



Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 11th September 2022



Readings for
this week:

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32



Readings for
next Sunday

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13



Liturgical Jottings

Anointing of the Sick 2

The Pastoral Care of the Sick Ritual Chapter Four (see this column last week) on the Rite of Anointing the Sick contains an Introduction and three forms of the rite, namely:

Anointing outside Mass

Anointing within Mass

Anointing in a hospital or institution

The introduction expresses the nature of the sacrament: "The sacrament of anointing is the proper sacrament for those Christians whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. It may be celebrated in hospital, the home or the church." It describes "The two complementary aspects of the sacrament: through the sacrament of anointing the Church supports the sick in their struggle against illness and the sacrament continues Christ's messianic work of healing." nn 97 & 98. Those needing the sacrament should seek it at the beginning of a serious illness. ... "Family and others of the Christian community should be present whenever possible." n. 99.

Looking at the Readings

There is a choice today of a shorter Gospel or a longer Gospel. The longer form contains the introduction and three parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. The shorter version omits the parable of the lost son, often referred to as the prodigal son or sometimes as the forgiving father. While we may appreciate the longer version we may remember we had the parable of the lost son earlier this year on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We do not want to miss the impact of the first two parables, one a pastoral parable, the second a domestic parable. Often Jesus offers twin parables for his mixed audience so that he includes both male and female concerns. This inclusivity addresses also his querulous present company, the scribes and Pharisees who questioned his previous company the tax collectors and the sinners (15:1-2). Jesus has come to save all.

Another thread in the three parables is that God wants our happiness. The shepherd invites his friends, the woman her neighbours and the forgiving father his two sons, the farmhands and neighbours to celebrate and share his/her joy of finding the lost one. God wants us to share in his joy in receiving the lost ones as the forgiven ones with him in eternal life.

Prayer of the Earth (part 3)

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Quote of the Week

"All this richness [in the liturgy] is not far from us. It is in our churches, in our Christian feasts, in the centrality of the Lord's Day, in the power of the sacraments we celebrate. Christian life is a continual journey of growth. We are called to let ourselves be formed in joy and in communion." *Apostolic Letter, Desiderio Desideravi, Pope Francis 29 June 2022, para 62.*

On the Lighter Side

One sheep says to another: "I wouldn't get lost all the time if the shepherd would let me use his GPS navigator." Today, we can track livestock. Radiofrequency identification (RFID) technology can help us keep track of and identify an entire flock without leaving the house.





This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

ITALIAN MASS

Fr John will celebrate Italian Mass for the Feast of St Padre Pio on **Thursday 22nd September** at 10.30am in St Augustine's Church, followed by a cuppa. Please bring a plate.

Please note that on this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.

POP UP SHOP AND GARAGE SALE

Thanks to one of our parishioners, all proceeds from a Pop Up Shop and Garage Sale will be donated to St Augustine's Parish.

The Pop up Shop and Garage Sale will be held on **Sunday, 18th September** from 9.00am to 4.00pm, at 8 Pettifer Street, Kyabram.

Visits prior to the day are welcome by appointment by calling Mary on 0481 177 767.

Available for purchase will be - Ladies quality clothing, smart dress and casual, dresses, tops, skirts, jumpers, jewellery and accessories. Lots and lots of clothing. Also, orchids, assorted plants, kitchenware, sewing machine and more.

As a church community, we encourage all to get behind this and invite your friends.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the children, their families, school staff and Sacramental Team, we thank you the Parishioners for your prayers during their Sacramental journey. We ask that you continue to pray for us and our families.

Tonight we gather to celebrate together at Eucharist, please stay and join us for a cuppa after Mass.

Let us ask the Lord for this grace: that our hearts become free and filled with light, so that we can rejoice as children of God.

- Pope Francis

PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 13th September** commencing at 5.45pm (following Mass).

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note that our Parish email address has changed to:

kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Please update your contact details with this new address.



SOUP, SANDWICH AND SLICE DAY

Henley Friends invite all to their Soup, Sandwich and Slice Day on **Thursday, 29th September** at 12.00 noon at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Lake Road, Kyabram.

Cost \$15. Raffle on the day. Lucky Door prize. Rainbow raffle.

Bookings essential to Win Crilly (0422 451 676).

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday, 18th September at 8.30am:

Commentator – N Watt, Lector – V Fox, Special Minister – A Brunt

Sunday, 18th September at Merrigum at 12 noon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: Carmela Pulsoni, Joseph Mahanggun, Elizabeth Popong, Paula Mahanggun, Fiorina Meneghetti

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

DIARY DATES

Mon	12 Sept	-
Tues	13 Sept	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm – Intention – Protection of the Unborn PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wed	14 Sept	-
Thurs	15 Sept	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 9 & 10)
Fri	16 Sept	-
Sat	17 Sept	No Mass
Sun	18 Sept	Mass 8.30am (cuppa after Mass) Mass 12 noon Merrigum
Mon	19 Sept	<i>School holidays begin</i>
Tues	20 Sept	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm - Intention – Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Wed	21 Sept	-
Thurs	22 Sept	Italian Mass 10.30am (cuppa after Mass)
Fri	23 Sept	-
Sat	24 Sept	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	25 Sept	Mass 8.30am

ST VINCENT'S COLLEGE BENDIGO (1955 – 1977)

On Saturday 15th October 2022, the St Vincent's College Past Students are celebrating a Sports Hall of Fame/Reunion Dinner.

The function is at the Bendigo Club – if you would like to join us please contact Tim Coates 0407 403 574 or 5443 9129. Email timothycoates@gmail.com

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 on 0417 184 527.

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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Fr John Paul Pasala

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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

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

Lk 15:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends, and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Longer form Lk 15:1-32



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Breaking Open the Word

GOD'S MERCY AND FORBEARANCE

If anything could be said to lie at the heart of the Judeo-Christian tradition, it is the message of the love, mercy and forbearance of God. Many people would falsely characterise the God of the Old Testament as a God who condemns and judges. However, the incident of the golden calf is one of several occasions in the Old Testament where God's mercy is shown to be far more powerful than any desire to condemn.

The beginning of the first letter to Timothy reflects on Paul's experience of this loving-kindness of God. It was well known that he who had persecuted the Church (Galatians 1:13; Philippians 3:6) had still been called to serve the Lord as an apostle. The core of the gospel is succinctly stated in one powerful phrase: 'that Christ came into the world to save sinners.'

This is nowhere more beautifully treated in the Gospels than in Luke 15. Faced with the opposition of the scribes and Pharisees when Jesus chooses tax collectors and sinners as companions, Jesus seeks their understanding and a softening of their critical stance by using parables that speak powerfully of God's mercy. It is not simply a matter of God being merciful since it is accompanied by a call for us to share in it by rejoicing that what was lost has now been found. In the kingdom of God sinners that repent will have a special place at the banquet table. The question remains as to whether our hearts are big enough to accept it.

Christopher Monaghan CP

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

THE SAVING WORD

11 SEPTEMBER 2022

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Exodus
The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.*

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants; and it shall be their heritage for ever." So the Lord relented and did not bring on the people the disaster he had threatened.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk. 15:18

R. I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

3. O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. / My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; / a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**



SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

1 Tim 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself,
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!