

# 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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**Word of God Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**



*Readings for this week:*  
Job 7:1-4,6-7  
1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23  
Mark 1:29-39



*Readings for next Sunday:*  
Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46  
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1  
Mark 1:40-45



## Liturgical Jottings Prayer for the sick

Thursday 11 February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The ministry of Jesus included healing and prayers for the disabled and sick, as seen in today's Gospel. Healing is both a ministry of Jesus' compassion and a sign of the coming of the Kingdom of God. The miracle of Lourdes is healing of the sick, encouragement of faith and spiritual well-being and conversion of the world. Our liturgy contains many prayers for the sick and the dying, Mass of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and more recently Mass in time of pandemic. "O God, only support of our human weakness, show the power of your protection over your servants who are sick, that, sustained by your merciful help, they may be restored to your Church in good health." *Prayer after Communion, Mass for the Sick*

## Looking at the Readings

"The" is the most common word in written English. It appears nine times in the Gospel passage today. But there is another word appearing 15 times in the same passage. Computers allow scholars to quickly analyse and compare original texts to assist in recognising patterns, sources and special words with relevant meanings. Mark uses the word "and" more than any other evangelist and biblical writer: 15 times in this passage. This Sabbath day races along in high activity; the scenes are connected by "and".

"[Jesus] went to [Peter's mother-in-law], took her by the hand **and** helped her up. **And** the fever left her **and** she began to wait on them." Mark compresses this encounter into a few words but at the same time packs a lot of meaning. After a big day out Jesus went home, out of concern and compassion, healed the woman thus enabling her to be the courteous hostess for the visitors. Hospitality is very important in that culture and time. Moreover Jesus "Messianic healing" manifests his authority and gives the person the opportunity to respond to the call to believe in the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

"After Sunset" is another expression of economy of words. The Sabbath Day restrictions are over: the Sabbath is from one sunset to the next. People may resume their tasks and go visiting one another. Also under the cover of darkness the quarantined and isolated may get out of their dwellings in order to come and seek help from Jesus. They do that in large numbers and we hear many are cured. Everywhere the Good News is proclaimed.

## Pope Francis: World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Jesus' words, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28) point to the mysterious path of grace that is revealed to the simple and gives new strength to those who are weary and tired. These words of Christ express the solidarity of the Son of Man with all those who are hurt and afflicted. How many people suffer in both body and soul! Jesus urges everyone to draw near to him – "Come to me!" – and he promises them comfort and repose. "When Jesus says this, he has before him the people who are marginalised by the burden of the law and the oppressive social system... Jesus' words always give hope!" *Pope's Message 2020 para. 1*

## On the Lighter Side

In a democracy it's your vote that counts;  
in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.



## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February (7<sup>th</sup> February in 2021). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsonday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsonday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

## KYABRAM CATHOLIC LADIES MORNING TEA

Kyabram Catholic Ladies Morning Tea will be held on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021** at 11.00am at Three 620. Please RSVP to Mary Zobec on mobile 0427 190 282.

## PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February

Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February is Project Compassion Sunday, when Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are distributed in Catholic parishes across Australia.

In challenging times, it is often our instinct to pull back and withdraw into ourselves. It can feel especially hard to help others when we are struggling to satisfy our own needs, unsure what tomorrow might hold. The COVID-19 pandemic has stirred this feeling of unease in many of us and we hope for a more stable and positive 2021.

But it is when life is toughest and most demanding that the gospel calls us to “dig deeper” and to go further. In Matthew 5, Jesus says “if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.” Your support allows Caritas to step out into the neediest communities, expressing love and compassion for the most vulnerable on your behalf.

The theme of PC21 is **BE MORE**. It challenges us to venture into a new experience of compassion, and is taken from the invitation of Saint Oscar Romero, to “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” This message invites us to step up and step out for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival. Those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER & ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Pope Francis has designated 8<sup>th</sup> February, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking.

Josephine Bakhita was born in Southern Sudan in 1869. During her life she experienced kidnapping and slavery in both Sudan and Italy. After gaining her freedom Josephine dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She became a Canossian Sister and was canonised in 2000.

This weekend may each of us be willing to find time to learn a little more about human trafficking and slavery in the world today. See what you can do at [www.acrath.org.au](http://www.acrath.org.au)

## PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February** commencing at 5.45pm.

## TONGALA MASS

Mass at St Patrick’s Church Tongala will be held next **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February** at 11.00am (a maximum of 24 people are able to attend). We will also be welcoming Pippa Brennan into our faith community through Baptism during Mass.

To meet the 1.5 metre rule, every second pew will be sectioned off, with limitations on the number of people in each pew (unless from the same household).

## CHANGE OF WEEK DAY MASS TIME

Just a reminder that commencing from **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February**, Mass will be held at 5.00pm at St Augustine’s Church (instead of 6.00pm).

## ST AUG’S OPENING SCHOOL MASS

St Augustine’s College Opening School Mass will be held outdoors on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am. This Mass can **only be attended** by students and teachers.

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Tom Herrick, Julie Shaw, Michael Hogan, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** Con O'Rourke

**Anniversaries:** Merv Ryan, Fred Slaughter

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



## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm:**  
Commentator – M Radanov; Lector – L Sorbello; Special Minister – A O'Meara
- **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00am:**  
Commentator – I Paynter; Lector – M Carver; Special Minister – M Cocks

## WAY OF THE CROSS AT EASTER IN BENDIGO

2020 was a different year and 2021 is looking like it may hold many differences too. While we don't know what the year is going to look like, planning is going ahead with the Way of the Cross at Easter time in Bendigo, subject to Covid-Safe guidelines.

Please see the noticeboard at the back of the church for further details, or sign up to receive updates at our website ([www.thewayofthecross-bendigo.com](http://www.thewayofthecross-bendigo.com)) or follow us on our Facebook page @wayofthecrossbendigo.



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Reach Beyond

### The need is acute!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now at <https://palms.org.au/assignments-abroad/>. **Find out more: Ross House, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room, 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE on Saturday 20 February @ 10:00am. [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)**

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38**

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

## Parish Administrator

**Fr John Paul Pasala**

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### Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick (available in Parish Office on Thursdays, 8.30 to 5.00pm)

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

### Parish Office hours –

Mon/Tues/Wed – 8.30am to 12 noon

Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

The Parish Office email address is:

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### Principals

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St Patrick's Primary

Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), Joe Chant, Maurie Finn, John Forde, Jackie Stockdale, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Brayden Stone, Mary Zobec

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.

## Mass Times this week

### Kyabram

Week Day Masses:

- Tuesday: 5.00pm
- Thursday: No Mass

Weekend Masses:

- Saturday: 7.00pm
- Sunday: 8.00am



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 8: 17  
Alleluia, alleluia! / He bore our sickness, /  
and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mk 1: 29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one  
kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

07 FEBRUARY 2021

## CONCERN FOR OTHERS

In the midst of his suffering Job takes stock of his life and judges that it can be best described as drudgery and futile. His words are a powerful reminder to us that ours is not the first or last generation to search for meaning in the midst of the complexity of the human situation. It is into the darkness, pain and questioning of ours that Jesus enters with a message of hope. His mission and message is one of healing, freedom and new beginnings.

Paul writes to the Corinthians about the mission that he has received from the Lord, that of preaching the gospel message. He is dealing with a situation where some of the people are exercising their freedom in Christ by eating meat which had previously been sacrificed to idols. While Paul agreed with them that idols did not exist, and that the meat was only meat, their mistake was in not being concerned about their 'weaker' brethren who were scandalised by their behaviour. Rather than arguing who is right and who is wrong, Paul argues that not causing suffering to the other person is a higher value. Using his own practice as an example he talks about how he has tried to become all things to all people so that he might not be an obstacle to the gospel message being preached. Since he exercises his freedom by concern for the other, he hopes that the 'stronger' members of the community will do the same.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job

*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,

his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,

or the workman with no thought but his wages,

months of delusion I have assigned to me,

nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days

have passed,

and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,

and that my eyes will never again see joy.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

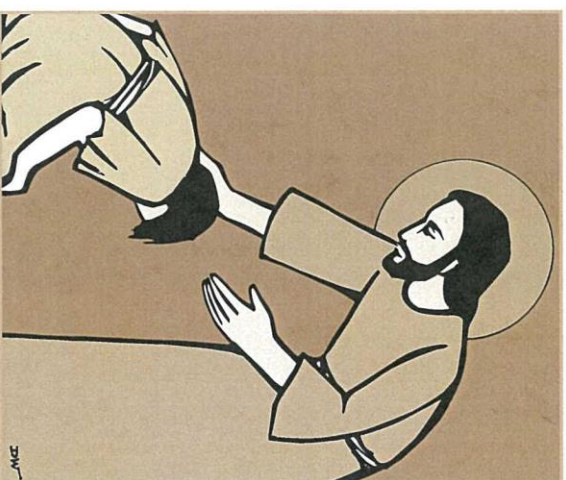
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 146: 1-6. R. v. 3

**R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.** *or Alleluia!*

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; / sing to our God for he is loving; / to him our praise is due. **R.**

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem / and brings back Israel's exiles; / he heals the broken-hearted, / he binds up all their wounds. / He fixes the number of the stars; / he calls each one by its name. **R.**

3. Our Lord is great and almighty; / his wisdom can never be measured. / The Lord raises the lowly; / he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**



### SECOND READING

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

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

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

■ **The word of the Lord.**