



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 July 2023



Readings for this week:

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Romans 8:9,11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:10-11  
Romans 8:18-23  
Matthew 13:1-23



## Liturgical Jottings Grace before Meals

In the gospel we have five examples of Jesus praying a blessing before meals. “Christians, whether alone or with companions at table, say grace before and after meals to thank God for his goodness in providing their daily food. This practice is also a reminder that the Lord Jesus combined the sacrament of the Eucharist with the ritual of a family meal and showed himself to his disciples as their risen Lord in the breaking of the bread. As they gather at table and see in the food they share a sign of God's blessings on them, Christians should be mindful of the poor, who lack even the bare minimum of food that those at table may have in abundance. By their moderation they will therefore try to provide help for the hungry and as a sign of Christ's love will on occasion invite the poor to their own table, in keeping with the words of Christ recorded in the Gospel (Luke 14:13-14).” Book of Blessings, nn 1030-31 This book gives four plans and within them seasonal variants for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. © 2023 Diocese of Sandhurst

## Looking at the Gospel

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

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## Did You Know?

In the ancient Middle East, leaders rode horses into war, but rode donkeys in peace. Solomon rode a donkey on the day he was recognized as the new king of Israel (1 Kings 1:33). Other instances of leaders riding donkeys are in Judges 5:10; 10:4; 12:14; and 2 Samuel 16:2. A donkey in Zechariah 9:9 fits the description of a king who would be “righteous and having salvation, humble.” Rather than riding to conquer, this king would enter in peace.

## Saint of the Week: St Benedict, 11 July

He was a founder of monks for whom he wrote set of rules to guide the communal life of monasteries. The Rule of St Benedict has much to say: it lifts our eyes up to the stars but keeps our feet firmly on the ground; it calls us to perfection but keeps us sane. He died 547

## On the Lighter Side

There are many forms of Grace before Meals from scripture, classical literature, traditional prayer books, free and spontaneous praying. Some are set to music, some rhyme and a few are humorous; e.g. “Lord, bless this bunch as they munch their lunch.” Websites abound with all varieties.



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Fr Steve Bowhan, Cheryl Pearce (Baker), Anne Dodd, Sam Peyton, Philip Bowman, Shane McDonnell, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Samantha Kurilic, Trevor Peterson.

**Recently Deceased:** Ruth Ker

**Anniversaries:** Nunzio Savino

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



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**Mass Times**

[Kyabram](#)

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July - 8.30am

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> July - 9.15am – Students not attending

### **Weekly Masses**

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July - 8.30am – cuppa after Mass

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July – 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> July - 9.15am – Year 3/4 & Year 9

### **Weekend Masses**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 6pm

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 8.30am

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 27<sup>th</sup> July – 9.15am – Year 7 & Year 11

### **Weekly Masses**

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> July - 8.30am

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> August - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

## **ROSTERS**

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 8.30am**

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – P Hehir

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 6pm**

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – L Ratcliffe

Special Minister – L Busch

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 8.30am**

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – B Lyon

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

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

**Last week's Collection is \$ 1280.95**

## **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.

## **FORMATION DAY**

The Formation Day held last Sunday and facilitated most capably by Angela Finn was prayerful, inspiring and challenging.

Fr John Paul, Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee and Liturgy Group gathered to examine our parish's Mission, Vision and Values Statements and determine their relevancy in today's society. The group unanimously decided that all are very relevant and that they challenge us as Catholics/parishioners to live out their guidance in our daily lives.

Robust discussions in pairs and groups resulted in identifying issues that listening people need to address and implement. The final task was to identify three actions that we can do immediately. More information to come!

In following Pope Francis' direction, we need to reach out to all people, irrespective of perceived barriers and embrace everyone.

All parishioners are encouraged to engage with attendees to discuss any element of the day.

### **Mission**

To be a Christ-centred community inflamed by the love of God.

### **Vision**

To be an authentic, transparent and faith-filled community that is inclusive of all.

### **Values**

To live by FAITH

To be known by LOVE

To be a voice of HOPE.

## **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

Our lady of good counsel prayer group next meeting will be Sunday 9th July at 5pm in the church.

Please join in for Adoration, prayer and reflection on the word. Inquiries Mary 0427 190 282.

## **PPC MEETING**

A reminder that our next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held 11<sup>th</sup> July at 5.45pm in the Meeting room.

## **SEA SUNDAY**

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

## **LITURGY GROUP**

A reminder that our next Liturgy Meeting will be 18<sup>th</sup> July at 5.45pm in the Meeting room.

## **MONSIGNOR PETER JEFFREY 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Mary's Parish warmly invites you to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 60th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Monsignor Peter John Jeffrey on **Thursday 27 July 2023 at 5pm** at St Brendan's Catholic Church, Shepparton. At the conclusion of the Mass we also invite you to join us for dinner at the GV Hotel.

The Dinner is reserved seating and booking is required, please use the Eventbrite link to book. RSVPs for the dinner close on **Tuesday 18 July**.

<https://monsignor.eventbrite.com>

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, World Day of Prayer for Creation. Sandhurst Diocese will launch the Season of Creation 2023 with Mass at 11am, celebrated by Bishop Shane, at Notley Picnic Area in the Whipstick Forest, Greater Bendigo National Park, followed by a BYO Picnic Lunch. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate this occasion. (Venue is 16 minutes from the Chancery)

## **GRIEF AND LOSS GROUP**

The Grief and Loss Group, which was planned and disrupted by COVID, is now attempting to recommence. The Group to be formed is non-denominational and will be facilitated by a Counsellor from Community Health, Kyabram District Health Service.

Who are the people who would benefit from this group? Anyone who is experiencing a sense of loss or bereavement. You may have lost a loved one - spouse, child, grandchild, parent or good friend. You may have lost your job and finding it hard to cope. There are many reasons for people to feel a sense of loss and abandonment. It is an opportunity to get support for what you are experiencing. Learn strategies in a non-judgmental, confidential and friendly environment to help you on your journey of loss and grief.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this group, please pass on the information. At the back of the Church are forms that you can complete, place in an envelope marked Grief and Loss Group. This will be given to Community Health who will then contact people directly and provide information including time, date and venue. When completing the form please include your name and contact details and at the bottom of the first page, under Grief and Loss Group, please mark Kyabram. Please contact Alana Brennan on 0427658563 for more information.

*"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God." St. Faustina*

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