

Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Sunday 1 January 2023



Readings for this week:
Numbers 6:22-17
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21



Readings for next Sunday:
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

1st of January

New Year's Day harmonises many civil and religious celebrations. It is the beginning of the new civil year. This day is also called the Octave of Christmas (eight days inclusive from 25 December). This day was once called the Naming of Jesus and at another era also the Circumcision of Jesus. It is also World Day of Prayer for Peace. The revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969 has designated this day as the Solemnity of Mary the holy Mother of God. This is the oldest feast and celebration of Mary in the Roman liturgy. The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus has been moved to 3 January as an optional memorial.

Quotes from the Saints

"You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones." *Saint Augustine*
"Begin now, believe me, don't wait until tomorrow to begin becoming a saint." *Saint Thérèse of Lisieux*

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Looking at the Readings

The Gospel for this Feast is almost the same as that of the Christmas dawn Mass with the added verse 21 which jumps eight days to the naming and circumcision of the child Jesus. The first reading from the book of Numbers is the "Aaronic Blessing", suitable for the beginning of the new civil year and honouring the name of God. The second reading captures the title of the feast, "Mary the Holy Mother of God" noting the power of the Holy Spirit and the benefit for the human race: we are the sons and daughters of God, enable us to call God: "Abba, Father".


Teaching of Vatican Council II

After the Council of Ephesus (431) the devotion of the people of God toward Mary wonderfully increased in veneration and love, in invocation and imitation, according to her own prophetic words: "All generations shall call me blessed, because He that is mighty hath done great things to me". (Luke 1:48) This devotion, as it always existed, although it is altogether singular, differs essentially from the worship of adoration which is offered to the Incarnate Word, as well to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and it is most favourable to it. The various forms of piety toward the Mother of God, which the Church within the limits of sound and orthodox doctrine, according to the conditions of time and place, and the nature and ingenuity of the faithful has approved, bring it about that while the Mother is honoured, the Son, through whom all things have their being (Col. 1:15-16) and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, (Col 1:19) is rightly known, loved and glorified and that all His commands are observed. *Lumen Gentium, 21 November 1964, art 66.*

Pope Francis: World Day of Peace

Great social challenges and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young. Each must be willing to make room for others and not to insist on monopolizing the entire scene by pursuing their own immediate interests, as if there were no past and future. *World Day of Peace 1/1/2022*

On the Lighter Side of the New Year

Every year you make a resolution to change yourself. 
This year, make a resolution to be yourself. *Anon*
You know how I always dread the whole year? Well this time I'm only going to dread one day at a time. *Charlie Brown*
You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. *C.S. Lewis*



THE SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January, 1

Heavenly Father, source of light in every age, the Virgin conceived and bore your son who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace. You blessed the Virgin Mary with the full of grace. She is my model of Faith, hope, and love. I give this New Year to her intercession and ask for her holy prayers. Place my needs into the protection of her motherly love. With her help, I want my faith to grow. Give me an increase in the virtue of hope when troubles tempt me to despair. Guide me in understanding your infinite love. And join my heart, dear Lord, to the Holy Mother's Immaculate Heart, so that I may improve in loving everyone unconditionally in imitation of my Savior, Jesus. Amen

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Our warmest welcome to Carl Cabaraban and Mary D'Augello as a newly joined for the **Parish Pastoral Council**. And John Zobec for the **Parish Finance Committee**. Thank you for your willingness and support. We keep you in our prayers.



A big thank you to all involved in coordinating our Christmas Liturgies. The work of so many responsible for preparation, lectors, special ministers, servers, musicians and singers, sacristans, those who collected the money, those who extend hospitality – and all involved in Christmas Celebrations, a special thank you to all!

Thank you to those who have given generously to St Vincent de Paul at the Christmas Masses. Your generosity and support is much appreciated.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS

Sunday 8 January at 8.30am:

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister- J Stockdale

Saturday 14th January at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 15th January at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister – F Turner

POSITION VACANT

PARISH ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

St. Augustine Parish, Kyabram

Permanent part-time position: 14 hours per week

We are looking for a highly motivated individual for this diverse role.

Duties include;

- Office support to the Parish Priest.
- Reception and general administrative functions.
- Bookkeeping, secretarial and office management.
- Preparation of parish bulletin.
- Maintaining accurate and secure records including on the parish website.
- Administration of baptisms, funerals and weddings.
- Management of accounts payable and receivable and banking.
- Record keeping and accounting to Balance Sheet level.
- Other duties commensurate with your skills and experience assigned by the Parish Priest from time to time.

To succeed in the role, you will need;

- Excellent communication skills.
- Developed organizational skills.
- Ability to maintain a high level of integrity, confidentiality and discretion.
- Ability to work to priorities and timeframes with attention to detail in an environment of interruptions.
- Sound knowledge of basic financial accounting packages and Microsoft Office suite of products.
- Knowledge of Child Safety Standards and procedures.
- An understanding of the Catholic faith and a willingness to work within the Catholic ethos.
- Initiative and a capacity to work with a minimum of supervision.

Submit applications and resume to kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Enquiries to Fr. John Paul Pasala, Parish Priest: 03 5852 1026.

Alana Brennan: 0427 658 563; Wayne Mulcahy: 0402 358 221.

Applications close at 5:00 pm on 20/01/2023.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We are once again considering if any business would be interested in advertising in our Parish bulletin, website and Facebook. The costs are

	Large Ad (9x10cm)	Small Ad (5x6cm)
3 months (12 weeks)	\$200	\$175
6 months (25 weeks)	\$300	\$250
12 months (50 weeks)	\$500	\$400

Thanking you in advance for your support. If you would like any further details, please talk to Fr. John or any member of the Finance Committee.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Anne Dodd, Lee Chant, Sam Peyton
Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Concetta Barbagallo,
Recently Deceased: Trevor Price, Julie Shaw, and Margaret Evans.
Joan Macdermid, Joy shortis.
Anniversaries: Marie Wearden.



May this new year brings peace
upon you and your family.
Happy New Year
to you and yours.



FORTNIGHT TIME TABLE

Mon	02 Jan	-
Tues	03 Jan	- Rosary 4:45pm; Mass 5:00pm.
Wed	04 Jan	-
Thurs	05 Jan	- Mass 9:15am.
Fri	06 Jan	-
Weekend Masses		
Sat	07 Jan	-No Mass
Sun	08 Jan	- Mass 8:30am.
Mon	09 Jan	-
Tues	10 Jan	- Rosary 4.45pm; Mass 5.00pm.
Wed	11 Jan	-
Thurs	12 Jan	- Mass 9.15am.
Fri	13 Jan	-
Weekend Masses		
Sat	14 Jan	- Mass 6pm.
Sun	15 Jan	- Mass 8:30am (New year Mass) Merrigum 12.00 Noon.

POSITIONS VACANT

A number of positions are currently Vacant on **Parish Pastoral Council** and **Parish Finance Council**, please consider helping out in these areas of need and be part of a team in forming the future of our Parish. Please contact Fr. John Paul

Parish Priest

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Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

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St Augustine's College
Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000
St Patrick's Primary
Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala.,
Alana Brennan (Chairperson)
Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello, Carl Cabaraban.
Brendon Lane, Finola Price,
Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,
Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),
James Harris (Deputy Chair)
John Zobec, Naomi Hehir, Mary Zobec.

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

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month at
5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Aug's Church
Kyabram.

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

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 (5852 1026) or Mary Zobec- 0427 190 282

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to Mary Bowman who will be turning 90 on the 12th January. You are invited to join Mary in celebrating this milestone after 8.30 Mass on the 8th January.

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 58521310.

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 together and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

Breaking Open the Word

Heb 1: 1-2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 2: 16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib . . . When the eighth day came, they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD / A

1 JANUARY 2023

THE SAVING WORD

FIRST READING

Num 6: 22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers.

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66: 2-3, 5, 6, 8. R. v. 2

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. R.

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. R.

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

SECOND READING

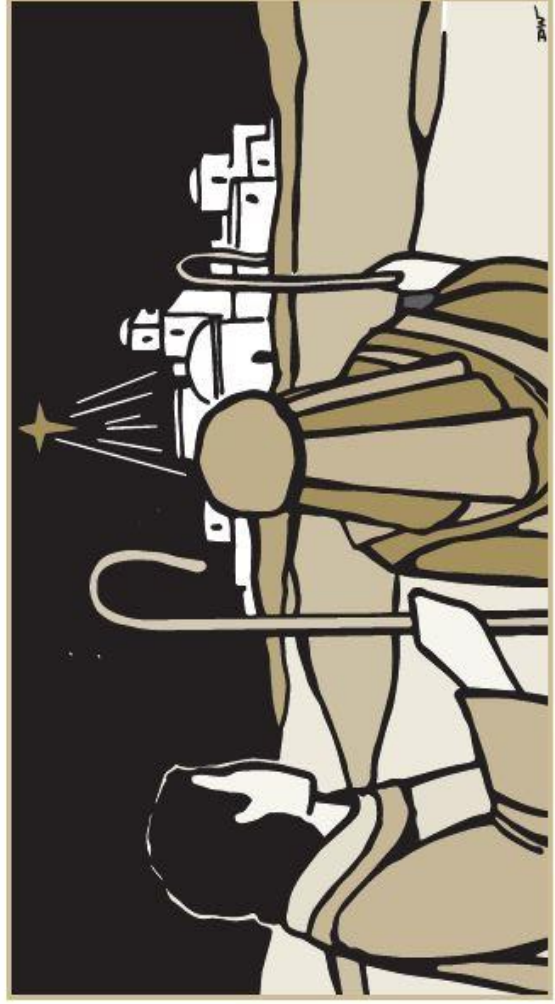
Gal 4: 4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

■ The word of the Lord.



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Octave of Christmas concludes by honouring Mary as the Mother of God continuing the long and rich tradition that goes back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. The formula that Levites and priests were instructed to use when blessing the people of Israel has a special resonance when applied to Mary. She could surely say that she had been blessed in the gift of Jesus, that God's face had shone upon her, and that God had been gracious to her in ways that she could never have anticipated or imagined. Her positive response to the words of the angel Gabriel opened a pathway for all humanity.

In the letter to the Galatians, we get a glimpse into Paul's wonder at the mysterious ways of God knowing that our ability to cry out in the Spirit 'Abba, Father' would not have come about if Jesus had not been born of Mary. He describes this birth as taking place in the fullness of God's time. Jesus was born as a member of the people of Israel, but this is only a part of his identity and role in God's saving plan that extends to all creation.

The first witnesses to the birth of Jesus in Luke's Gospel were the shepherds who were informed that a Saviour had been born in Bethlehem, the city of David whose own career as king started humbly as a shepherd. In a similar way, Jesus' humble beginnings in a manger will lead to blessings for all of us. Like Mary, we are called to treasure all this in our hearts.

Christopher Monaghan CP