

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

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 27th June 2021



Readings for this Sunday

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15
Mark 5:21-43



Readings for next week:

Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6



Liturgical Jottings

The Homily II

One of the most important things is to learn how to use images in preaching, how to appeal to imagery. Sometimes examples are used to clarify a certain point, but these examples usually appeal only to the mind; images, on the other hand, help people better to appreciate and accept the message we wish to communicate. An attractive image makes the message seem familiar, close to home, practical and related to everyday life. A successful image can make people savour the message, awaken a desire and move the will towards the Gospel. A good homily, an old teacher once told me, should have “an idea, a sentiment, an image.”). Pope Francis 2013, *Evangelii Gaudium* n. 136

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Focus on the Gospel

“God did not create death” (Wis 13:1) opens the readings for today. It is a reflection from the collected experience of the author and his religious community and long faith tradition. The author draws on the lesson from the book of Genesis that God created all that is good and applied to our lives now. Jesus confronts death and dying people and offers them life and wellness. It is a sign of God’s intention that we have life, have life to the full and enjoy eternal life.

The miracles of healing in Mark’s Gospel gives us this understanding of God’s intention and equally the extraordinary witness of faith of an elderly woman and a young father in very ordinary ways: touching his cloak, laying hands on the sick. God creates and holds all things in being. When describing this to 10 year olds they can give lots of examples and comments and ask many questions. One comment was: “God must have millions and millions of hands!” Yes he holds us and lays his hand on us.

Scripture Quote for the Week

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through the Gospel. (Gospel Acclamation)

Anthropomorphisms

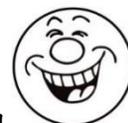
I was intrigued when I first heard this word and continue to be filled with awe, imagining God, a pure spirit, described in human terms. He does not have hands like us but the finger of God’s right hand creates all things and his hands holds us in existence. Our Scripture, hymns and prayers are rich in anthropomorphisms to enable us to touch God.

Words of Pope Francis (Let us Dream (2020), p56)

It is like a “kindly light” we reach not normally through reason, but “through the imagination, by means of direct impressions, by the testimony of facts and events, by history ...” John Henry Newman was convinced, as am I, that in embracing what often appear at first sight to be contradictory truths and trusting in the kindly light to lead us, we will eventually come to see the greater truth that lies beyond us. I like to think that we do not possess the truth so much as the truth possesses us, constantly attracting us by means of beauty and godness.

On the Lighter Side

A hippopotamus and a giraffe walk into a bar. After a few drinks, the giraffe gets drunks and keels over onto the floor. The hippopotamus begins to walk out, the barman yells out. “Hey, you can’t leave that lyin’ there!” The hippopotamus turns around: “It’s not a lion. It’s a giraffe.”



ST SEBASTIAN'S MERRIGUM REUNION

A special welcome to all those attending Mass at Merrigum this weekend.

We hope you enjoy this special occasion of friendship and memories.

ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be held next **Thursday 1st July at 10.00am** in St Augustine's Church. All welcome. (Please note that on this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.)

CUPPA AFTER MASS

A cuppa will be held after the 7.00pm Mass **next Saturday, 3rd July**. All are invited to stay and enjoy this fellowship.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all the teachers, staff, students and families a safe and enjoyable break over the school holidays.

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

CHURCH SCREENS

It has come to the attention of the Parish Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee that the screens in the church are on the way out. With the support of the Parish Finance Committee, replacement options of the screens are being considered.

Anyone who is interested in this or have any ideas, are invited to contact the Parish Office.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

Sandpiper e-News is a fortnightly newsletter distributed on alternate Wednesdays by the Diocese. The latest issue (Issue 21), which includes our recent bulletin item on Doug Small, can be accessed through the following link:

[Sandpiper e-News 21: 9 June 2021 \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:mailchi.mp)

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the bottom of the link page.)

MEETING IN THE SPIRIT

A monthly meeting coming together to reflect and share our experiences on the Word of God will be on **Tuesday 29th June at 4.15pm** (followed by 5pm Mass) in the Parish meeting room.

Theme for this month is Word of God.

Gospel reflection- the Parable of the Sower Matt 13:1-23

Led by Fr John. Please bring you bibles. All welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief is a very personal journey

There is no right way to experience bereavement: the period of sadness and loneliness we experience from the loss of a loved one. Everyone's journey is unique and personal. Losing a loved one can change your life in so many ways. Nothing is the same.

The Parish Pastoral Council has recognised the need for a Support Group for people who are experiencing emotions relating to loss.

The Group will commence in September 2021 by meeting for 2 hours once a month initially to share companionship, experiences, stories and coping strategies to support one another. The people who come together will determine the direction of the support group. The meeting place will be in the shared area of the Church.

Please remember that there are people in our community who are suffering in silence. This group may fill a void in their lives by acknowledging their suffering and provide them with hope for the future.

If you or you know of someone who may be interested in attending this group please contact Alana Brennan on 0427658563 for a confidential chat and more information.

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 3rd July at 7.00pm:

Commentator – I Paynter; Lector – W Mulcahy;
Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 4th July at 8.00am:

Commentator – M DiPetta; Lector – T Hehir;
Special Minister – J Stockdale

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs
Recently Deceased: Pat Guinan, Fr George Pasala, Marjory Brennan, Leo Cavicchiolo
Anniversaries: Fortunato Cortese, Nicola Spina, Carmela DiPetta

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	28 June	<i>School holidays commence</i>
Tuesday	29 June	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	30 June	-
Thursday	1 July	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Friday	2 July	-
Saturday	3 July	Mass 7.00pm (cuppa after Mass)
Sunday	4 July	Mass 8.00am Baptism 11.00am
Monday	5 July	-
Tuesday	6 July	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	7 July	-
Thursday	8 July	Mass 9.15am
Friday	9 July	-
Saturday	10 July	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	11 July	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.30am Tongala

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

A new date for the Parish's third Strategic Planning workshop has now been set.

It will be held on **Monday, 26th July at 7.00pm** in the School Staff Room.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." - 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

Breaking Open the Word

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and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

27 JUNE 2021

FIRST READING

Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v. 2

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me / and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. / O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead. / restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, / give thanks to his holy name. / His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. / At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

3. The Lord listened and had pity. / The Lord came to my help. / For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. / O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

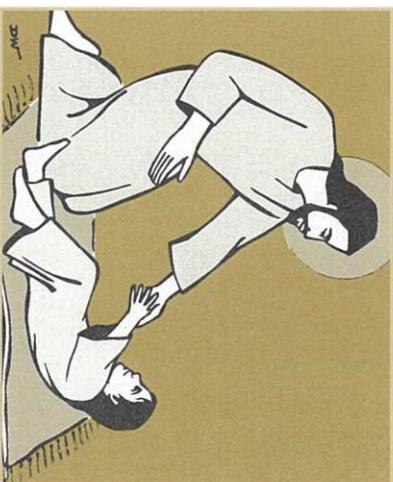
SECOND READING

2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of



keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf 2 Tim 1: 10

Alléluia, alléluia! / Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death / and brought us life through his gospel / Alléluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 5: 21-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him