

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

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi Sunday)

Sunday 19th June 2022



Readings for
this week:

Genesis 14:18-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11-17



Readings for
next Sunday

1 Kings 19:16,19-21
Galatians 5:1,13-18
Luke 9:51-62



Liturgical Jottings

Actions of the Eucharistic liturgy have been variously named over the years. A simple example is Take, Bless (Give Thanks) Break, Give and Eat. In the early church, the third action "Break" gave us the name for the Rite The Breaking of the Bread, later to be replaced by the second action "Give Thanks, from the Greek, "Eucharistia".

Pope Francis writes: A third gesture from the Gospel is that of *Jesus breaking the bread*. This is the Eucharistic gesture *par excellence*. ... The Lord who breaks no one, yet allows himself to be broken. The Lord who does not demand sacrifices, but sacrifices himself. The Lord who asks nothing but gives everything. In celebrating and experiencing the Eucharist, we too are called to share in this love. For we cannot break bread on Sunday if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters. (2021)

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Looking at the Readings

This feast day is not a celebration of an event of Christ like Christmas, Easter or Pentecost but a mystery of Christ and the Church. We hear in the second reading that the celebration of the Eucharist was well established in Apostolic times. Yes, we took up Christ's mandate at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me" immediately. So everywhere at every time Christians gather on the first day of the week to remember and make present the meal and sacrifice and life of Christ our Saviour. Yet it has its roots deep within our History of Salvation.

The first reading (Genesis 14) fleetingly introduced a mysterious figure: Melchizedek, as a king and priest of God most high. He offered a blessing or thanksgiving of bread and wine. He is only mentioned one more time in the Old Testament: Psalm 109 (110), today's Responsorial Psalm. The author to the Letter to the Hebrews make the connection between Melchizedek and Christ (Chapters 5-7) as an eternal priest, mediator between God and humanity.

The Gospel also provides elements for the thematic origins of the Eucharist: The multiplication of the loaves and fishes symbolises Christ's desire and authority to provide for our ongoing spiritual nourishment. Also notice the verbs: take, bless, break, give and eat - His actions at the Last supper and our actions at the Eucharistic liturgy.

Prayer for Today

O Lord, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. (The Collect of the Mass).

The Saints on The Body of Christ

You, are the body of Christ and its members (1 Cor 12:27). So if it's you that are the body of Christ and its members, what you receive is the mystery that means you. It is to what you are that you reply *Amen*, and by so replying you express your assent. What you hear, you see, is *The body of Christ* and you answer, *Amen*. So be a member of the body of Christ, in order to make that *Amen* true. *St Augustine Sermon 272*

On the Lighter Side

Fr John Mello SM tells the story of a Parish Priest asking a teacher to "give the homily" at the first Communion Mass one year. He said that she is better able to speak to the small children than he. Afterwards he accused her of heresy, only to discover her words were quotes from one of the greatest theologians and saints in our church: St Augustine!



CONGRATULATIONS

Last Thursday evening the children who are involved in this year's Sacramental Program made their First Reconciliation.

We congratulate them on this very special event.



COMBINED PPC & PFC MEETING

A reminder to members of both the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee that a combined meeting is on **Tuesday, 21st June** commencing at 5.30pm (following Mass).

REFUGEE WEEK

Refugee Week with the theme 'HEALING' will be celebrated nationally from Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th June.

The aim of this week is to raise awareness of the issues affecting refugees and broaden community understanding of what it is like to be a refugee; and to promote harmony and togetherness.

On Monday 20th June, the World Day of Refugees, the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office and the Bishops' Office for Justice, Ecology & Peace are inviting you to participate in an online prayer service to pray for asylum seekers & refugees.

Register now at:

<https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>

TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM: GUEST SPEAKER NIGHT

St Brendan's Adult Faith Formation group extends an invitation to join them as **Fr Stephen Bolling** unpacks the importance of the Christian understanding of the human person for Apologetics and Evangelization in the current culture in his talk: *"In God's Image: The Christian Understanding of What it Means to be Human vs. Modern Challenges"*.

Friday 24th June, 6pm (following Adoration) at the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's Shepparton. All welcome!

For more information, contact Winona on mobile 0432 865 933.

HOME COMMUNION

The Parish is commencing Home Communion again.

If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish Office (5852 1026).

Also, if anyone would like to be a Home Communion Minister please contact the Parish Office.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

Come along and join Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer group for a time of praise and worship, breaking open God's word and fellowship.

The Prayer Group meets regularly via zoom and monthly in the church. All welcome.

Enquiries to Mary on mobile 0427 190 282.

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE (MND)

The date chosen for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) -- 21 June -- is a solstice, a turning point in summer or winter, depending on where you live in the world. It is hoped this day will be another turning point in the search for cause, treatment and cure of this brutal disease which has a devastating impact on those diagnosed and those who look after and love them. See Sandpiper eNews for more information.

Mary Pianta, Disability Contact Coordinator.

QUOTE

Be happy now. Feel good now. That's the only thing you have to do. – Rhonda Byrne

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 25th June at 6.00pm:

Commentator – L Ratcliffe; Lector – J Harris;
Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 26th June at 8.30am:

Commentator – V Fox; Lector – M Carver;
Special Minister – M Elliott

Sunday 26th June at Merrigum at 11.30am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy

Recently Deceased: Vin Carroll

Anniversaries: -

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	20 June	-
Tues	21 June	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm - Intention of Ziva & Katherina Radanov Combined PPC and PFC meeting 5.30pm
Wed	22 June	-
Thurs	23 June	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 9 and 10)
Fri	24 June	-
Sat	25 June	Baptism 5.00pm Mass 6.00pm
Sun	26 June	Mass 8.30am (Baptism during Mass) Mass 11.30am Merrigum
Mon	27 June	<i>School holidays begin</i>
Tues	28 June	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm
Wed	29 June	-
Thurs	30 June	Mass 9.15am
Fri	1 July	-
Sat	2 July	No Mass
Sun	3 July	Mass 8.30am

VOLUNTEER SEWERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a winter project? The Parish and school have some prayer cloths that need hemming. If you can help please contact Alma on mobile 0417 184 527. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (LUKE 9:17)

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

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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

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:51-52

Alléluia, alléluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says
the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alléluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:1-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

SHARING JESUS' MINISTRY

Surprising as it may seem, even though the letters of Paul were written some years before the Gospels, they rarely mention directly sayings of the Lord. One of the exceptions is when Paul sets out to remind his wayward converts at Corinth about the true meaning of the Eucharist. They had become all too complacent about their celebration of the Eucharist and, as far as Paul was concerned, rather than proclaiming the Lord's death till his return they were responsible for his death! To bring them back on the right track Paul reminds them of the tradition that he had received (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:3-5).

Matthew, Mark, Luke and Paul all hand on traditions about the Last Supper but Luke (22:19-20) and Paul (1 Corinthians 11:23-25) have a couple of special emphases that are worth noting. Firstly, they both focus on the Eucharist as a way of actively remembering the saving death of Jesus. Secondly, they both make it clear that in Jesus' blood a new stage in salvation history has arrived: a new covenant now binds us to God.

In the early church, the feeding of the five thousand was related in such a way that it reflected the Last Supper. Jesus taking the bread, breaking it, and giving it to the disciples to distribute, all mirrored elements of the Last Supper. What was new was that now the disciples were called to share in Jesus' ministry of welcome and hospitality; a ministry we are still called to share.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) / C

19 JUNE 2022

FIRST READING

Gen 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 109:1-4. R. v. 4

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: / Sit on my right: / I will put your foes beneath your feet. **R.**

2. The Lord will send from Zion / your sceptre of power: / rule in the midst of all your foes. **R.**

3. A prince from the day of your birth / on the holy mountains; / from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R.**

4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. / 'You are a priest for ever, / a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **R.**

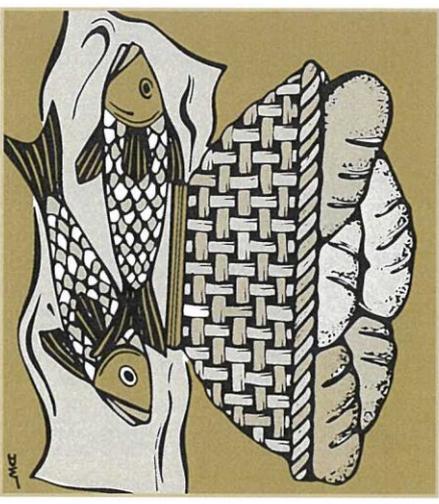
SECOND READING

1 Cor 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you



drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality:
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.