



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

22 January 2023



Readings for this week: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Matthew 4:12-23



Readings for next Sunday: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12



Liturgical Jottings Greetings

The Roman Missal provides three texts from which the priest may choose to greet the people. There is a fourth option which a bishop may use to greet the people and express the office he holds as peacemaker and unifier: "Peace be with you!" All have scriptural origins from the letters of St Paul and the Lord Jesus himself in the four gospels.

In the second reading last week, we started the first letter of St Paul to the Christians at Corinth. He acknowledged their call to faith and commitment to Christ. His words are also aspirational for later in his letter he must reprimand them for their disagreements, faults and infighting as we hear in the passage today. Last weeks' passage concluded with the greeting that is a template for the liturgical greetings we use at the beginning of our Masses.

Looking at the Readings

The Gospel this Sunday, Matthew gives the account of the beginning of Christ's public ministry in three ways. First Christ fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah in bringing light into a darkened world; secondly he continues to preach the message of John the Baptism: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand". And thirdly Christ chooses his first apostles who will be with him from the outset to the end. His mission to proclaim the Good News, bring forth the kingdom of peace, justice, mercy and love and establish of enduring community of faith. At the end of his public ministry before he ascends to the Father he entrusts his mission to the apostles he has chosen, empowered and commissioned. We also hear the call to follow And to spread the good news in word and action.

The Lands of Zebulun and Naphtali

Zebulun and Naphtali were two of Jacob's sons (see Gen. 35:23-26), and their descendants settled in the northern region. They were the first tribes of the northern kingdom of Israel to be deported by the Assyrians about the time of Isaiah and 700 years before Matthew wrote his Gospel. The prophet and evangelist recall what happened to these people. They were humbled (Is 8:23, Matt 4:15) by their misdeeds and misfortunes and now are given consolation by God and hope of salvation.

Day of Prayer: Australia Day 26 January

The Roman Missal for use in Australia (2010) contains "Australia Day" It is not a feast day or a day of commemoration but named a "Day of Prayer". The Prayers and Readings carry many intentions for the land, the people old and new, the nation, for peace and justice, shelter and safety and blessing. Symbols of Australia may decorate the church: native plants, local artwork and aboriginal artefacts, southern cross, native animals, national flags and music.

On the Lighter Side

12 is a significant number in the bible: the 12 sons of Jacob: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin. There are 12 Minor Prophets Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. The 12 apostles are Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, Thaddeus, Simon, and Judas. The number 12 shows up in the Book of Revelation 22 times particularly in relation to the New Jerusalem.



MASS TIMES & ROSTERS

Saturday 28th January at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – M Radanaov

Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 29th January at 8.30am

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – P Hehir

Sunday 5th February at 8.30am:

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister- B Lyon

THANK YOU

Thanks to Father John, Parish council, speakers and cake maker and all friends who helped me celebrate my 90th Birthday.

Thanks to everyone for cards, calls, prayers and visits. May God bless you all and help us all to work together in faith as a Parish Family always. *Mary Bowman*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is **\$1102.70**

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you to our generous givers for your ongoing support of our Parish! Our Planned Giving and collections are for –parish operating expenses, churches maintenance, clergy support and presbytery support. If you are a new parishioner or now in a position to give there are many ways to give to our church needs.

Giving is by way of church envelopes, direct debit or periodic credit card payments and is flexible to suit your preference of weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, and half yearly or yearly. You can also give without a set pledge amount or timeframe to give by.

We encourage anyone who is not on the Planned Giving Program to contact Fr. John. Thank you for considering this option to support our Parish.



WORKING BEE

A working bee to clean the old Stations of the Cross will be on Monday 23rd at 11.00am in the Parish House. We will be guided and assisted by a professional. If you are available to help please see Fr John.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

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

Ad (5x6cm)

3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200
6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
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Recently Deceased: Nick Quattrocchi, Adrian Barber.

Anniversaries: Elisa Cavicchiolo, Antonio De Pasquale, Annunziata De Pasquale.

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



FORTNIGHT TIME TABLE

Mon	23 Jan
Tues	24 Jan - Rosary 4.45pm; Mass 5.00pm.
Wed	25 Jan -
Thurs	26 Jan - Mass 9.15am
Fri	27 Jan -
Weekend Masses	
Sat	28 Jan - Mass 6pm.
Sun	29 Jan - Mass 8:30am.
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.

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Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,
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James Harris (Deputy Chair)
John Zobec, Naomi Hehir, Mary Zobec.

Mass Times

Kyabram
Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday):
see Diary Dates
Saturday (2nd and 4th 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.

GOSPEL

Mt 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! / Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, / Galilee of the nations! / The people that lived in darkness / has seen a great light; / on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death / a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form: 4: 12-17

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Breaking Open the Word

CHRIST'S LIGHT

Many of us have had the experience of searching desperately for a torch or candle in the midst of a blackout. It can be a confusing and discouraging time till we find some source of light. Isaiah knew that the people of Galilee were in need of some encouragement and light in those dark days after the Assyrians had conquered their cities and led them into exile. He looks forward in hope to the day when God will lead them home and remove their burden.

For Matthew Jesus' ministry could be best understood and viewed through the filter of Isaiah's prophecy. A light dawns as Jesus begins his ministry, a ministry of teaching, healing and encouragement. The burden the people carry is now being gently lifted away by Jesus' compassion and care. It is, however, a ministry that is not to be Jesus' alone. From the beginning, others such as Peter and Andrew, James and John, are called to share generously in bringing others into the light of the kingdom.

When members of Chloe's household reported to Paul that the Corinthian community was divided he knew that they had unwittingly returned to fumbling around lost in the dark. How was he to bring them back? First of all, he reminds them that Paul, Apollos and Cephas were to be seen as nothing more other than the bearers and preachers of Christ's light. He forcefully reminds them that their unity is to be found in Jesus who gave the most eloquent sermon of all when he offered his life on the cross.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Isa 8:23-9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 26:1, 4,13-14. R.v.1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? R.

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his temple. R.

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living, / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! R.

THE SAVING WORD

22 JANUARY 2023



SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:10-13,17

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

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia.