



# 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

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**



*Readings for this week:*  
Exodus 22:20-26  
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10  
Matthew 22:34-40



*Readings for next Sunday:*  
Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12



## Liturgical Jottings

### 1 Thessalonians

These last weeks of the Liturgical Year we read from St Paul's first Letter to the Church at Thessalonica which is in modern day Greece. It is the first letter Paul wrote, in fact it is the earliest book of the New Testament, predating the Gospels. It is written about 50-51 AD. It is like a letter home to a friend. Paul started with a greeting to the people: "Grace to you and Peace", and related his travels with Timothy, particularly on their ministry together. He gives encouragement to them and hopes to see them again. His letter finishes with a farewell salutation and the blessing: "the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you (Amen)."

## Looking at the Readings

Chapter 22 of the Gospel according to St Matthew presents four big questions: about paying Taxes (last week), about the resurrection of the dead (omitted this year), what is the greatest commandment (this week) and about the Son of David (not included in the lectionaries). Asking questions is a legitimate line of enquiring and learning. But we know all too well about the person who asks too many questions! The question put today is recorded in all three of the synoptic Gospels, but in different contexts. In Matthew the question is to test Jesus, in Luke (10:25-28) also a test but in the context of what must I do to inherit eternal life, followed by a second question: "Who is my neighbour?" in Mark (12:28-34) the scribe who asked the question was praised by Jesus.

The context in Matthew's gospel today reflected the concerns of the Christians to whom Matthew was writing and with whom he was living. They were emerging from Judaic practices and forming a new ecclesial community. Law and Commandments were important legacies from their tradition, also were integrity and faithfulness to the Word and right living and sincerity in action. Matthew's "Last Judgement" (25:31-46) serves as a great witness for this very concern.

The "Greatest Commandment" to love God and neighbour avoids the legalism of the past and offers a deeper relationship with Father, Son, Holy Spirit and all humanity. Like the question about paying the Roman tax, Jesus' answers are not compromises but a new and exciting way of being Christian.

## All Saints' Day

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints, the feast will displace the Liturgy of the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. We acknowledge the countless people who have died and entered eternal life that are saints but not formally recognised and placed in the Calendar of Saints. They now pray for us. The day is followed by All Souls Day commemorating those who have died and awaiting entry into heaven. We pray for them.

## Quote of the Week

Therefore, love your neighbour; look within yourself to find the source of your love of your neighbour; there you will see, as you may, God, in the measure in which this will be possible for you.  
*St Augustine, Tractate 17:8 on the Gospel of John.*

## On the Lighter Side

Counting sheep is touted as a remedy for sleeplessness, However, go beyond the sheep to the Shepherd and talk to him about your day.



## LOOKING BACK ON MY FIRST YEAR AS BISHOP (October 2020)

By Bishop Shane Mackinlay

The first anniversary of a new home, a wedding, a new job or a new school often prompts two contrasting responses: 'Where did the year go?' and 'Before this, feels like another world away!'

Over the last couple of weeks, I've been feeling both of those responses to my first anniversary as Bishop of Sandhurst. Looking back at photos of my ordination and hearing people reflecting on its significance for them, it certainly feels like another world – not only because of the twelve months that have passed, but perhaps more so because it's so long since any significant gathering of people has been possible. Seeing photos with large crowds of people sitting or standing close to one another feels contrary to all the reflexes that we have learned over these past months. ...

I've been very encouraged by the regular feedback from parishioners assuring me that, though I might not have had the opportunity to visit the diocese over these months, they've become very familiar with me through participating from home in the St Kilian's Sunday Mass. ...

I'm certainly feeling at home in the diocese now, and increasingly at home in the ministry of bishop, too. I'm very grateful for the warm welcome and support that so many people have extended to me over this year. I've got used to talking about 'us' when I'm referring to Sandhurst, but I'll know that I've really become a local when I no longer need to rely on the GPS to navigate around Bendigo!

[These are excerpts from a full article which can be found on the Sandhurst Diocese website at <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1743-looking-back-on-my-first-year-as-bishop>]

## QUOTE

We need much less than we think we need.

– *Maya Angelou*

[www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in](http://www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in)

## KYABRAM CATHOLIC LADIES VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Ladies - Our next virtual morning tea is being held this coming **Tuesday, 27th October at 10.30am**. Don't forget those special cups!

Theme for this week is spring racing. Please wear your racing hats or fascinators, and bring a favourite rose from your garden.

Hosted by Alana Brennan and Mary Zobec.

Please call Mary Zobec on 0427 190 282 if you need help connecting in.

Topic: Kyabram Catholic Ladies Virtual morning tea.

Time: 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 10:30am

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7652761030?pwd=aUErRURsQVJ4OFBrUDZPUmhUVnZMUT09>

or

Meeting ID: 765 276 1030

Passcode: 4YRfmr



## 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](mailto:dennis.wood1@bigpond.com).

## THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSIST A STUDENT PROGRAM

Assisting the very poor overseas students receive an education, the AAS program is valued and has real impact. Money donated is used to assist very poor students in countries to our north to attend school, who may otherwise without the assistance, not be able to afford to attend. Any administrative costs are met by the Australian St Vincent de Paul Society. It is aimed at breaking the poverty cycle the student finds himself/herself in, and it encapsulates the Vincentian message of "a hand up, not a hand out".

If you are interested in receiving any further information, please contact Paul McCarthy on 0432 585 580 or go to the St Vinnies website at: [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our\\_Impact/International\\_Impact/Assist\\_a\\_student\\_today/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our_Impact/International_Impact/Assist_a_student_today/)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Kady Mitchell, Una Donegan, Joan Childs, Fr Ted Harte, Jacqui Rosendale

**Recently Deceased:** Amato Barca, Betty Turner

**Anniversaries:** Mark Thomas Bourke

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



## Parish Priest

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### Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

**Parish Office** – closed until further notice, however the Parish Office can still be contacted through its email address at: [kyabram@cdos.org.au](mailto:kyabram@cdos.org.au)

### Principals

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Brayden Stone – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary

Katrina Johnson – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Jinjo, 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 as we adjust to the impact of COVID-19 on our lives.

With none of the usual activities of Parish life at the moment, much that is contained in our bulletin is online links to other sites. We hope that these links will provide you with ways to celebrate your faith, find prayers and reflections, as well as activities to sustain you.

Fr Jinjo 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](mailto:Kyabram@cdos.org.au).

Our peace and blessings to you all.

## CATHOLIC EARTHCARE RELEASES NEW RESOURCES

We have just emerged from the Season of Creation but we are in the midst of the Anniversary Year of **Laudato Si'** declared by Pope Francis in May to celebrate five years since the publication of his encyclical.

Catholic Earthcare, a program of Caritas Australia, has produced a wonderful new resource for parishes to guide reflection and action, based on the multi-year roll-out plan for action outlined by Pope Francis when he declared the Anniversary Year. (The following reflection card is part of this new resource.)

To read more go to the Sandhurst Diocese website at <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1750-new-resources-from-catholic-earthcare>.

**REFLECTION 1**

Are we responding in a way that is listening to the cry of the earth? Are we considering how our choices will impact the earth and its precious resources?

**Creator God,**  
You fill the earth with life,  
Lead us to live in harmony with the earth you have created.  
May we respect all life from the smallest of plants to the tallest of trees, the vastness of the oceans to the majesty of mountains and the tiniest insects to the wildest beasts.  
We ask this in your name.  
Amen

Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, #92

**Catholic Earthcare AUSTRALIA**  
A PROGRAM OF Caritas AUSTRALIA

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## JAMES – Discerning

Zoom course: 7 Thursdays (8:00 – 9.30pm) - November 5, 12, 19, 26, and December 3, 10, 17. The objective of the "James" course is to take a journey through the Letter of James, learning how to discern our own lives in the light of the Word of God. It is not a comprehensive course on discernment, but rather an introduction with some criteria in approaching the art of discerning.

Course is FREE, but donations appreciated. **Book before 4<sup>th</sup> November at:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BLYXG>