



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9 October 2022



Readings for  
this week:

2 Kings 5:14-17  
2 Timothy 2:8-13  
Luke 17:11-19



Readings for  
next Sunday

Exodus 17:8-13  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
Luke 18:1-8



## Liturgical Jottings

### Liturgical Prayer I

In the Christian faith we may regard prayer as: "communication with God". Yet there are many ways of praying. The Gospel this Sunday and the next two Sundays focus on prayer. The lessons that Jesus taught about prayer are deep yet easily comprehended: ask for what you need (the leper), be persistent (the widow) and be humble and genuine (the publican). Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Christian writers and saints also instruct us and give examples and categories of prayer from ancient, classical and modern times: eg Origen, St Augustine, St Dominic, or Thomas Merton. While avoiding classifications and purposes of prayer, two basic forms will be addressed here: liturgical prayer and solitary prayer. Of course, both are necessary for the Christian life and both serve as an enrichment of the other. Liturgical prayers tend to be formal and communal while solitary prayer tends to be informal, flexible and more personal.

## Looking at the Readings

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise. ©

Dianne Bergant CSA

## Prayer of the Earth (part 7)

O Lord, seize us with your power and light,  
help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future,  
for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.  
Praise be to you! Amen.

## Quote of the Week

If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.  
**Meister Eckhart**

## Did You Know?

Leprosy (Hansen's Disease) is a bacterial infection that is now curable. While several saints had contracted the disease in their lifetime only three are known to die from it: St Lázaro of Kyoto died 29 Sept 1637 at Nagasaki, canonised in 1987; St Damien de Veuster died 15 April 1889 at Molokai, canonised in 2009; St José Gabriel died 26 January 1914 in Argentina, canonised in 2016.

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## Happy Feast of our Lady of the Rosary The Month of October

"If it is possible for you, never neglect to say your beads every day, and if you find time, even the whole fifteen decades. Be not afraid of distractions, provided you are willing to struggle against them. Our heavenly Mother understands so well our weakness, our tired feelings, our weariness at times. Hail Mary's multiplied never displease her. She appreciates your murmurings of faith, hope, and love. Do your best. But, never give up your beads. To carry them on your person. Keep them, at times, especially in time of trial, in the hollow of your hand.. To conclude, keep this in mind, at least: do not neglect to say three Hail Mary's morning and night to Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, to thank the Most Blessed Trinity for having given us her.

When we love someone, we cease not to remind him of our love, and always we love him more. In saying Hail Mary, you will never disappoint your heart, and above all the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She is our Mother.

"It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that he will reign in the world." God bless you. *Fr. John*

## Thoughts for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

<https://young-catholics.com/3659/27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>  
A true disciple must live in an attitude of gratitude, not entitlement. Jesus heals all ten lepers in the gospel. And he tells them that their faith was essential to this healing. In fact, he does not even touch them, as he often does when healing people. Instead he just tells them to go to the priests. They believe his word and are made clean. But nine of them don't seem to realize that this healing is a gift from God. Only the foreigner, who worships differently than the Jews, returns to give thanks.

In a similar way, it can be easy for us to forget that we receive gifts from God every day. And we can take our faith for granted. This can be especially true for cradle Catholics. We go to Mass on Sunday without really thinking about what we are doing. We think that we are deserving of salvation because of the good things we do. But salvation is a free gift from God, it is not earned. So let us thank God for it every day.

## Reflection Questions for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

- Do I give thanks to God regularly?
- What has happened to me lately which I need to show gratitude for?
- How can I use the gifts God has given me to express my thankfulness?

*Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."*

*Luke 17:17-19*

## FUNDRAISER FOR St Augustine

We have 25 wood scroll Calendars 2023 available at the back of the church, in the Church, after the weekend Masses. \$20 each and 5 different calendars, **Divine mercy, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Anthony, Sacred Heart and our Lady of Perpetual Help.** All money raised will go to St Augustine Parish. Please contact **Veronica Fox.**



## MERRIGUM REUNION MASS

A Reunion Mass will be held at the Merrigum Church on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022** at 12noon, followed by lunch at the Kyabram Club.

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited.

## Bishop Joe Memorial Colloquium:

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop Joe Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration is being held on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton.

The keynote speaker is Fr Frank Brennan SJ on the topic 'Building a Future with Migrant and Refugees'. Presented by the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office and the Australian Catholic Bishops this will be the first time this event is held in the Sandhurst Diocese.

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30am:**

**Commentator – Natalie Watt**

**Lector – Sue Carroll**

**Special Minister – Fran Turner**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Steve Doherty, Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kady Mitchell-Treacy

**Recently Deceased:** -

**Anniversaries:**

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



## PRIEST RETIREMENT FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SANDHURST SUPPORT

You will find envelopes at the back of the church for the support of the Priest Retirement Foundation, please collect after the Mass. Thank you

## DIARY DATES

Mon	10 Oct	-
Tues	11 Oct	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm - Intention – Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life PPC and PFC meeting 6.00pm
Wed	12 Oct	-
Thurs	13 Oct	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 1/2 & 7)
Fri	14 Oct	-
Sat	15 Oct	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	16 Oct	Mass 8.30am (and cuppa after Mass) Reunion Mass 12 noon Merrigum
Mon	17 Oct	
Tues	18 Oct	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the word 5.00pm
Wed	19 Oct	-
Thurs	20 Oct	Mass 9.15am (St.Aug's Foundation and year 9 )
Fri	21 Oct	-
Sat	22 Oct	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	23 Oct	Mass 8.30am (World Missionary Sunday)

## This week on the Journey (Ep 479)

On the Journey this week: Deacon James Arblaster's Gospel reflection on faith and gratitude. Mother Hilda on the African philosophy of Ubuntu which translated means I am because you are. A faith testimony from Dominic Beltrame (NET member from Vancouver). Plus, Fr Mike Delaney on his daily highs and lows and seeing the power of God working in his life and in the lives of others, Deacon Josh Clayton looking at the impact water has on us and the life that it brings, and more great music! Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au).

**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.

**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.

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### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala,  
Alana Brennan (Chairperson)  
Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox,  
Brendon Lane, Finola Price,  
Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

### Parish Finance Committee

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

## Mass Times

### Kyabram

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

**Saturday** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## WORD OF GOD CANNOT BE CHAINED

While the people of Israel rejoiced in the unique call they had received, their experience of the world taught them that people of goodwill and faith could be found in other places and cultures. Called to be a light to the nations they knew that sometimes it was others who were light to them. Naaman the Syrian general was prepared to risk upstating the word of his wife's Israelite servant in order to be healed of leprosy. He had come to Elisha with gifts to ensure he would be healed but he leaves not only healed but richer in faith.

In a similar vein, it is a heretical Jew, a Samaritan, who has the eyes to see what the living God is offering in Jesus. He alone has the openness of heart to give thanks for the precious gift he has received through regaining his health. All the lepers were healed but only one has been saved. The outsider is the one who has been saved by means of his faith.

The letter to Timothy reflects on the fact that the Good News cannot be chained or confined. Even though Paul and other early Christian missionaries experienced opposition, hardship and imprisonment for the sake of the Gospel, they knew that their efforts were not in vain. The message of Jesus was not to be confined to Israel and Timothy is encouraged not to lose heart because being immersed in the death of Jesus and in his sufferings means sharing in his resurrected life as well.

Christopher Monaghan CP

# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

9 OCTOBER 2022

## FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings  
*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2

**R.** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



## SECOND READING

2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,

for he cannot disown his own self.

■ The word of the Lord.