



Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 7th August 2022



Readings for
this week:

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48



Readings for
next Sunday

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53



Liturgical Jottings

Ita Missa Est

Final words of the Dismissal at the Mass in Latin are “Ita Missa Est”. Even in pre-Christian Roman times “Missa” was used as a sending out or departing word. It was adopted in the Roman Mass but elsewhere other terms were used, eg: “Let us proceed in peace” (Milan) and “Let us bless the Lord.” It had layers of meaning, signifying the close of the liturgy, the mission to go into the world, to leave with peace and joy and to continue to praise the Lord. Therefore exact word for word translation was difficult. We have been given four alternatives:

1. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
2. Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
3. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
4. Go in peace.

People’s response: “Deo gratias”
“Thanks be to God” has not varied.

Looking at the Readings

The Night is the tenuous connection between the first reading and the Gospel. Normally we are warned against the night and the evils that occur in the cover of darkness. Not so today. The first reading recalls the night of the Passover meal and the promises God had made to deliver his people from the enemy and bring them salvation and blessing. It is in the night that today’s parable is set. The faithful servants are to wait in the watches of the night for the return of their master. They have to have their lamps ready at the door to let him in when he knocks.

The readings prepare us for the Eucharist. As at the last supper, that Passover meal Jesus celebrated with the Apostles, as in this Gospel it is the master who puts on the apron and serves his flock. We hear the echo of the invitation to communion: “Happy are those who are called to his supper”. The various instructions that Christ gives to his disciples: be not afraid; sell your possessions; store treasures in heaven; be at your work; and ready to welcome the master; all prepare them to receive and accept the invitation to the eternal banquet.

The responsorial psalm follows the first readings call to sing the hymn of praises to God for “Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.”
Ps 32:12.

Prayer for the Week

Loving Father, we give you praise and hold in memory the wonderful work accomplished by your Son. We celebrate the great mystery of our redemption by which Christ has destroyed our slavery to death and made us able to receive the gift of an eternal inheritance

Quote for the Day

Like a friend at our door, Jesus is about to enter. ...
Like a friend who keeps his word, Jesus is returning to visit us. ...
Like a friend we have invited, Jesus will come when he wishes. ...
Let us keep our lamps ready for when he comes.
Claude Duchesneau

On the Lighter Side of Light

Angels light their candles with matches made in heaven.
Four men in a room had five candles. But they had nothing to light the candles. So they threw a candle out the window and then the room became a candle lighter.



MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend our Sacramental children will be making their Confirmation and First Eucharist, celebrated by Bishop Shane Mackinlay.

These two Masses will be held on Saturday 13th August at 6.00pm and Sunday, 14th August at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church Kyabram. (Please note that there will not be the usual 8.30am Mass on the Sunday in Kyabram.)

The only other Mass in our parish that weekend will be the 11.30am Mass at Tongala. All most welcome to attend.

Note – there will be no Reconciliation at 5.30pm next Saturday evening.

PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting will be held this coming **Tuesday, 9 August** at 5.45pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Africa Food Crisis – Make Hunger History

Four consecutive failed rainy seasons and locust plagues in the Horn of Africa have devastated crops across the region. Now, the impacts of war in Ukraine, rising food and fuel prices, have pushed people to the brink of famine - potentially the worst food crisis we have seen in our lifetime. 18 million people are facing extreme hunger. Approximately 7 million children under 5 are acutely malnourished. You can help us support our partners in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan & Eritrea by visiting www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 or post to PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636.

In addition, Caritas Australia is part of the HELP FIGHT FAMINE (HFF) Campaign, a coalition of humanitarian organisations, voicing the need for urgent action towards what is actually a global food crisis and calling on the Australian Government to do our part in responding.

You can add your voice by emailing your MP via the portal at Help Fight Famine (caritas.org.au)

THE FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE

On **Friday 26 August 2022** St Augustine's College will celebrate the Feast of St Augustine and the conclusion of CBCA's Book Week. A number of exciting events will take place on this day and we invite parents and friends of the College to join us from 9:00am onwards.

9:00am - 9:45am (Approx) St Augustine's Day student-led Liturgy in the Brigidine Centre
9:45am - 10:00am (Approx) 2023 College Captain applicant speeches
10:00am - 10:45am (Approx) F-6 Book Week Parade

It would be wonderful to be joined by lots of Parishioners on Friday 26 August as we celebrate the Feast of St Augustine and Book Week. Everyone is welcome!

EARTHCARE PARISH

A great reminder of how our small everyday acts can make a big impact on our sustainable future.

What's your small act?

Answer a few short questions at <https://sabi.sustainability.vic.gov.au> to find a small act that's right for you.

Share your small act with friends and family and be part of creating our sustainable future.

One of the easiest things you can do is Say **NO** to plastic straws... **Did you know?** *There is more microplastic in the ocean than there are stars in the MilkyWay.*

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 13th August at 6.00pm:

Commentator – A Limbrick
Lector – C Cabaraban
Special Minister – Fr John

Sunday 14th August at 10.00am:

Commentator – A Limbrick
Lector – V Fox
Special Minister – Fr John

Sunday 14th August at Tongala at 11.30am

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 on 0417 184 527.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kady Mitchell-Treacy

Recently Deceased: Dom Cerrone, Rose Catanese, Una Donegan

Anniversaries: Constantina Palma

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	8 Aug	-
Tues	9 Aug	No Rosary or Mass PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wed	10 Aug	-
Thurs	11 Aug	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 5 & 6)
Fri	12 Aug	-
Sat	13 Aug	Mass 6.00pm – Sacraments with Bishop Shane
Sun	14 Aug	NO Mass at 8.30am Mass 10.00am – Sacraments with Bishop Shane Mass 11.30am Tongala
Mon	15 Aug	<i>Feast of the Assumption</i>
Tues	16 Aug	Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life) - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	17 Aug	-
Thurs	18 Aug	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Foundation and Year 12)
Fri	19 Aug	-
Sat	20 Aug	No Mass
Sun	21 Aug	Mass 8.30am (and cuppa after Mass)

MULTICULTURAL MASS

Our annual Multicultural Mass will be celebrated on 27th August at 6.00pm followed by supper. Please save the date. There will be more information in coming weeks.

EDIS PARK - PRAYER IN THE PARK

20 years of Prayer in the Park - **Saturday 13th August** - 10 am at Edis Park. Lunch to follow. All welcome.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

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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

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth 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.

made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42, 44

Alléluia, alléluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alléluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:32-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 12:32-48



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Breaking Open the Word

A TWO-EDGED SWORD

The word of the Lord is said to be a two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12) and so it is with the readings for today – encouragement and warning stand side by side. Both the passage from the book of Wisdom and that from Hebrews, invite us to see our journey of faith in a positive light. The examples of Abraham and Sarah, as well as the people of the Exodus, show us that others too have had to trust in God's promises when the way forward has not been clear. The most vivid instance of this is when Abraham was called to sacrifice his only son Isaac. One can only try to imagine his distress when called to sacrifice the very one by whom God's promises were to be accomplished. Despite revulsion and fear he still took the leap of faith, and his faith was rewarded.

The two-edged sword of God's word continues as Jesus reminds his disciples that while there is no need to fear we must live in a manner appropriate for people of faith. The leap of faith may not call us to sacrifice our children but it will challenge us to show that our hearts are in the right place by being prepared for the Lord's return. The example of the faithful servants who are ready for their master's return, even after a long delay, is powerfully contrasted with those who lost sight of the trust that they had been given.

Christopher Monaghan CP

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

FIRST READING

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord. O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy, whose God is the Lord. / the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in fame. **R.**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance

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THE SAVING WORD



given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been