



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 September 2023



Readings for
this week:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Roman 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20



Readings for
next Sunday:

Sirach 27:30-28-7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



Liturgical Jottings

Eucharistic Prayer part 2

The Eucharist Prayer consists of seven distinct elements and three acclamations. This week we look at the first: "The Thanksgiving".

Thanksgiving (expressed especially in the Preface), in which the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it, according to the varying day, festivity, or time of year. GIRM 79.

Moreover we praise and give thanks for the marvellous works of God especially those of Jesus Christ. It is well expressed in the Second Eucharistic Prayer:

"Your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Saviour and Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection."

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Looking at the Readings

Two weeks ago the Gospel from Matthew mentioned "Church". It is the only time in all the Gospels that this term is used. Today's passage offers three implications of the charisms of the Church. Firstly it has the duty to correct faults and bring its members to repentance; secondly it has the authority to maintain order and discipline and to judge in the Lord's name. Thirdly it is a community of believers, gathering to pray which, in a way, constitutes the presence as God's people in the world.

The Reading from Prophet Ezekiel gives the same duty to the believer: to call a sinner to repentance. But the Lord adds two warnings on the failure to act and the refusal to respond.

Superficially one may see that the community, the present day Church, as an organisation that has rules and protocols for behaviour, a code of conduct, judicial procedures, structures of leadership, hierarchy and the like. But there underlies in Christ's teaching the need for charity and forgiveness and the sense of fraternal care and wellbeing. The passages also speak of the power of prayer and pastoral authority. St Paul throws another light onto duties and commandments: "You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour and answers every one of the commandment" (Rom 13:10).

Season of Creation

Season of Creation began on 1 September (first day of Spring) and concludes on 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the author of the Canticum of the Creatures [or the Sun]). Christians around the world are praying and caring for creation.

Prayer for the Day (excerpt from Canticum of the Sun)

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom You give us light. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Pope Francis on the Season of Creation 2023

God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

On the Lighter Side

A Christian enters a Zen pizza shop and orders the special. He pays with a \$50 note, which the owner pockets. "Hey," asks the customer, "where's my change?" "Change," replies the owner inscrutably, "must come from within."

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Sam Peyton, Shane McDonnell, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson, Ian Lennie, John Nisbet.

Recently Deceased: John Bowman, Mary Hehir

Anniversaries: John Brennan

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



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Fr John Paul Pasala,

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James Harris (Deputy Chair)

John Zobec, Chris Moor, Mary Zobec.

Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of month at

5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

Mass of Anointing are held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 9th September - 5.30pm Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass – cuppa after Mass

Sun 10th September - 8.30am

Tue 12th September - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass
(John Bowman)

Thu 14th September - 10am Anointing Mass

Weekly Masses

Sat 16th September - 5pm Sacraments

Sun 17th September - 10am Sacraments

Sun 17th September - Merrigum – NO MASS

Tue 19th September - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 21st September – No School students

Weekly Masses

Sat 23rd September - 5.30pm Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass – cuppa after Mass

Sun 24th September - 8.30am

Tue 26th September - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

ROSTERS

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th - Sacraments as arranged

Saturday 23rd September at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – M Radanov

Special Minister – A P'Meara

Sunday 24th September at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister – F Turner

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

Last week's Collection is \$ 954.15

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 5852 1310.

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

SACRAMENTS

Children will be receiving their sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Saturday 16th September at 5pm and Sunday 17th September at 10am. Please note there will be **no** 8.30am mass and no Merrigum mass on Sunday 17th September.

Parishioners are encouraged to support the sacramental children and their families.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting for the PPC is 12 September at 5.45pm at the Presbytery.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

It is an offering that may be small, but is of great symbolic value: It expresses the sense of belonging to the Church and **love and trust for the Holy Father**. It is a tangible sign of communion with Him, as Peter's Successor, and also of attention to the needs of the most disadvantaged, for whom the Pope always cares.

A collection in support of the Holy Father (also known as Peter's Pence), will be made on the Weekend of 23 & 24th September. This is one of the appeals that are listed as an annual collection on the Diocesan Fundraising Policy. It is an opportunity for us to show in a very practical way our support and appreciation for the Pope's ministry in the Church and for his powerful witness in the world.

This collection is used for two primary purposes:

- to support the Pope's service of the universal Church, carried out by the Dicasteries that assist him in evangelization, the promotion of integral human development, education, communication, etc.;
- to contribute to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need (people and families in distress, populations hit by natural disasters or war, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or development support).

Further information is available on the Peter's Pence website: <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

WAITING AT THE WELL

4x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am–12.30pm (in-person event) Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation.

Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/?> Or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 10th September at 5pm in the church. Come along for a time of Adoration, prayer and reflection. Inquiries Mary 0427190282.

PRESENTATION OF CREED

This weekend our sacramental children will be presented with the Creed. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for receiving the sacraments.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

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 that builds and supports safe communities for all. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial mass for Mary Bowman's son John Bowman will be held on Tuesday 12th September at 5pm in the church. Rosary will be 5.45pm.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need is running an emergency campaign for Pakistan. Recently up to 24 churches, hundreds of Christian homes and a Christian cemetery were targeted in an attack in Pakistan which was sparked by reports of blasphemy allegations against two Christians accused of desecrating the Qur'an. ACN is working with project partners on the ground to aid the current needs of the Christian people. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal.

SAFEGUARDING

In line with our Safeguarding policy for children and adults at risk, information can be found on the notice board in the gathering space. Please make yourselves familiar with the information provided. If you have any concerns, please contact Finola Price 03 5852 1310 or Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.

A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH

Have you thought about leaving a bequest to the church? There are forms available in the office if you would like to leave a bequest. These can be filled in and left with your will. Please contact Vicki or email the office for a copy.

“The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world.” *Pope Saint John Paul II*

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Would you be interested in advertising your business in our Parish bulletin and on our website?

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12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

If you would like further details, please talk to Fr John, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.

PIETY STORE

Have you checked out the piety store in the gathering space of the church? Do you have a family baptism, sacramental member? Why not grab a lovely gift?

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