



# 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**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022**



Readings for  
this week:

Isaiah 66:18-21  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Luke 13:22-30



Readings for  
next Sunday

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24  
Luke 14:1, 7-14



## Liturgical Jottings

### Alpha (Α) & Omega (Ω)

These two Greek letters are at the beginning (Alpha) and at the end (Omega) of the Greek alphabet. While Omega literally means "great O" and Omicron, "little O". Alpha is simply a vowel at the start of the alphabet. In the book of Revelation John has a vision of God declaring: "I am the "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." (Rev 1:8; 22:13).

They designate the ever-present God before time and for eternity. The letters are depicted on the Paschal Candle and at the blessing of the candle, the priest traces over the cross, date and letters saying: Christ yesterday and today; the Beginning and the End; the Alpha; and the Omega. All time belongs to him; and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.

These letters are seen in Christian icons, logos, emblems and art.

## Looking at the Reading

These last four Sundays we have been travelling in the wake of the Lord on his journey to Jerusalem where he will face his fate. Together these four gospel passages form mystery of the call to follow. Jesus' journey becomes our journey.

Jesus wants all to be saved: this poses a universal and ongoing mystery which saints and scholars have delved into over the centuries. When someone asked Jesus: "Will only a few be saved?" Jesus gives us a few hints: Try your best, enter by the narrow gate, knock on the door, the last will be first and the first last. Yet it is relationship with him and with the Father with the strength of the Holy Spirit we are baptised and come to salvation. It is the Lord's call.

The responsorial psalm taking up the intention of the first reading that all nations are invited to be with the Lord, is: "O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! Strong is his love for us; he is faithful forever." Psalm 116(117) Again it is God's love for us that calls us to mercy and salvation. Next week we begin a three week series of parables from Luke chapters 14 & 15.

## Prayer for the Day

To the banquet of your kingdom, O God of the nations, you have invited people of every race and tongue. May all who are called to a place at your table come by the narrow way to the unending feast of life. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Feast of the Week St Louis, 25 August

St. Louis IX of France became king at the age of 12 and led a life of virtue and prayer. Married Margaret of Provence and had 11 children. As king, he was an avid lover of justice, Christian Europe viewed him as their international judge. He founded the college of Sorbonne and many hospitals and houses for the poor. Louis died of the plague on 25 August, 1270

## Quote of the Week

To this end, we should help and support one another and strive for peace and union among ourselves. This is the wine that cheers and strengthens travellers along the narrow path of Jesus Christ. St Vincent de Paul

## On the Lighter Side

Charlie always knocks on the door and never uses the doorbell. He is hoping to be awarded the Nobel peace prize.



## CHANGE OF WEEKEND FOR TONGALA AND MERRIGUM MASSES

Fr John Paul and the Parish Pastoral Council have decided to make a change to the weekend that Mass will be celebrated at Tongala and Merrigum.

This change will provide parishioners with the option of attending either the 8.30am Mass at St Augustine's or Tongala/Merrigum on the weekend when there is no Saturday Vigil Mass (excluding a fifth Saturday of the month).

Commencing **from September**, Mass will be celebrated at:

- St Patrick's Tongala on the **first** Sunday of the month at 11.30 am. Celebrant - Fr Novelito Lim (Fr Novie), Parish Priest of Echuca.
- St Sebastian's Merrigum on the **third** Sunday of the month at 12 noon. Celebrant - Fr John.

## MULTICULTURAL MASS

This would be the ninth year of St Augustine's celebrating around twenty different cultures in our Parish (we missed 2020 and '21 due to Covid, of course).

We invite everyone to share in our special **multicultural Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm**. If you have a **national costume** (or even part of one), do please wear it – and also, if you can, bring along a **national dish** (this includes Australian fare) to share at our **multicultural supper** after Mass. This is a great occasion to experience the richness that all cultures have.

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

### Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm:

Commentator – W Mulcahy, Lector – M Radanov, Special Minister – L Moran

### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August at 8.30am:

Commentator – S Carroll, Lector – T Hehir, Special Minister – M O'Shea

### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August at Merrigum at 12 noon

## THANK YOU

Last weekend we rejoiced and celebrated with the children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for the superb effort everyone put in to making the Masses so memorable for the children. To Bishop Shane, Fr John, Annette Ryan, the Music Group, lectors & special ministers, collectors, staff at both St Augustine's & St Patrick's, Leanne and Colleen in the Parish office.

A lot of hard work goes into the preparing the children for the Sacraments and the liturgies and your dedication and commitment is truly appreciated.

To the parents, sponsors and families of our beautiful children, thank you for your commitment and support throughout the Sacramental journey this year. Last weekend was a great testimony to your dedication and hard work and the children were truly magnificent.

Finally to all our parishioners who have prayed for us all during this journey, may our God of love continue to pour blessings on you all.

*Alma Limbrick*

*Sacramental Program Coordinator*

## THE FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE

On **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022** St Augustine's College will celebrate the Feast of St Augustine and the conclusion of CBCA's Book Week.

A number of exciting events will take place on this day and we invite parents and friends of the College to join us from 9:00am onwards.

9:00am - 9:45am St Augustine's Day student-led Liturgy, Brigidine Centre

9:45am - 10:00am 2023 College Captain applicant speeches

10:00am - 10:45am F-6 Book Week Parade

It would be wonderful to be joined by lots of Parishioners on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August as we celebrate the Feast of St Augustine and Book Week. Everyone is welcome!

**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 on 0417 184 527.

**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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kady Mitchell-Treacy

**Recently Deceased:** Angelo D'Aloia, Mary Ciavarella (Tatura), Flo Fitzsimmons

**Anniversaries:** -

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	22 Aug	Year 12 & Prep Liturgy, St Aug's Church, 9.15am
Tues	23 Aug	Diocesan Secretaries Conference (zoom) Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life) - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	24 Aug	Diocesan Priests/Pastoral Associates mtg, Kyabram
Thurs	25 Aug	Mass 9.15am
Fri	26 Aug	-
Sat	27 Aug	Baptism 5.00pm Multicultural Mass 6.00pm
Sun	28 Aug	Mass 8.30am Mass 12.00 noon Merrigum
Mon	29 Aug	-
Tues	30 Aug	Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	31 Aug	-
Thurs	1 Sept	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	2 Sept	-
Sat	3 Sept	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	4 Sept	<i>Father's Day</i> Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Tongala

## FIFTH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Up until now, when there has been a fifth Saturday of the month, a Vigil Mass has been celebrated alternating between Kyabram and Tatura.

Commencing from August, if there is a fifth Saturday of the month, **Mass will not be celebrated at either Kyabram or Tatura.**

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.”** Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

## Parish Administrator

Fr John Paul Pasala

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

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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 –

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### Principals

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### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala, Alma Limbrick

(Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan

(Chairperson), Maurie Finn,

Veronica Fox, Brendon Lane,

Finola Price, Jackie Stockdale,

Jay Sutton

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

Leanne Beck, James Harris, Naomi Hehir,

Peter Ryan, Terry O'Sullivan, Angela

Shaw, 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 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.

**GOSPEL**

Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets," but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## WORTH THE STRUGGLE

While the people of Israel were rightly thankful for being chosen by God, they often reflected on their relationship with the nations that surrounded them. The experience of the exile would change them forever since Jews could then be found throughout the ancient world. What was their role among the nations? Would the nations come to worship the living God? One response is represented for us in the last chapter of the book of Isaiah who saw that the role of the survivors of the exile was to be a light to the nations. Their faithful witness would result in conversion and worship in Jerusalem.

When Jesus was asked, 'will there be only a few saved?', his reply adds a new dimension to the equation. The nations will come and take part in the banquet of the Messiah, but some of those who felt they had reserved places will be forced to look on from outside! The determining factor is how people respond to the salvation and life which Jesus offers. Simply being part of the people of Israel is not enough; later Jesus weeps over Jerusalem because 'you did not know the time of your visitation' (Luke 19:44).

Today's passage from the letter to the Hebrews sets out to help Christians who were discouraged by the opposition and suffering they were experiencing. Rather than suffering being a sign of God's rejection, they are encouraged to see it as how they are being prepared to take their places at the messianic banquet.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

21 AUGUST 2022

**FIRST READING**

Isa 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarsish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

**R. Go out to all the world; and tell the**

**Good News (or Alleluia!)**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, / acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

2. Strong is his love for us; / he is faithful for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him?



Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!