



# 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

**Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**



Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 53:10-11  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:35-45



Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Hebrews 5:1-6  
Mark 10:46-52



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Sense of the Sacred

In the last five weeks this column has addressed the five senses: sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste in the liturgy. By the senses we receive information, experience our world and so interpret reality and come to deeper understanding of God, ourselves and our faith. We have another sense, the Sense of the Sacred. This sense leads us into mystery and wonder and awe. We gain a sense of personal identity and an experience of the spiritual. Music, architecture, signs, symbols and sacraments assist the religious person to see, apprehend and appreciate the mystery of God, Christ's ministry, passion, death and resurrection. The Sense of the Sacred is present in each child, adult, believer and the unbeliever.

## Focus on the Readings

The hint of reward for suffering in the first reading serves as a preamble the Gospel. James and John are seeking favour and reward. We may remember in Matthew's version (Second Wednesday in Lent) it is their mother that asks the favour of Jesus. Jesus response is that before reward comes trials and suffering and it is the Father (in Matthew) that allot the places of honour.

James and John, however, were misunderstanding the journey to Jerusalem, the city of Kings, a place that Jesus will restore the glory and might of the nation. They wanted a share in that. But Jesus journey to Jerusalem was to the city of the rejection and death of Prophets. He was inviting them to that journey.

This encounter affords the opportunity for Jesus to teach about servant-leadership. The lesson helps us to connect Jesus with the suffering servant of God in the first reading from Isaiah and to learn the true nature of leadership in the Church and community.

## The Suffering Servant

Today's first reading is two verses from the fourth song of the Suffering Servant of God. The Prophet Isaiah speaks of this servant chosen, set apart and saved to be God's witness before the nations. He is mysterious "servant" likened to the servant Israel but distinguished as an individual. He is humble and gentle, he accepts contempt, is innocent but receives punishment. God saves him; the servant grows great, brings salvation and becomes the light of the nations. The first song of the suffering servant (Is 42:1-7) is read on Holy Monday and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; the second song (Is 49:1-6) on Holy Tuesday and third song (Isaiah 50:4-7) on Palm Sunday and Holy Wednesday, the fourth (Is 52:13-53:12) is read in its entirety on Good Friday and in part today.

## Quotable Quote - Gérard Bessière, Paris, 1976.

Even before God Jesus is subversive, because he invites us to continually overturn the image we have formed of him. Through his whole life, as much as through his words, he directs us towards a God who became the servant of those to whom he gave birth through love.

## On the Lighter Side

I asked a grade six class: "Was Jesus ever angry?" "Yes! When the apostles tried to shoo the children away" (Mark 10:14).



"Was there another time?" "Yes! When the apostles were arguing who is the greatest" (Mark 9:33-37). They and the Gospels did not mention Jesus' anger in the cleansing of the temple. Matt 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; John 2:13-22) Luke 19:45-46

## RECONCILIATION

Starting next month (November), Reconciliation will be available on the second Saturday of the month at 5.30pm before the 6.00pm Mass.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**Next weekend** our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal.

Please come prepared next weekend to give generously, or envelopes will be available to take home.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Special birthday wishes and congratulations to **Nancy Taylor** who celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on 15<sup>th</sup> October.



*Our prayers and blessings are with you!*

Nancy Taylor would like to express again a sincere thank you to all who have prayed for her in recent times. The caring and support of parishioners has been very much appreciated.

## COVID VACCINATIONS

The Bishop encourages all to get vaccinated, as vaccinations are the surest and most effective way of keeping people safe during this pandemic.

***Pope Francis tells us that “getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable”.***

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 6.00pm:**

Commentator – L Ratcliffe; Lector – J Harris;  
(No Special Minister required).

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30am:**

Commentator – S Carroll; Lector – M DiPetta;  
(No Special Minister required).

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at Merrigum at 11.30am**

## COPING WITH COVID & LOCKDOWNS

“How are we managing Covid associated lockdowns?”

Like everyone else, at times, we have found it quite difficult, but we try to stay positive and maintain a sensible attitude.

We are fortunate that we have a sizeable garden. Spring time is a busy time with new plantings and very rewarding with the harvest of early vegetables.

We maintain our assistance at weekday Masses and other church activities when we are not in complete lockdown.

Overall, we think that we have coped reasonable well, but we look forward to when we can catch up with family. We won't know our grand kids, early teens grow so fast.

Phil & Amy”

Please feel free to submit your thoughts to us via paper or email to the Parish Office.

**This is an initiative of our Parish PPC.**

## NOVEMBER CEMETRY MASS

The November Cemetery Mass will be held on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021** at 9.00am.

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021** commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish meeting room.

## COVID SAFETY

Just a reminder that it is a Covid requirement that masks must be worn indoors and outdoors. **Please remember to bring your mask with you to Mass.**

Everyone also needs to ensure that they continue to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- use hand sanitiser
- maintain social distancing (1.5m)

And remember, if you are feeling unwell, please stay home.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** Bruce Barron, John Phyland

**Anniversaries:** -

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	18 Oct	-
Tues	19 Oct	Mass 5.00pm Parish Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm
Wed	20 Oct	-
Thurs	21 Oct	Mass 9.15am
Fri	22 Oct	-
Sat	23 Oct	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	24 Oct	<i>World Mission Day</i> Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Merrigum
Mon	25 Oct	-
Tues	26 Oct	Mass 5.00pm
Wed	27 Oct	-
Thurs	28 Oct	Mass 9.15am
Fri	29 Oct	-
Sat	30 Oct	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	31 Oct	Mass 8.30am

## MASS BOOKINGS

As per the Victorian Government Covid restrictions, currently Mass numbers will be limited to 20 people, plus those necessary to conduct the service.

**Bookings for weekend Masses only** can be made through the Trybooking links on our website or ringing the Parish Office and leaving a message.

**Bookings do not need to be made for weekday Masses.**

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

## 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 –

Tues/Wed/Fri – 8.30am to 12 noon

Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

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### Principals

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Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

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

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

### Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

**Mass of Anointing** is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church.

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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## GREATNESS THROUGH SERVICE

'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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James and John were two especially privileged disciples. Called on the first day of Jesus' ministry with Peter and Andrew, they were special witnesses to the raising of Jairus' daughter and to the Transfiguration. While the other disciples knew this, they were not prepared for their audacious and ambitious request to share in Jesus' reign. Jesus had no sooner predicted, for the second time, the fate that awaited him in Jerusalem than they revealed their complete failure to comprehend Jesus' message. Their request unmasked their ambition and desire for power. Service and giving oneself for others are to be the hallmark of the Christian community, and the manner in which greatness is to be expressed. Like the suffering servant of Isaiah who takes on the punishment which is due to others Jesus will give his life so that others might live. This is what is required of those who would be leaders in the Christian community.

In speaking of Jesus as the great and eternal high priest there was the danger that early Christians would then feel in some way distant from the one who had saved them. The letter to the Hebrews makes the point that even though Jesus' death and resurrection have brought him into the highest heaven he has not lost sight of the people. That Jesus was without sin does not mean that he does not understand our human situation. He has shared our human experience and is therefore able to mediate on our behalf with mercy and grace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Isa 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESP PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord: is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

### SECOND READING

Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to



the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 10:45

Alléluia, allelúta!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alléluia!

### GOSPEL

Mk 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we