

# Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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Parish Priest – Fr John Paul Pasala

We come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022



Readings for this week:

Sirach 27:4-7  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Luke 6:39-45



Readings for next Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13



## Liturgical Jottings Book Of Sirach

This Old testament book from the wisdom literature is attributed to Ben Sirach the Wise. This collection of sayings was, until recently, known as Ecclesiasticus, a name given to it by Christians since the time of Cyprian (bishop of Carthage martyred in 258) because it was used to instruct catechumens.

The four sentences read this Sunday concern speech (27:4-7) a common theme in Sirach who denounces lies, gossip, swearing, quarrels and hypocrisy. Luke often quotes Sirach in his Gospel and presents us with a collection of wise sayings to live by and recognise speech as a gift from God. (DOTL Vol 6 p60)

## Looking at the Readings

A sense of judgement pervades the first reading and the gospel: The Reader is encouraged to test the goodness of a person's speech and the disciple to maintain self-integrity in giving advice or in passing judgment on another. Simple but valuable images are used: sieve, kiln, fruit to judge the truth and worth of a person's words (Sirach). Jesus, in his parable, also presents us with dynamic and effective images: guiding the blind, avoiding the pit, the splinter or plank in the eye, rotten or sound fruit. Cartoonists go to town on these images, which are helpful to display on the screen during a homily.

Ben Sirach is acquainted with and a victim of bad talk and hypocrisy yet he also recognises the gift of speech and its effectiveness in revealing the Word of God.

Last week's Gospel contained a warning not to judge (Luke 6:36) and to show mercy. This week Jesus exhorts his disciple to see the faults and pitfalls in their actions and others. To judge or test but not to condemn; to guide and to seek the goodness in one's heart is far better than to judge, condemn and complain.

## Quote of the Day

The Church is in an extremely critical state, we have churches, money & everything else; people come here every day; surely this is something? It is that we lead a truly Christian life; every day we make ourselves spiritually richer, bearing fruit, Who is a better person for frequenting the church all month? Do you believe that the truly Christian life consists in not missing a prayer meeting or Mass? This is nothing, if we do not derive fruit from it. If we bring nothing to fruition through it, it would be better to stay at home."

*St John Chrysostom (344-407) Homily on the Acts of the apostles 29:3*

## Ember Days

Four times a year, on the Friday at the beginning of a new season (winter, spring, summer and autumn), the Church sets aside a day to ask for blessings and to pray in gratitude upon creation. We also pray for fruitful harvest, favourable weather, the environment and our stewardship of the world resources. These days are marked with prayer, fasting and abstinence and stress spiritual renewal. It is appropriate that this Friday 4 March is the first Friday of Lent which captures the themes of the autumnal Ember Day.

## On the Lighter Side

A hyperbole is, without any doubt the single most magnificent thing that has ever happened in the world ever."



## WELCOME

We welcome Most Rev Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst Diocese, guests and parishioners to the Installation of Fr John Paul Pasala as Parish Priest of Kyabram Catholic Parish.

We continue to pray for Fr John as Parish Priest of our Parish.

## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer group meets via zoom fortnightly and monthly in the church.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February** in the church at 7pm. All welcome. Enquiries to Mary on 0427 190 282.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Evening Mass for Ash Wednesday will be held on **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March** at 6.00pm in St Augustine's Church.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

The World Day of Prayer 2022 will be held on **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church, Kyabram.

For more information please ring 0427 194 885.

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am:**

Commentator – M Carver; Lector – T Hehir;  
Special Minister – M O'Shea

## ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.00am** in St Augustine's Church. All welcome.

Please note that on this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.

## LITURGY MEETING

The next Liturgy Group meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March** commencing at 5.30pm.

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March** commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish meeting room.

## SANDHURST DIOCESE LENT LEAFLETS

'Going Forward Together ...' is the theme of the Sandhurst Diocese Lent leaflets for 2022.

These simple resources for individual or small group reflection and prayer, draw upon Scripture readings for Lent, the insights of 'Fellow Travellers' from our faith tradition, and reflections on Pope Francis 'Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future'.

To view or download these Lent leaflets online please go to the Sandhurst Diocese Website "Items of Interest" towards the bottom of the opening page or use the following link –

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2089-lenten-resources-for-2022-news>.

**Some printed sets are also available at the back of the church.**



## Project Compassion Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February



Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Craig Rosendale, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** Domenico De Cicco

**Anniversaries:** Rocco Demaio, Luigi Leocata

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	28 Feb	Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Group 7.00pm
Tues	1 Mar	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i> Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Protection of the Unborn) Liturgy meeting 5.30pm Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm
Wed	2 Mar	<i>Lent begins</i> Ash Wednesday Mass 6.00pm
Thurs	3 Mar	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	4 Mar	World Day of Prayer 10.00am
Sat	5 Mar	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	6 Mar	Mass 8.30am Rite of Election, Bendigo
Mon	7 Mar	-
Tues	8 Mar	<b>No Mass</b> PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wed	9 Mar	-
Thurs	10 Mar	Mass 9.15am Sacramental Program Information Evening 7.30pm
Fri	11 Mar	-
Sat	12 Mar	Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass 6.00pm
Sun	13 Mar	Mass 8.30am (Baptism during Mass) Mass 11.30am Tongala

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

An information evening for **parents only** will be held to inform you of dates and process for the 2022 Sacramental Program (Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Eucharist) on **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** in St Augustine's Church, Kyabram. This program is for Baptised children over the age of 7.

If your child is not baptised please contact Alma Limbrick as a separate program will take place.

We invite you to contact Alma at the Parish Office Thursdays on 5852 1026 or on 0417 184 527 if you have any queries.

## HOSPITALITY

We are still looking for interested parishioners to help set up the monthly cuppa after Mass on the second Saturday and third Sunday. This involves minimal preparation so please put your hand up to assist.

## Parish Administrator

Fr John Paul Pasala  
Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026  
Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

### Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick (available in Parish Office on Thursdays, 8.30 to 5.00pm)

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

### Parish Office hours –

Tues/Wed/Fri – 8.30am to 12 noon  
Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

Parish Office email address

**kyabram@cdos.org.au**

Parish Office website:

**www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au**

### Principals

St Augustine's College

Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary

Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), Maurie Finn, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala, Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson), Leanne Beck, Kathy Gill, 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

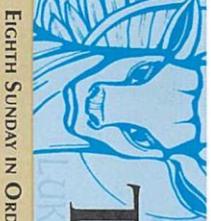
### Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

**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.

# Breaking Open the Word



## THE SAVING WORD

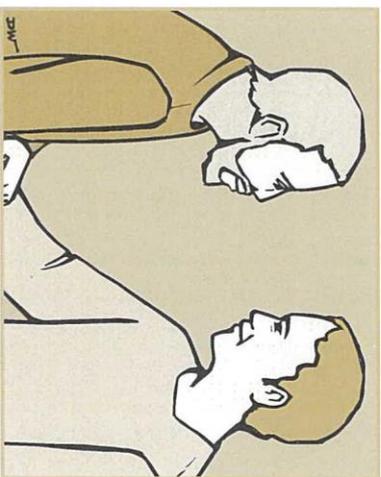
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the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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### VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

We often hear it said that actions speak louder than words, and that talk is cheap. While these sayings may well be true, what we say provides others with a window into our hearts. Both the first reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect upon the quality of our speech and what it reveals about where our heart lies. As trees are judged on the quality of their fruit so our hearts are judged on the quality of our speech. Jesus' words forcefully remind us that before we judge others, we would do well to look to ourselves and the quality of the fruit we bear in our actions and in the words we speak.

As Paul concludes his argument about the bodily resurrection, he praises God for the victory that has been won over sin and death. Like other Jews of his time, he understood that sin and death had entered the world through the fall of Adam. When Paul states that sin gets its power from the law, he invites the Corinthians to reflect on the paradox posed by the Jewish law. While the law calls us to righteousness, its very existence is living proof of the power of sin, since the commands of the law would not be necessary if there was no sin. Paul sees the death and resurrection of Jesus as the first fruits of a crop that is yet to come. In the meantime, the community is called to continue to live their Christian lives in the hope that they are not working in vain.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Sir 27: 4-7

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

#### RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning / and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing sap when they are old, / still full sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

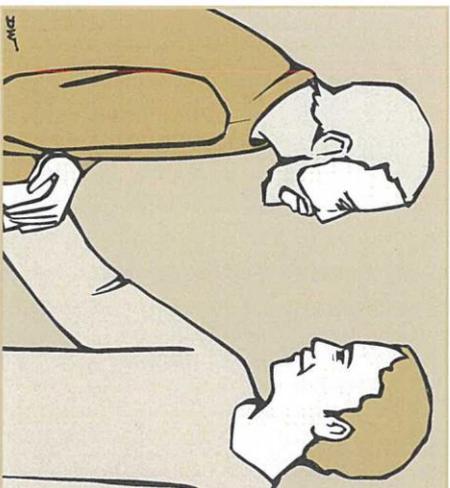
### SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

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

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is



sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice