



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 August 2023



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



Readings for
next Sunday:

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



Liturgical Jottings Gospel Sequence

The twenty-first and twenty-second Sundays in Ordinary time form a new sequence. In the first excerpt from the Gospel of Matthew, Peter stands out among Jesus' disciples. In the calming of the storm, Peter shows extraordinary faith by leaping out of the boat to reach Jesus. But then Jesus reaches out to save him. In the second excerpt Peter speaks up declaring that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God." In his turn, Jesus entrusts him with an unexpected responsibility in the community. But then Peter immediately finds it hard to accept that Jesus must undergo his passion. Again Jesus rebukes him. Despite the ups and down, Peter clearly shows his leadership among the Apostles. Although brief, this sequence has a great importance for us to understand the mystery of the Church.

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Looking at the Readings

The Prophet Isaiah described the transfer of authority to Eliakim in symbolic ways: putting on a robe, sash and giving him a key. Eliakim is to rule like a father and a king in the line of David. This reading connects well with the Gospel passage of Jesus conferring authority onto Peter. He is proven to be a leader among the apostles both in faith and deed-always the first to express faith in Jesus as the Christ and one to whom we go and the first to jump into the deep, enter the tomb, ask the important questions and make the hard decisions (John 6:68-69) and to speak out at Pentecost (Acts 2)

The authority which Jesus gives to Peter: to bind on earth things of the kingdom of heaven, to strengthen his fellow disciples (Luke 22:31) to feed his sheep (John 21) and to build his church on rock, continues after the death of Peter. Another takes Peter's place in Jerusalem when he leaves for Rome and another takes leadership in Rome when he is martyred. We see the wisdom of God is choosing a frail and sinful man as leader and the power and might of God to be with his church in good times and bad.

Prayer for the Day

Jesus, Son of the living God,
Unique rock that saves us!
Stone chosen to bear the building
Where God gathers his children,
Simon. Strengthen this Church
Upon the rock where you yourself rest!

Did You Know?

Caesarea Phillipi was a town situated 40km north of the Sea of Galilee and the furthest north Jesus and the apostles travelled. The town and district were noted for its pagan originals and temples. Herod the Great built a temple to Caesar Augustus; and after his death, Herod's son, Phillip, renamed the city Caesarea Phillipi after Tiberius Caesar and himself to distinguish from Caesarea a coastal city. It is intriguing that Matthew's gospel chooses such a site as the location for such a significant revelation of faith.

On the Lighter Side

A Good Pun is its own Reward
He often broke into a song because he couldn't find the key.
If you take a laptop for a run you could jog your memory.
He had a photographic memory which was never developed.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Sam Peyton, Shane McDonnell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson.

Recently Deceased: Fr Steve Bohan, Mary McNamara, Margaret Wade, John Bowman,
Anniversaries:

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



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Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jay Sutton, John Forde

Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

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 26th August - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass – cuppa after Mass

Sun 27th August - 8.30am

Tue 29th August - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 31st August - NO MASS

Weekly Masses

Sun 3rd September - 8.30am

Sun 3rd September - 11.30am – Tongala

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

Thu 7th September - NO MASS

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

Thu 14th September - 10am Anointing Mass

ROSTERS

Sunday 3rd September at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – A Brunt

Saturday 9th September at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 10th September at 8.30am

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – M Elliot

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 794.85

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.

FR STEVE BOHAN'S FUNERAL

The funeral arrangements for Concelebrated Funeral Mass for Fr Steve Bohan will be held on Thursday 31 August, 11am at Sacred Heart Church, Yarrowonga

FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE'S

A school mass will be celebrated on Monday 28th August in the Brigidine Centre at 11.30am. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

CCR SANDHURST

Living in the Holy Spirit. *Guest Presenter:* Adrian Commadeur. Adrian is the author of several books, including 'The Spirit in the Church'. Saturday 2 September, 2023 at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's, Knight St, Shepparton. 9am cuppa - 4pm. Entry by Donation. Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. Contact: Brigita Hore - 0412 042 196, Mary Zobec - 0427 190 282, Denise Illot - 0407 506 813.

DAFFODIL DAY

Help Stop cancer. On Thursday 31 August at 10am-1pm at Kyabram Town Hall, 199 Allan Street Kyabram. Gold coin donation. Oncology information stand, with leaflets. Cancer guest speaker. Pens, mugs, stubby holders, available for sale. Slices, sandwiches, scones and a cuppa, come and have a chat. RSVP Vanessa Cross 0407 055 732.

PFC REPORT

Below is a summary of the August Meeting.

- Still researching electronic Tap points. Parishioner feedback welcomed.
- Close co-operation and regular combined meetings together with the Parish Pastoral Council
- Co-ordinated community meeting on the future of the St Sebastian's church at Merrigum
- Bulletin advertising set up and ongoing. Welcome new advertisers.
- Parish Administrator – Vicki Arnel appointed and settled in
- St Patrick's Tongala - Working bee to start repairs to doors and gutter cleaning
- St Augustine's Kyabram church - replacement of energy efficient globes
- Replacement of door locks to OLOP - OH&S standards and fire safety requirements
- OLOP Garden area working bee
- Storm water pipe clearances
- St Sebastian's Merrigum Working bees to clear garden area.

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.

MEN'S CHOIR

SANDHURST MISSION & PASTORAL COUNCIL

Met for the third time this year on 25/26 August. We continue to keep them in our prayers. Our Lady of Good Counsel patroness of our diocese pray for us.

SACRAMENTAL CHILDREN - PRESENTATION OF THE OUR FATHER

This weekend our sacramental children will be presented with the Our Father. Please continue to pray for our children as they continue their faith journey.

MINISTRY OF LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS.

A training Session for Commentators and Lectors will be held on Wednesday 30 August at 6.30pm in the church. This is an opportunity for a refresher and training for new volunteers.

For inquiries and RSVP please see Mary Zobec.

NEW APPOINTMENT

In consultation with the PPC, PFC and Chancery Mary Zobec has been appointed as Parish Pastoral Assistant, in a volunteer role for 16 hours a week. We thank Mary for her commitment and support of our parish.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project compassion concluded at the end of June. Nationally, Project Compassion 2023 raised \$9.7 million which is an increase of about 1.2% on 2022. Sandhurst Diocese can be very proud of its amazing \$512,591.73 which is an increase of 2.7%. **THANK YOU** for your particular part in this.

The theme of Project Compassion this year was **FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS** so thank you for helping change lives in many impoverished countries **FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS**.

Kyabram Parish raised \$1104 in donations via the parish and \$3530 in online donations.

Kyabram St Augustine's school raised \$2361.76.

This year, there is a column showing online donations. It's not completely accurate but the national office staff are doing a lot of work trying to ensure individual donors are linked to a parish.

A reminder of a number of up-coming Events

- **World Day of Prayer for Creation 1st September:** Mass & Picnic at Notley Picnic Ground
- **Season of Creation 1st Sept to 4th Oct**
- **Season of World Day of Migrants & Refugees Sunday 24th September:** with the theme "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay".

"Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son." *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

Special thanks to our Advertisers for their support

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

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

The costs are: **Advert (5x6cm)**

3 months (12 weeks) \$16.67 per week \$200

6 months (25 weeks) \$12.00 per week \$300

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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