



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

28 January 2024



Readings for this week: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28



Readings for next Sunday: Job 7:1-4,6-7
1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23
Mark 1:29-39



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Christian Life 3

Life and the Kingdom of God

The seven sacraments are related to critical needs and moments in Christian living and dying. The word of scripture carries its saving power and significance as part of every complete liturgy. In seeking an integrating vision for the celebration of liturgy and the challenges and achievements of life, Christians are bound to look to the Kingdom of God preached and inaugurated by Jesus. God's Kingdom remains the most comprehensive and fertile symbol for the new pattern of worship and living established by God for humanity through Jesus Christ.

This Kingdom in its "already" stage is to be discerned and celebrated. In its "not-yet" stage it is to be prayed for, striven for and received. Christians celebrate their past, present and future in the liturgy and find fulfilment in the power and love of God. NDCW.

Looking at the Readings

Twice we hear in the gospel today that Jesus taught them with authority. First it was said after he was teaching his disciples in the synagogue and secondly after he healed a man possessed by an unclean spirit. Perhaps two issues prompted those claims. He resembled Moses in many ways and from the first reading today we hear that Moses prophesied that a great prophet would emerge among them. Secondly the fact that his word and actions were in harmony. A better word we may use is that Jesus taught with "Authenticity". The other teachers did not have the compassion that Jesus showed; they were not up to the mark in practising what they were preaching, their word did not ring true in their ears. The crowd and the disciples listened to Jesus' words and were moved by them. More came to believe in him and to follow him. Their hearts were stirred, their faith inspired, their hopes were beginning to be realised. They found his words were wonderful to hear and witness.

As we delve more into Mark's Gospel we see the challenges of being a disciple of Jesus, we cannot just look on from the sidelines. We have to make choices and make commitments. We, today, just as the listeners in the synagogue were at the time, are drawn into the controversies of religion and then invited to accompany Jesus wherever he may go. We meet Jesus in the liturgy, in service to others, in personal prayer and in the Love of God.

Word of God Sunday – 4 February

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Let us embrace Sunday of the Word of God to help us launch our new year with a deeper and richer encounter with the Risen Lord. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day.

Pope Francis: Three Attitudes on Discipleship 2

The second attitude which disciples are called to adopt is renewal, The Church doesn't renew herself on "her own whim," but firm in the faith and following the hope of the Gospel. This requires sacrifice and courage, "not so that we can consider ourselves superior or flawless, but rather to respond better to the Lord's call" (Medellin 9/7/2016)

On the Lighter Side

Teacher: Why are you late for school? Student: Because of the road sign. Teacher: What does the sign have to do with you being late? Student: It read, "School Ahead, Go Slow!"



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson.

Recently Deceased: David Shaw, Domenic Muto.

Anniversaries: Antonio De Pasquale, Annunziata Longo

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



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Fr Uday Marneni, Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Jackie Stockdale,

Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jay Sutton, John Forde

Parish Finance Committee

Fr Uday Marneni,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

James Harris (Deputy Chair)

John Zobec, Chris Moor, Mary Zobec.

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 27th January - 6pm Mass

Sun 28th January - 8.30am

Tue 30th January - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm **Liturgy**

Thu 1st February – 11.30am – St Augustines School opening Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 4th February - 8.30am – Harvest Mass

Sun 4th February - 11.30am - Tongala

Tue 6th February - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 8th February - 10am - Anointing Mass

Thu 8th February – St Patrick's opening school Mass 12 noon

Weekly Masses

Sat 10th February - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 11th February - 8.30am

ROSTERS

Sunday 4th February at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – A Snell

Special Minister – M DiPetta

Saturday 10th February at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 11th February at 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – E Luvara

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 \$ 948.00

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.

GATHERING TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS FOR THE HARVEST

A parish gathering to celebrate and give thanks for the harvest will be held next **Sunday 4th February**. In Jesus' day, the Jewish people celebrated the "Feast of Ingathering" or the "Feast of Tabernacles". Everyone shared from their harvest, and goods were collected for the poor. St Augustine's Parish will again celebrate the harvest with the same sense of joy and sharing. We invite all farmers, crops growers, orchardists, winegrowers, home gardeners and cooks, to bring from their produce on that day – for the produce swapping table. Let us also share abundance with those in need; we encourage people to bring a non-perishable item in a can, jar or packet, of something produced in our area. On the day, donors can bring these items to the altar in the entry procession for the St Vincent DePaul Society baskets. We also ask people to bring a plate to share following Mass.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SEMINARS

The Liturgical Ministry Seminars (Ministry of the Word, Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion and Ministry of Liturgical Music) planned for February at St. Kilian's Parish have been postponed. These seminars will be re-scheduled to a later date in 2024 TBC.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

We have one 2024 Columban Mission art calendars still available for sale for \$10, available from gathering place.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, 5th March 2024 commencing at 6.00pm in the Parish meeting room.

MEN'S CHOIR

The men's choir is on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please come at 8am, Sunday 4 February to practice.



A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH

Have you thought about leaving a bequest to the church? The forms are available in the office if you would like to leave a bequest. These can be filled in and left with your will. Please contact Vicki or email the office for a copy.



ANOINTING MASS

The next anointing mass will be held on Thursday 8th February at 10am, followed by a cuppa. Time change to due to opening school Mass.



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

SCHOOL OPENING MASS

The St Augustines opening school Mass will be held on Thursday 1st February at 11.30am. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the school year on the feast of St Brigid of Kildare.

ST PATRICKS SCHOOL OPENING MASS

The St Patricks opening school Mass will be held Thursday 8th February at 12noon.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 50TH ANNIVERSARY:

Worldwide Marriage encounter warmly invites couple/spouses who have attended a Marriage Encounter weekend (anywhere in the world) to join in the 50th anniversary celebrations of Marriage Encounter in Australia. Celebrations include:- a Formation Day (Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires, The Respect He Desperately Longs for) followed by an evening of celebration over a shared meal. Saturday 16 March 2024 at St John's, Mitcham. Marriage Encounter offers a unique weekend experience for married couples and priests. It originated in Spain in 1952 and has spread worldwide to almost 100 countries since that time. It came to Australia in 1974. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a volunteer Catholic movement of married couples and priests working together to enrich the relationships of those who attend a weekend. Please call Steve and Sue Hollowood 0431 477 556 / 0412 130 845 or email: sands.oct05@gmail.com for further details.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS - BENDIGO:

REGISTER NOW for the 2024 Way of the Cross production! Registrations end on January 29th with auditions on January 31st, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm.



This is for anyone wanting to be involved in any capacity, whether it is for cast, crew, costuming, staging, props or more. Further details.

<https://www.thewayofthecross-bendigo.com/register-for-auditions>

The Way of the Cross - Bendigo is a theatrical, live performance, re-telling the true story of the last few days, Trial, Death and Resurrections of Jesus Christ as part of the 2024 Bendigo Easter Festivities, all welcome to take part, please register your interest.

HOME COMMUNION

The Parish offers home communion. If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish Office.

"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice." *Isaiah 41:10*

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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?

Would you like to volunteer to help with the store? There is a clipboard to put your name down to be included on the roster.

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

If you would like further details, please talk to Fr Uday, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.

FUNDRAISER FOR ST AUGUSTINE

We still have a couple of wood scroll Calendars 2024 available in the Piety Store in the gathering space at the church, after the weekend Masses. Calendars are \$20 each and we only have 3 different calendars left, **Divine mercy(x1), St Anthony (x2), and Sacred Heart Jesus(x1)**. All money raised to St Augustine Parish.

