

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

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

8 January 2023



Readings for
this week: Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Readings for
next Sunday: Isaiah 49:3,5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



Liturgical Jottings Epiphany Blessing

The Roman Missal contains solemn blessings for celebrations in the different liturgical times. There are eight for major feast days, six for ordinary time, four for Mary and the saints, one for the dedication of a church and one in celebrations for the dead.

The Solemn Blessing for the Epiphany of the Lord may be used at the end of Mass, Liturgy of the Word, Morning and Evening Prayer or the Sacraments. The deacon or priest says the invitation: **“Bow down for the blessing.”** Three invocations are addressed to the people calling us into God’s wonderful light, and we may become light to others and when our pilgrimage is ended we, like the Magi may find joy in our coming to Christ our Lord.

Each invocation the people response **Amen** and concludes with the blessing of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Looking at the Readings

The Epiphany readings are the same each year; the Gospel of Matthew contains the only account of the visit of the wise men to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The journey to Bethlehem takes up most of the reading; the visit and the three gifts take up only one verse (Matt 2:11). Life is like that. The preparation for exams takes all year, the exam at most three hours. The preparation for Christmas a whole month, Christmas one day. However, our journey of faith is a lifetime but its reward is eternity.

Nonetheless we have many twists and turns on our way. Isaiah expresses the hope for those who actively wait: “Rise up ... light has come ... glory appears ...Lift up your eyes and look around ...” St Paul in the second reading speaks of the mystery of the revelation of Christ for all people. Just as Jesus was honoured by three “foreigners” from the east. All are invited to make the pilgrimage to Christ and “Give praises to the Lord”.

Quote of the Saints

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. *St Teresa of Avila on Christmas*

Final Christmas Feasts

Two upcoming feasts complete the Christmas/Epiphany liturgical days: The Baptism of the Lord observes another manifestation or revelation of Christ on Monday 9 January this year. The last is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple on Thursday 2 February. While the former celebrates an event in Jesus’ adult life at the beginning of his public ministry, its mystery marks God’s confirmation of his identity. Forty days after Christmas the child Jesus is presented in the temple and proclaimed “Light for the nations” and salvation for his people.

On the Lighter Side

The three wise men came to the manger with gifts for baby Jesus. They brought gold and frankincense.
But wait, there's myrrh!



Did you hear about the three wise men in the age of NFTs? They came bearing GIFs

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Our warmest welcome to *Carl Cabaraban, Natalie Watt* and *Mary D'Augello* as a newly joined for the Parish Pastoral Council. And *John Zobec* for the Parish Finance Committee. Thank you for your willingness and support. We keep you in our prayers.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS

Saturday 14th January at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov
Lector – W Mulcahy
Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 15th January at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox
Lector – T Hehir
Special Minister – F Turner

Sunday 22nd January at 8.30am:

Commentator –M Carver
Lector –N Watt
Special Minister-

POSITION VACANT

PARISH ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

St. Augustine Parish, Kyabram
Permanent part-time position: 14 hours per week
We are looking for a highly motivated individual for this diverse role.

Duties include;

- Office support to the Parish Priest.
- Reception and general administrative functions.
- Bookkeeping, secretarial and office management.
- Preparation of parish bulletin.
- Maintaining accurate and secure records including on the parish website.
- Administration of baptisms, funerals and weddings.
- Management of accounts payable and receivable and banking.
- Record keeping and accounting to Balance Sheet level.
- Other duties commensurate with your skills and experience assigned by the Parish Priest from time to time.

To succeed in the role, you will need;

- Excellent communication skills.
- Developed organizational skills.
- Ability to maintain a high level of integrity, confidentiality and discretion.
- Ability to work to priorities and timeframes with attention to detail in an environment of interruptions.
- Sound knowledge of basic financial accounting packages and Microsoft Office suite of products.
- Knowledge of Child Safety Standards and procedures.
- An understanding of the Catholic faith and a willingness to work within the Catholic ethos.
- Initiative and a capacity to work with a minimum of supervision.

Submit applications and resume to kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
Enquiries to Fr. John Paul Pasala, Parish Priest: 03 5852 1026.
Alana Brennan: 0427 658 563; Wayne Mulcahy: 0402 358 221.

Applications close at 5:00 pm on 20/01/2023.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR COLLECTION

For the both the Masses, Christmas Eve and Day
Total **\$1872.15** (Expenses for the PA system for Christmas Mass \$660.00) St. Vinnies **\$1240.45**
Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you always.
New Year Collection is **\$1125.65**

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you to our generous givers for your ongoing support of our Parish! Our Planned Giving and collections are for –parish operating expenses, churches maintenance, clergy support and presbytery support. If you are a new parishioner or now in a position to give there are many ways to give to our church needs. Giving is by way of church envelopes, direct debit or periodic credit card payments and is flexible to suit your preference of weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, and half yearly or yearly. You can also give without a set pledge amount or timeframe to give by. We encourage anyone who is not on the Planned Giving Program to contact Fr. John. Thank you for considering this option to support our Parish.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We are once again considering if any business would be interested in advertising in our Parish bulletin, website.
The costs are

Ad (5x6cm)		
3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200
6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

Thanking you in advance for your support. If you would like any further details, please talk to Fr. John or any member of the Finance Committee.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Lee Chant, Sam Peyton, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Nick Quattrocchi, Joan Macdermid, Joy Shortis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Anniversaries: Marie Wearden, Joseph Bowman.



Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Benedict XVI – RIP, From NY Times Benedict XVI, the eminent theologian who led the world's 1.3 billion Catholics as a soft-spoken, if often besieged, traditionalist, and then became the first pope to resign in nearly six centuries, was buried on Thursday after a funeral on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica presided over by Pope Francis. Francis, the first pontiff to preside over the funeral Mass for a pope who resigned, offered "our final farewell to Pope Emeritus Benedict" and commended him to "God, our merciful and loving Father."

FORTNIGHT TIME TABLE

Mon	09 Jan	
Tues	10 Jan	– Rosary 4.45pm; Mass 5.00pm.
Wed	11 Jan	-
Thurs	12 Jan	- Mass 9.15am.
Fri	13 Jan	-
Weekend Masses		
Sat	14 Jan	- Mass 6pm.
Sun	15 Jan	- Mass 8:30am, Merrigum 12.00 Noon.

Mon	16 Jan	-
Tues	17 Jan	- Rosary 4:45pm; Mass 5:00pm.
Wed	18 Jan	-
Thurs	19 Jan	- Mass 9:15am.
Fri	20 Jan	-
Weekend Masses		
Sat	21 Jan	–No Mass
Sun	22 Jan	- Mass 8:30am. .

Parish Priest

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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,,
Alana Brennan (Chairperson)
Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello, Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,
Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),
James Harris (Deputy Chair)
John Zobec, Naomi Hehir, Mary Zobec.

Mass Times

Kyabram
Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates
Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

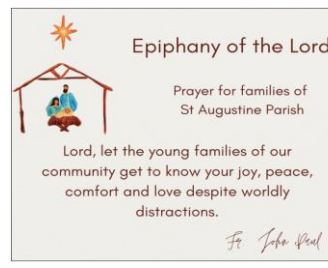
Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon

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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to **Mary Bowman** who is celebrating her 90th Birthday this week. We wish Mary many blessings and good health on this wonderful occasion and thank Mary for all the work she has contributed to our parish. God bless you always.
Please join us cuppa after the Mass.



ALTAR SERVERS

Thank you to Marg Cocks for training up our new altar Servers. We thank them for their commitment and willingness to help. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please see Marg Cocks or call her on 0428 522 330.

FOUND

Found at Christmas Eve Mass a 'Fob'. If anyone has lost it, please call office and leave the message or Mary Zobec on 0427 190 282.

POSITIONS VACANT

A number of positions are currently Vacant on **Parish Finance Council** and **Parish maintenance Person**, please consider helping out in these areas of need and be part of a team in forming the future of our Parish. Please contact Fr. John Paul.

Home Communion

The Parish offers home communion. If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish Office (5852 1026) please leave message or Mary Zobec- 0427 190 282



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 58521310.

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 together and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

Breaking Open the Word

QUEST FOR TRUTH

Truth, like greatness, can come to us in a variety of ways. Some search for it and others have it thrust upon them. What brought the wise men from afar on such a journey of great adventure, risk and discovery? They were indeed people seeking the truth, and even more importantly, they were open to the new and unexpected ways in which that truth came to them. As they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the vision of that great prophet Isaiah is fulfilled. He knew that the call that Israel had received was one destined to be shared by all humanity; united in its worship of the living God. As a reward for their tireless quest for the truth, the wise men receive the gift of knowledge and understanding. It is not so with Herod. The truth is most unwelcome and is thrust upon him. The message of the astrologers from the East is decidedly unsettling for Herod: if this child is the newborn king of the Jews what will be Herod's status in the future?

Paul too has travelled, searched and wrestled with the truth that God wishes to be proclaimed to the world. It is a message that has the power to both liberate and discomfort. Gentiles who accept Jesus now share the same promises and inheritance as the people of Israel. They are part of the same body: Jewish Christians had to deal with the fact that what had been their exclusive privilege was now extended to the Gentiles and that this too was part of God's plan to be graciously accepted.

Christopher Monaghan CP

'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE SAVING WORD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / A

8 JANUARY 2023

Isa 60:1-6

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71:1-2, 7-13 R.V.11

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, / to a king's son your justice, / that he may judge your people in justice / and your poor in right judgement. R.

2. In his days justice shall flourish / and peace till the moon fails. / He shall rule from sea to sea, / from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts / shall pay him tribute. / The kings of Sheba and Seba / shall bring him gifts. / Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, / all nations shall serve him. R.

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry / and the needy who are helpless. / He will have pity on the weak / and save the lives of the poor. R.



SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

We have come from the East to worship the King.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.