changed so please let your friends know and each weekend Masses will be published on bulletin and our Parish Facebook/website.
- We would love to hear from **parishioners how they are coping with the pandemic** and share stories on our bulletin, so if you can please send through any tips, reflections etc that would be wonderful.

Till next time, stay safe and know you are all in our prayers.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome:

**Callum James Dervish
Oliver Brian Dervish
Letizia Jan Tenace**



into our faith community.

Please keep Callum, Oliver and Letizia and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

RCIA ENQUIRY

If you are interested in finding out more about our Catholic faith, please contact Annette Ryan (0408 502 858) or Mary Zobec (0427 190 282) for more details.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all the teachers, staff, students and families a safe and enjoyable break over the school holidays, and hopefully the chance to recharge batteries after a difficult time of lockdowns and learning from home.

Parish office hours will be limited over the school holidays so please contact the office with any bulletin notices or anniversary names well in advance.

MASS BOOKINGS

As per the Victorian Government Covid restrictions, currently Mass numbers will be limited to 20 people, plus those necessary to conduct the service.

Bookings for weekend Masses only can be made through Trybooking on our website or ringing the Parish Office and leaving a message. Bookings do not need to be made for weekday Masses.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, 25th September at 6.00pm:

Commentator – J Harris; Lector – L Ratcliffe;
(No Special Minister required).

Sunday 26th September at 8.30am:

Commentator – M Finn; Lector – N Watt;
(No Special Minister required).

Sunday, 26th September at Merrigum at 11.30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Julie Shaw, Joan Childs
Recently Deceased: Dorothy Mays, Margo Costello
Anniversaries: Fiorina Meneghetti, Isabel Slaughter, Virginia Spina

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	20 Sept	<i>School holidays begin</i>
Tuesday	21 Sept	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	22 Sept	-
Thursday	23 Sept	Mass 9.15am
Friday	24 Sept	-
Saturday	25 Sept	Mass 6.00pm
Sunday	26 Sept	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Merrigum
Monday	27 Sept	-
Tuesday	28 Sept	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	29 Sept	-
Thursday	30 Sept	Mass 9.15am
Friday	1 Oct	-
Saturday	2 Oct	No Mass
Sunday	3 Oct	Mass 8.30am

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY, 19 September – a time to reflect and give thanks

On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities.

We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent 2021/22 Social Justice Statement – Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

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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

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
 God has called us with the gospel
 to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according
 to Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of
 humanity . . . All who wish to be first must make
 themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

LIVING WITH OUR DIFFERENCES

As the letter of James observes, wherever there is jealousy and ambition there is disharmony. It is the sign of both human and spiritual maturity to be able to live in peace with ourselves and others. A reality of life is that there are differences between people and that they can often be a source of division and discontent. Today's readings invite us to reflect on the ways in which differences can be life-giving rather than destructive.

For the writer of the book of Wisdom the truly righteous person will be a thorn in the side of those whose values they do not share. The implied challenge is that of daring to be different when it means being true to our values.

Even within the Christian community the problems provided by our differences and desire for recognition need to be addressed. It is to the credit of the early Christians that they did not veneer over their very real differences and honestly admitted their difficulties in this area. At the very moment that Jesus is speaking of the violent death that awaits him the disciples are already arguing among themselves about who is the greatest. It is precisely in this context that Jesus reveals to them that true greatness has always been found in the ability to serve and sacrifice oneself for the good of others. It is not that differences do not exist, or that some have the responsibility of leadership. What counts is the manner in which that responsibility is exercised. In that, Jesus remains our most enduring example.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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FIRST READING

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
 and opposes our way of life,
 reproaches us for our breaches of the law
 and accuses us of playing false to our
 upbringing.'

Let us see if what he says is true,
 let us observe what kind of end he himself will
 have.
 If the virtuous man is God's son, God will
 take his part
 and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
 Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
 and thus explore this gentleness of his
 and put his endurance to the proof.
 Let us condemn him to a shameful death
 since he will be looked after – we have his
 word for it.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6

R. The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; / by your power, uphold my cause. / O God, hear my prayer; / listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

2. For proud men have risen against me, / ruthless men seek my life. / They have no regard for God. **R.**

3. But I have God for my help. / The Lord upholds my life. / I will sacrifice to you with willing heart / and praise your name for it is good. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 3:16-

A reading from the letter of St James.

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of evil kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, who they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

■ **The word of the Lord.**