



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 July 2023



Readings for this week:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52



Readings for next Sunday:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9



Liturgical Jottings Evening Prayer

The two hinges of the day in the Liturgy of the Hours are morning and evening prayer. Evening Prayer is also known as Vespers and recited at the end of the day's work or at sunset. Compline or Night Prayer is recited before retiring.

Vespers follow the same structure as that of Morning Prayer (see last Sunday's bulletin) but with three variations. The psalmody contains two psalms and a New Testament canticle. The Magnificat, hymn of Mary (Luke 1:39-56) is said or sung and the intercessions are more general praying for the church, the world and people in need, the sick and the dead, similar to the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass..

Evening Prayer and Night Prayer were often combined into one liturgy in parish churches, as distinct from monasteries and convent. The Eastern churches and the Anglican church maintain this old tradition. This prayer is traditionally called Evensong in English.

Looking at the Gospel

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Pope Francis on Real Treasure

We are called upon to assume the attitude of the man and the merchant in the Gospel, so that we too may become healthily restless seekers of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a matter of abandoning the heavy burden of our worldly certainties that prevent us from searching and building up the Kingdom: the covetousness for possession, the thirst for profit and power, and thinking only of ourselves. Jesus, who is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value, cannot but inspire joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a meaning in life, the joy of committing oneself to the adventure of holiness.. *Homily 26 July 2020*

Quote of the Day

Ordinary riches can be stolen; real riches cannot. In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you. *Oscar Wilde*

On the Lighter Side

Why won't prawns share their treasure?
Because they're shellfish.

Pirates that used X to mark the spot where they bury their treasure are stupid. If they had used a G, nobody would ever find their treasure.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Frank De Maio, Joe De Maio and Brian Mangan.

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



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Carl Cabaraban, Brendon Lane, Jackie Stockdale,

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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

Sun 30th July - 8.30am

Tue 1st August - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 3rd August - 10am – Anointing Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 6th August - 8.30am

Sun 6th August - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 8th August - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass – Feast of Mary Mackillop

Thu 10th August - 9.15am – Year 1/2 & Year 8

Weekly Masses

Sat 12th August - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass – cuppa after Mass

Sun 13th August - 8.30am

Tue 15th August - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass – Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

Thu 17th August - 9.15am – Foundation & Year 12

ROSTERS

Sunday 6th August at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – M Cocks

Saturday 12th August at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – M Radanov

Special Minister – C Stewart

Sunday 13th August at 8.30am

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – M O'Shea

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 2492.20

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARBARA

Wishing Barbara Mitchell happy 90th birthday congratulations for the 1st August.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 1st September. World Day of Prayer for Creation. Sandhurst Diocese Launch of the Season of Creation. **Venue:** Notley Picnic Ground, Whipstick Forest. Greater Bendigo National Park. **Time:** Mass celebrated by Bishop Shane at 11am followed by a picnic lunch. All are invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate in this beautiful venue. It's also the first day of spring and National Wattle Day!

MEN'S CHOIR

The men's choir will be restarting on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please come at 8.00am to practice with Brendon.

MINISTRY OF LECTOR AND COMMENTATOR

We are looking for new people to be readers and commentators. If you are interested, please write your contact details on the clipboard in the gathering space or contact parish office. Training will be made available.

ST DONATO FEAST DAY-60th Anniversary

A Mass to celebrate the annual St Donato Feast will be celebrated on Saturday 12th August 2023 at 10.00am at Sacred Heart Church Tatura followed by 3 course lunch and entertainment by Rick Brun, Auctions and Raffles at Tatura Italian Social Club. Tickets \$60 and youth (5-12) \$25. RSVP by 1st August to Nick Lagozzino 0412726481 or Pino Lagozzino 0427677943, Joe Gagliardi 0438579989 or Mary Zobec 0427190282.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

We pray for all who are making their way to Lisbon Portugal for World Youth Day 2nd - 6th August that the Holy Spirit will inspire our youth and bring them home safely.

SAFEGUARDING

In line with our Safeguarding policy for children and adults at risk, information can be found on the notice board in the gathering space. Please make yourselves familiar with the information provided. If you have any concerns, please contact Finola Price 03 58521310 or Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.

ANOINTING MASS

Did you know that the Anointing Mass is not only for the sickly and fragile but for anyone who is in need of healing of mind, body and spirit. Our next Anointing mass will be 3 August at 10am followed by a cuppa.

VOCATIONS WEEK 6 – 12 AUGUST

During Vocations Week we are called to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

To start vocations week, on Sunday August 6th some of the Sunday Masses in the diocese will be offered for vocations, and Serra Club members will be handing out "31 Club" cards at the conclusion of some Masses in the Bendigo area. Please consider taking a card and committing to pray one day a month for vocations so that parishes can remain open and served by their local priest.

During vocations week, we invite all to join Serra members at St Therese's, Kennington at 9.15am each morning from 7th August to the 11th August for Mass and Adoration for vocations.

Fr Andrew Fewings and Fr Stephen Bolling will conduct the ceremonies.

PARTNERSHIP LUNCHEON

On Thursday 24 August at 1pm the Parish will be hosting the partnership luncheon with student leadership of St Augustine's school. Parishioners are encouraged and welcome to come along, please RSVP to the office by Sunday 20 August.

NEW APPOINTMENTS-From Bishop Shane

Last Friday and Saturday in Shepparton, the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council (SMPC) held its second meeting. Having considered recommendations made by the Council, I am very pleased to announce the following appointments:

Chair of the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council Ms Gabby Downie – St Joseph's Parish, Benalla. *This initial appointment of SMPC Chair is for a period of 12 months, after which there will be a preliminary review of the role before any further appointment.*

Member of the Diocesan Finance Council (from among the SMPC members) Mr Mick Chalkley – St Therese's Parish, Kennington. *This appointment is for a term of up to five years, provided that Mick remains a member of the SMPC during that time.*

Participants in the College of Consultors Mr Brendan Lindsay – St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton
Ms Christine Sebire – St Mary's Parish, Echuca
This appointment is until the conclusion of the term of office of the current College of Consultors on 31 December 2027.

Yours sincerely,

Bishop *Shane Mackinlay*

"And the Lord said to me, 'My child, you please Me most by suffering. In your physical as well as your mental sufferings, My daughter, do not seek sympathy from creatures. I want the fragrance of your suffering to be pure and unadulterated. I want you to detach yourself, not only from creatures, but also from yourself...The more you will come to love suffering, My daughter, the purer your love for Me will be.'" *St. Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul*

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