



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 June 2023



Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33



Readings for next Sunday:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42



Liturgical Jottings

Letter to the Romans (1)

From the 9th to the 24th Sundays in Ordinary Time, we read, this year, St Paul's Letter to the Romans. The Apostle writes to the Christians in Rome to expound his preaching, in broad outline, hence, the tone of the letter which has a more rigorous structure than his other letters. One of the core ideas of Paul's doctrine regards the salvation of all humankind through God's grace, granted to those who believe in Jesus Christ. None of us can boast of our own righteousness, not even that coming from the Law. There is only one true righteousness which comes from God and is received through faith.

Paul had not yet visited Rome. He did not know the city's Christian community. Besides, he had a rule not to meddle where others had preached the gospel (Rom 5:20). As a result, his letter does not deal with the concrete questions that might have faced the community.

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Looking at the Readings

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the Day

True and faithful God, you give courage to the fearful and endurance to martyrs. Sustain us as followers of your Son Jesus, that with boldness and conviction we may acknowledge him before the world We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Feast of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles (29 June)

There is one day for the passion of two apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching. Sermon by Saint Augustine.

On the Lighter Side

When Paul went to Rome, he preached and taught many but did he print jokes in the Parish Bulletin? From the Roman Archives: "Scholasticus volens videre an decore dormiret, clausis oculis speculum intuebatur." The student, wanting to see if he slept soundly, looked into the mirror with his eyes closed.

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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, Samantha Kurilic, Trevor Peterson.

Recently Deceased: Keith Usher, Connie Caltabiano

Anniversaries:

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



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Fr John Paul Pasala,

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Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

Carl Cabaraban, Brendon Lane, Jackie Stockdale,

Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jay Sutton, John Forde

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

Weekend Masses

Sat 24th June - 6pm

Sun 25th June - 8.30am

Tue 27th June - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 29th June – 9.15am – school holidays

Weekly Masses

Sun 2nd July - 8.30am

Sun 2nd July - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 4th July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 6th July - 10am – Anointing Mass

Sat 8th July – 5.30pm – Reconciliation before Mass

Sat 8th July – 6pm – Cuppa after Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 9th July - 8.30am

Tue 11th July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 13th July - 9.15am – Students not attending

Sun 16th July - 8.30am – cuppa after Mass

ROSTERS

Sunday 2nd July at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister – J Stockdale

Saturday 8th July at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – W Mulchay

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 9th July at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – F Turner

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week's Collection is \$ 723.75

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Wishing all the student and staff of St Augustine's a wonderful and safe school holiday break.

FORMATION

On Sunday 2nd July there is to be a Formation Day, facilitated by Angela Finn, for Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee and the Liturgy Group.

So, what is Formation? Formation examines people's beliefs, values, behaviours and day to day decisions and actions and reflect a continuing journey towards being Jesus in the world today for all whom they encounter.

The sessions will involve looking at our Parish and the Parish Plan which was disrupted by COVID.

The Members of these three groups are the Servants of our parish brothers and sisters. All of our concerns are aimed at the spiritual transformation of our parish community.

Please pray for those attending the Formation Day.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY: APPEALING TO OUR GENEROSITY

World Refugee Day (20 June) is a time to look outside our own world and to notice people whom persecution and war force to leave their nations. It invites us to consider our own good fortune as we see the misery of people who wander at the mercy of others in their struggle for survival. It appeals to our generosity. <https://www.refugeeweek.org.au>

<https://www.unhcr.org/>

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.

SEA SUNDAY

In coming weeks is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The link to e-News:

<https://us10.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=13543564>

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Our lady of good counsel prayer group next meeting will be Sunday 25th June at 5pm in the church. Please join in for Adoration, prayer and reflection on the word. Inquiries Mary 0427190282.

INDIGENOUS VOICE WEBSITE

At the heart of the upcoming Referendum is recognition of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples, the world's oldest continuing culture, in the Australian Constitution. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to listen to the voices of First Australians and to work towards a more just and equitable society. NATSICC & Caritas Australia have launched www.indigenousvoicechurch - a hub for Catholic support of the Voice to Parliament which empowers Catholics to make an informed decision at the Referendum.

The site contains a collation of statements from Bishops, including our own Bishop Shane, Religious Orders and agencies including St Vincent de Paul, Sisters of St Joseph, Jesuit Social Services, Catholic Social Services Australia, Catholic Religious Australia, Caritas Australia, Brigidine Community, National Catholic Education Commission, Marist Schools Australia. Additionally, there are resources to assist in discernment particularly [CSTs for the Journey](#) **National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) is the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops.**

PTSD AWARENESS DAY - JUNE 27

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is the most common mental health disorder after depression. Anyone can be affected by trauma, either physically or emotionally. The problems that arise after trauma can be complex and impair our wellbeing. People need help moving beyond those harrowing events. Help and support take many forms, but recovery and renewal are always possible. When people recognise the signs of PTSD, they are ready to take that first step towards better mental health.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.

*“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.”
St Augustine of Hippo*

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