



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 July 2023



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23



Readings for next Sunday:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43



Liturgical Jottings Grace After Meals

Many are familiar with the practice of praying before a meal, but ancient Christians also prayed after a meal as well. Both customs are very old and pre-date Christianity. Giving thanks to God goes all the way back to Moses.

In the Jewish tradition the full grace prayed after meals is called Birkat Ha mazon. It contains several verses of thanksgiving blessings.

“Christians, whether alone or with companions at table, say grace before and after meals to thank God for his goodness in providing their daily food.” (Book of Blessings, n 1030). The book gives several plans for after the principal meal or after a light meal with seasonal alternatives. One of the most common Catholic grace after meals is:

“We give you thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

May the Lord grant us His peace. And life everlasting. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

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Looking at the Gospel

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the week

Lord of the harvest,
your Word finds a home in our heart, calls us into community,
and invites us to generous service of the human family.

Bless with courage and spirit your priestly people,
called to full participation in the one Body of Christ.

May many choose to respond in public service
to your call offered in Jesus' name. Amen.

Cardinal Joseph Bernadin

Quote for the Week

Many a man curses the rain that falls upon his head, and knows not that it brings abundance to drive away the hunger. *St Basil*

On the Lighter Side

A farmer is out in his field planting seeds. Once he finishes, he sells the farm and purchases some nearby land. After the purchase, he plants the seeds, and then puts the land up for sale again. One of his friends ask: "I don't get it. Why do you just plant the seeds and then leave?" "Well that's very simple," the farmer replies, "I'm a sower, not a grower."



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Fr Steve Bowhan, Fr Brian Carey, Cheryl Pearce (Baker), Anne Dodd, Sam Peyton, Philip Bowman, Shane McDonell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson.

Recently Deceased: Ruth Ker

Anniversaries:

(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

Sun 16th July - 8.30am – cuppa after Mass

Sun 16th July – 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 18th July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 20th July - 9.15am – Year 3/4 & Year 9

Weekend Masses

Sat 22nd July - 6pm

Sun 23rd July - 8.30am

Tue 25th July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 27th July – 9.15am – Year 7 & Year 11

Weekly Masses

Sun 30th July - 8.30am

Tue 1st August - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 3rd August - 10am – Anointing Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 6th August - 8.30am

Sun 6th August - 11.30am – Tongala

ROSTERS

Saturday 22nd July at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – L Ratcliffe

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 23rd July at 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – B Lyon

Sunday 30th July at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister – J Chant

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 760.20

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.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN FELLOWSHIP DAY

You are invited to join the Annual Fellowship Day at St Andrew's Church St, Kyabram on Wednesday 26th July at 2pm followed by afternoon tea.

This year is the day is co-hosted by St Andrew's and St Augustine's. Theme for this year is "Renewal through Trust: Growing in God's Ways."

Australian Church Women Inc. seeks to unite Christian women across denominational boundaries and to promote peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It supports Christian outreach to migrants, refugees, and the peoples of the Pacific and South-east Asia. This service is open to women and men, and gives local Christian groups a chance to show ecumenical solidarity. We encourage people to make an effort on behalf of St Augustine's Parish. Make a group and come along.

Enquiries: Maria 0427 194 885.

PPC REPORT

3 actions to be implemented immediately:

Following the recent 'Formation Day' we have made a commitment to three actions to be implemented immediately:

1. Promote our masses through a variety of channels, including a letterbox drop.
2. In the next month we will use the 'postcard method' to collect information from parishioners regarding what the PPC are doing well and what we can improve on.
3. Increase Father John's presence in the school environments, Father John will visit the schools once a month.

Upcoming School Masses:

Everyone is invited to attend the upcoming school masses:

- **Thursday 24th August St Patrick's Grandparents Mass, 11am @ St Patrick's Church Tongala
- **Monday 28th August St Augustine's Day Mass , 11:30am @ St Augustine's Brigidine Hall Kyabram

You are also invited to the following:

Weekly Masses on **Thursdays @ 9:15am at St Augustine's Church Kyabram. These masses are led by different groups of students across the college. They will occur on the following dates:

20th July 27th July 10th August
17th August 24th August 31st August

Fortnightly liturgies on **Fridays @ 2:45pm at St Patrick's Church Tongala. These liturgies are led by different groups of students across the school.

They will occur on the following dates:

20th July (Thursday) 4th August 11th August
1st September

LITURGY GROUP

A reminder that our next Liturgy Meeting will be 18th July at 5.45pm in the Meeting room.

SACRAMENTAL FORMATION EVENING

A reminder that the next formation evening for the Sacramental families will be on Thursday 27th July at 6.30pm.

GRIEF AND LOSS GROUP

The Grief and Loss Group, which was planned and disrupted by COVID, is now attempting to re-commence. The Group to be formed is non-denominational and will be facilitated by a Counsellor from Community Health, Kyabram District Health Service.

Who are the people who would benefit from this group? Anyone who is experiencing a sense of loss or bereavement. You may have lost a loved one - spouse, child, grandchild, parent or good friend. You may have lost your job and finding it hard to cope. There are many reasons for people to feel a sense of loss and abandonment. It is an opportunity to get support for what you are experiencing. Learn strategies in a non-judgmental, confidential and friendly environment to help you on your journey of loss and grief.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this group, please pass on the information. At the back of the Church are forms that you can complete, place in an envelope marked Grief and Loss Group. This envelope will be given to Community Health which will then contact the people directly and provide more information including time, date and venue.

When completing the form the main boxes to fill in are your name and contact details and at the bottom of the first page, under Grief and Loss Group, please mark Kyabram.

Please contact Alana Brennan on 0427658563 for more information.

SUGGESTION BOX

Did you know we have a suggestion box in the gathering space? Any ideas or suggestions are welcomed.

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.

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." St. Rose of Lima

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BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Would you be interested in advertising your business in our Parish bulletin and on our website?

The costs are: **Advert (5x6cm)**

3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200
6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
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