



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 29 January 2023



Readings for this Sunday

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12



Readings for next week:

Isaiah 58:7-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16



## Liturgical Jottings

### Lectionary Translations

For more than 50 years the Lectionary (book of readings) for the Catholic Church in Australia has used the Jerusalem Bible (JB) translation. Last year the Australian and New Zealand Bishops' Conferences have approved the adoption of the "Revised New Jerusalem Bible". The texts include greater accuracy while maintaining its readability, especially when proclaimed aloud in liturgies. The translation is also noted for gender-inclusive language and poetic style. The translation of the psalms is taken from the New Grail Psalter (2010). Our current Lectionary uses the Grail Psalms (1963); both are noted for great ease to chant and to proclaim. An example of the textual change is seen in the Beatitudes (Matt 5:1-12) from "Happy are the poor in spirit" to "Blessed are the poor in spirit". The concerns of the 1960's with a proclivity for colloquialisms have shifted now towards a nobler and more accurate translation.

## Focus on the Gospel

The three readings have a common thread: God chooses and blesses the humble and lowly people (Zeph), the thoughts and values of a world are far from the values of the poor, weak and holy (1 Cor) and finally in the Gospel Jesus teaches his disciple and the great crowd of followers that they are happy and blessed because they are living the values founded by God. The Sermon on the Mount causes the listeners to compare and reflect on two sets of opposing values. The worldly values of the rich, the strong, the powerful and the complacent to the values of a true Godly person that lives poverty, humility, peace, justice and even persecution now and in the future.

## Responsorial Psalm

Usually the Responsorial Psalms, which are between the first and second readings, are taken from the Book of Psalms. Occasionally they are Old Testament canticles or even from the Gospel, e.g. Luke 1:46-54, Mary's song of praise (Advent Sunday 3B). Today Ps 145(146):6-10 has the response from today's Gospel: "**Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**" This psalm provides both a summary of the three readings and offers praise to God who is the initiator of all good things.

## Prayer for the Week

O God, teach us the hidden wisdom of the gospel, so that we may hunger and thirst for holiness, work tirelessly for peace, and be counted among those who seek first the blessedness of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Pope Francis: Beatitudes for Modern Christians

New situations require new energy and a new commitment, Pope Francis said, and then he offered a new list of beatitudes for modern Christians:

- "Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.
- "Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.
- "Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.
- "Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.
- "Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort to help others.
- "Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians."

## On the Lighter Side:

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused.



**MASS TIMES & ROSTERS**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am:**

Commentator –N Watt  
Lector – M Carver  
Special Minister- B Lyon

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Commentator –V Fox  
Lector – T Hehir  
Special Minister – J Chant

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Commentator – M Carver  
Lector – N Watt  
Special Minister – N Livsey



*Presented by Mrs. Pauline...*

**THANK YOU**

A Big Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Stations of the Cross working bee on Monday. A special thank you to Hans Van Vlodrop who guided, assisted and will continue with the restoration process. God bless you all. *Fr. John*

**ANOINTING MASS**

There will be no anointing mass for the month of February.

**FR JOHN PAUL AWAY**

Fr Michael Grace will assist us while Fr John is away. Please note that there will be no Saturday night mass during the month of February. No Masses at Tongala and Merrigum During February. We wish Fr John a safe trip to India.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you always. Last week's Collection is \$ 1508.10

**WELCOME BACK TO NEW ACADEMIC YEAR**

Welcome to all teachers, staff, students and families to the new school year, and what we hope will be a good year for all. As well as thinking of students who are beginning another year at our primary and secondary schools this coming week we extend our prayerful best wishes to our young parishioners who are beginning or continuing tertiary courses. For some it is a move away from home to new locations and new relationships. May it be a blest and positive time for all.

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

We are once again considering if any business would be interested in advertising in our Parish bulletin, website.

The costs are

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3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200	
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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Lee Chant, Sam Peyton, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Shane McDonell.

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Patricia Hehir, Antonio De Pasquale, Annunziata De Pasquale.

**Special Prayers:** Roman Luvara

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



### FORTNIGHT TIME TABLE

Mon 30 Jan -  
Tues 31 Jan - Rosary 4:45pm; Liturgy of the word 5.00pm  
Wed 01 Feb -  
Thurs 02 Feb - School opening Mass 9:15am (Brigidine Centre)  
Fri 03 Feb -  
**Weekend Masses**  
Sat 04 Feb - No Mass  
Sun 05 Feb - Mass 8:30am. (No Mass at Tongala during February)

Mon 06 Feb  
Tues 07 Feb - Rosary 4.45pm; Liturgy of the word 5.00pm.  
Wed 08 Feb -  
Thurs 09 Feb - School Liturgy 9.15am (Grade 3/4 & Year 10)  
Fri 10 Feb -  
Weekend Masses  
Sat 11 Feb - No Mass.  
Sun 12 Feb - Mass 8:30am.

### Parish Priest

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### Principals

St Augustine's College

**Jay Sutton** – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary

**Jackie Stockdale** – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala,,

Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Finola Price,

Natalie Watt, Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

James Harris (Deputy Chair)

John Zobec, Naomi Hehir, 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.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Thank you to Marg Cocks for training up our new altar Servers. We thank them for their commitment and willingness to help. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please see Marg Cocks or call her on 0428 522 330.

### POSITIONS VACANT

A number of positions are currently Vacant on **Parish Finance Council** and **Parish maintenance Person**, please consider helping out in these areas of need and be part of a team in forming the future of our Parish. Please contact Fr. John Paul.

### Home Communion

The Parish offers home communion.  
If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish Office (5852 1026) please leave message or Mary Zobec- 0427 190 282



## 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 58521310.

### 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.

# Breaking Open the Word

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Happy are the poor in spirit.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

- 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage.
- Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted.
- Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.
- Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them.
- Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God.
- Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God.
- Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

- The Gospel of the Lord.

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# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

29 JANUARY 2023

## FIRST READING

Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,

will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

- The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145: 7-10

**R.** Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down, / the Lord, who protects the stranger / and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

3. It is the Lord who loves the just / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 26-31

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

*God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning: those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

- The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5: 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad:

your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

Christopher Monaghan CP