

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

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th July 2021



Readings for
this Sunday
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34



Readings for
next week:
2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15



Liturgical Jottings

Washing Hands

The current Roman Missal has one washing of hands of the priest at the preparation of the gifts. The ritual expresses the desire for interior purification (GIRM 76). A second washing after communion may be necessary to wash any fragments of the host remaining on his fingers (GIRM 278). In Masses for Baptisms, Confirmations and Priestly Ordinations the celebrant and the newly ordained wash the chrism oil from their hands (OBOC, COB 468, 535).

Since the Covid-19 pandemic the health authorities and the Victorian bishops have introduced further washing of the hands with hand sanitiser before Mass, before and after the distribution of Holy Communion and when leaving the church. The people also sanitise hands on entering and leaving the church.

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Focus on the Gospel

The job or vocation of the shepherd unites the first reading, the responsorial psalm and the Gospel. Shepherd is often used as a description of a leader, a king, a protector of persons in the Old and New Testament. Jacob, Moses, David, Amos were shepherds before accepting their new vocations. God is described many times as the Shepherd of Israel. Leaders are expected to be like shepherds for their people. The role of the shepherd is to lead their flocks to pasture and to water. They are to keep them together, find the scattered and to protect them from wild animals.

Jesus is called a shepherd and calls himself the Good Shepherd and in his parables present God as a shepherd. The readings today focus also on the people in need of shepherds to guide, protect and teach them. The apostles are given the responsibility to be good shepherds. The canonical title of the Parish Priest is "Pastor"-the Latin for shepherd.

The relationship of shepherds to their flocks and pastors to their people is concisely expressed in today's Gospel Acclamation: "My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me." (John 10:27)

One of the important roles of the shepherd is to keep the flock together, to find the stray and promote unity. The passage from Ephesians expresses our faith in Jesus Christ who is our peace and unity through reconciliation and the Good News.

Prayer for the Week

Compassionate God, from far and near you gather your Church into one. Safeguard the peace and unity of your flock through the teaching of Christ the Shepherd that all your scattered children may find in him the guidance and nourishment that they seek.

Words of Pope Francis

With unprecedented candour, Pope Francis reveals how three crises in his own life changed him dramatically for the better. By its very nature, he shows, that crisis presents us with a choice: we make a grievous error if we try to return to some pre-crisis state. But if we have the courage to change, we can emerge from the crisis better than before. *Let Us Dream, 2020*

On the Lighter Side

Andrew Chinn, the composer of the children's popular hymn: "These Hands", recently published a relevant revision: "These Clean Hands" found at <https://youtu.be/qtuHxICOI7M>



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We ask that you please keep the Sacramental children in your prayers as they make their First Reconciliation this coming **Thursday, 22nd July**.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on **Tuesday, 20th July** commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish meeting room.

ST DONATO FEAST

A Mass to celebrate the feast of St Donato will be held on **Saturday, 7th August** at 10.00am at Sacred Heart, Tatura.

Due to Covid uncertainty, celebrations that usually take place after Mass at the Italian Club have been cancelled this year.

Anyone wishing to have lunch is welcome to Hilltop Golf Club. Please ring the club on telephone 5824 1689 to make your own booking.

For further information, please telephone Joe Gagliardi on 0438 579 989.

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 24th July at 7.00pm:

Commentator – W Mulcahy; Lector – I Paynter;
Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 25th July at 8.00am:

Commentator – Help needed; Lector – M DiPetta;
Special Minister – B Lyon

JULIEYE is eye health awareness month

2021 JulEYE is eye health awareness month. Cases of digital eye strain have increased after months at home in lockdown, with people using devices constantly for work and pleasure. Dry, tired eyes, headaches and blurred vision are the uncomfortable effects of digital eye strain. Good news is they are reversible and easily preventable. Drink more water; adjust the brightness; give your eyes a regular break; use lubricating eye drops. Eye tests play a huge part in making sure your eyes stay healthy.

- Mary Pianta, Disability Contact Coordinator

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome:

Penelope Lynn Brown
Mason James Cheong
Callum James Dervish
Oliver Brian Dervish
Ollie Peter Guiney
Letizia Jan Tenace



into our faith community.

Please keep Penelope, Mason, Callum, Oliver, Ollie & Letizia, and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Parish's third Strategic Planning workshop will be held on **Monday, 26th July at 7.00pm** in the School Staff Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

HOME COMMUNION *(repeat)*

We hope to resume Home Communion shortly. If you are house bound and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish office (ph 5852 1026).

For those interested in being a Eucharist Minister to the housebound, please contact Alma Limbrick at the Parish Office.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has proclaimed the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July each year – July 25 this year. It is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Parishes, schools, aged care facilities and other ministries are encouraged to find creative ways to celebrate the contribution of older people to their families and communities.

Access resources at:

www.catholic.org.au/grandparents

QUOTE

Be kind with your words. They matter.

– Unknown

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Fr John Ware, Isabel Lunsden

Anniversaries: John O'Connor, Ted Joyce, Fr Frank Shortis

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	19 July	-
Tuesday	20 July	Mass 5.00pm (Intention of Fr John Ware) Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday	21 July	-
Thursday	22 July	Mass 9.15am Sacramental Reconciliation 6.30pm
Friday	23 July	-
Saturday	24 July	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	25 July	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.00am Merrigum
Monday	26 July	Strategic Planning Workshop 7.00pm
Tuesday	27 July	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	28 July	-
Thursday	29 July	Mass 9.15am Sacramental Formation night 7.00pm
Friday	30 July	-
Saturday	31 July	Mass 7.00pm (Sacramental - Presentation of the Creed)
Sunday	1 August	Mass 8.00am (Sacramental - Presentation of the Creed) Baptism 11.00am

Parish Administrator

Fr John Paul Pasala

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Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick (available in Parish
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Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

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Maurie Finn, John Forde,
Jackie Stockdale, Brendon Lane,
Finola Price, Brayden Stone,
Mary Zobec

Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and
Thursday): see Diary Dates

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

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

THE LIBRARY LEARNING CENTRE (Bendigo) is open again

Library hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00
during school terms. Please see the noticeboard at the back of
the church for information about Covid requirements and
returning and borrowing. You can also contact Gabi or Jan at
the Library Learning Centre Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd.

Email: library@ceosand.catholic.edu.au or ph 03 5445 9942.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**“He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place
and rest a while.”** MARK 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how
God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful
opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless
we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will
we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year,
spend some “alone” time with God.

Breaking Open the Word



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himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10: 27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 6: 30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING

The scene of Jesus stepping ashore and taking pity on the crowds who were desperately looking for a guide and shepherd has always been a poignant and moving one. Jesus had taken the disciples aside after the rigours of their mission of preaching. It was to be a moment of rest and reflection, of coming to terms with what they had experienced and learned in their new-found mission. Perhaps what they learn, more than anything else, is the hunger and need the people have for what Jesus has to offer by his presence and teaching. Centuries before, Jeremiah had spoken of God's promise to shepherd the people of Israel and to raise up new shepherds, and a truly wise king. With the mission of the Twelve, and the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus the people have the eyes to see that God's promises are being fulfilled. The time for a new beginning has come.

Paul and the communities formed by him had no experience of the earthly mission of Jesus and it naturally led them to ponder on what difference the life and death of Jesus had made. Today's reading from Ephesians invites us to see the death of Jesus as the means that God used to bring a new humanity to birth. The age-old division between Jews and Gentiles has now been broken down. It is as though Jesus on the cross took to himself all our anger, violence and division, transforming it by the power of his healing and self-giving love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

Jer 23: 1-6

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures; they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,

who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.'

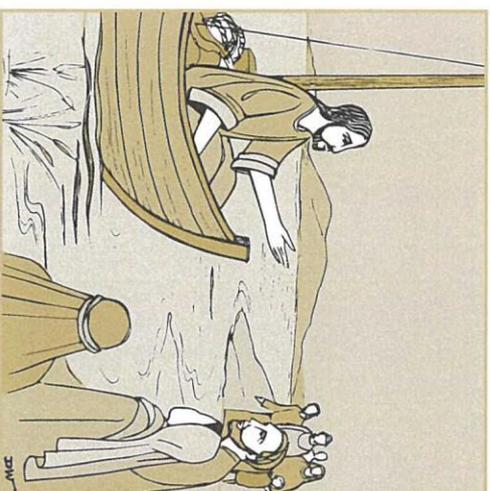
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22, R. v. 2

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd: / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**



2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me; / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 2: 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in