



Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th November 2020



Readings for this week:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30



Readings for next Sunday:

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46



Liturgical Jottings

The Liturgical Year I

Next week, 34th week in Ordinary Time we commonly call the end of the "Liturgical Year". On the first Sunday of Advent we begin cycle B of the Sunday Readings and we call the day the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. Yet these customs and practices are not expressed in the official liturgical texts: The General Instruction to the Roman Missal, the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, the General Norms of the Liturgical Year and Calendar and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. All refrain from using the terms: "end" or "start" of a Liturgical Year. The Australian Ordo, however, give the subtitle to Advent: "The New Liturgical Year begins (Ordo 2020 pg 14)

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Looking at the Readings

We all wait. There are rooms given the accurate title: "Waiting Room" though in post-modern times building designers euphemistically name them transit lounges, patient lounges, reception areas, etc. But we still wait. Sometimes we sit in the chair with apprehension, impatience or boredom. I take a book, a crossword, a sudoku, once I took exam papers to mark. We can be creative. The Gospel parable today is about creative or enterprising waiting for the Master's return. The Master wanted his servants to be enterprising in his absence. Though the parable ends in a sad note for the unenterprising servant, the moral is definitely about actively waiting without knowing the day or time.

As we approach the end of the Season of Ordered Sundays the readings and our attention are drawn to the final coming of the Lord. Then Advent begins with a different type of waiting. Yet we are urged to wait actively: a time for change of heart, time to use the gifts God had given us, time to seize the opportunities in Christian life and a time to "come and join in our master's happiness." (Matt 25:21 and 23)

Paul adds another insight into waiting for the coming of the Lord: "You are all children of light and children of the day ..." (1 Thess 5:5) so stay awake to greet the Lord.

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Fraternity and Friendship

Unconcerned for the hardships and dangers involved, St Francis of Assisi went to meet the Sultan Malik-el-Kamil in Egypt with the same attitude that he instilled in his disciples: if they found themselves "among the Saracens and other nonbelievers", without renouncing their own identity they were not to "engage in arguments or disputes, but to be subject to every human creature for God's sake". In the context of the times, this was an extraordinary recommendation. St Francis urged that all forms of hostility or conflict be avoided and that a humble and fraternal "subjection" be shown to those who did not share his faith. (No 3)

Quotes of the Week

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'. *Erma Bombeck*

I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.
Albert Einstein

On the Lighter Side

Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful. *John Wooden*



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Our special birthday wishes and congratulations to **Fr John** who celebrated his 40th birthday during the week.

Our prayers and blessings are with you.



CEMETERY MASS

Our annual cemetery Mass to pray for our deceased members will be held on **Saturday, 28th November 2020** at 9.00am at the Kyabram Cemetery.

Bookings will not be taken, however numbers (under current COVID restrictions) will be capped at 50. All COVID rules will apply including wearing of masks and provision of contact details. Please remember to also bring a chair.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES DURING NOVEMBER

For those wishing to have deceased family and friends prayed for during November, we ask that November envelopes with names be dropped off into the mailbox at the presbytery front door.

Alternatively, now that weekend Masses are resuming, those attending can place their November envelopes in the basket in front of the Font.

On the weekend Masses of 28th and 29th November, all deceased names will be especially remembered and prayed for together. (Please note that names placed on November envelopes will not be put on the bulletin.)

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNCIL PRAYER GROUP

Our Lady of Good Council Prayer Group continues to meet online via Zoom every second Tuesday.

For further information of how to join in please call Mary Zobec on 0427 190282.

QUOTE

Do not forget small kindnesses and do not remember small faults. – *Chinese Proverb*

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

MASSES AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, KYABRAM

Both weekend and some weekday Masses are currently celebrated at St Augustine's church in Kyabram for a maximum of 20 people as follows:

- Saturdays at 7.00pm
- Sundays at 8.00am
- Tuesdays at 6.00pm
- Thursdays at 9.15am

Trybooking links for these Masses will be provided weekly via the Parish website and Facebook. If you do not have access to book through Trybooking, please contact Alma Limbrick on 0417 184 527.

All Masses will be capped at 20 people, and all COVID restrictions apply:

- Registration of name & phone number
- Complying with social distancing rules
- Masks must be worn during Mass
- Hands sanitizer to be used upon entering the Church
- If unwell please stay home and cancel your booking

DISCERNING THE WAY TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal

During November, the Diocese will be reflecting on the first of six thematic papers for the Plenary Council, "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?" We invite everyone to pray and reflect on this theme and what it means for our Parishes, our Diocese and the Church in Australia.

The People of Sandhurst are invited to take part in an online reflection session using Zoom at 7:30pm on **Wednesday 18th November**. This online reflection will allow those attending to participate in some prayerful communal discernment around the thematic question of the month.

For further information and to register for the Zoom link, please email plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

For more Plenary Council information see: <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council>. Updates and further resources for the theme will be posted regularly on the Plenary Council Sandhurst Facebook Page.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Kadyn Mitchell
Recently Deceased: Helen Power, Michael Ryan, Ruth Scown, Jack Keogh
Anniversaries: Domenico Quattrocchi, Bert Andrews

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



Parish Administrator

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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 staff – working from home due to Covid, but in office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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Principals

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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Joe Chant (Chairperson),

Alana Brennan, Maurie Finn,

John Forde, Katrina Johnson,

Brendon Lane, Finola Price,

Brayden Stone, Mary Zobec

OUR BULLETIN

We continue to provide our weekly bulletin, both in print and online, so that parishioners can stay connected with our parish and to provide you with ways to celebrate your faith, find prayers and reflections, as well as activities to sustain you during these COVID-19 times.

With some resumption of Parish life, including our weekend and some weekday Masses, we will continue to pray for our sick, our recently deceased and for anniversaries. If you would like a name included on the bulletin, please email to Kyabram@cdos.org.au.

Our peace and blessings to you all.

MASSES AT SACRED HEART PARISH, TATURA

Masses at Sacred Heart Parish in Tatura (with limited numbers of 20) are being celebrated by Fr John as follows:

Weekday Masses

Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.15am

Weekend Masses

Saturdays at 5.30pm

Sundays at 9.30am

Bookings are essential. Please call Mary at Sacred Heart Parish on 0484 332 397 if you would like to attend.

WORLD DIABETES DAY 14th November 2020

Theme: 'The Nurse and Diabetes'.

Nurses have a crucial role in prevention and management of diabetes. One in 10 people live with diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is both preventable and treatable. One in 4 people don't know they have diabetes. Knowing the risk factors will help and nurses can make the difference.

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2021 Columban Calendars are now available (\$9.00 each).

Please contact Doreen Wood on 5853 2600 or drop a note to Mrs D Wood, 21 Lancaster Street, Kyabram 3620 or email a request to: dennis.wood1@bigpond.com.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.