



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

4 February 2024



Readings for
this week:

Job 7:1-4,6-7
1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39



Readings for
next Sunday:

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Christian Life 4 The Word of God and human communications

The unity of word-sacrament as proclaiming and realising the Kingdom of God must always be kept in mind. The Word of God is a gift and requires human effort both from the presenter and the listener if it is to be effectively received. And with Humanity as gift, they are to be recognised, accepted, celebrated and enjoyed in the liturgy and in life.

What we celebrate as the word and truth of God in liturgy must exercise its liberating power and function of the Kingdom of God in the church and in the larger human community. Christians have a duty to promote this true and proper worship. The word of God as a two-edged sword remains a permanent challenge to all genuine human communication in life and in liturgy.

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Looking at the Readings

I remember reading the desperate line in the novel: “One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich” by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. It went like this: the day was so cruel I could not wait to evening; the evening was so cold I could not wait for morning. Misery was unrelenting in that Russian labour camp. Similarly Job reflected on his plight: “Lying in bed I wonder, ‘When will it be day?’ Risen I think, ‘How slowly evening comes!’ ” Undeserved suffering of the innocent is one of the most agonising problems to confront the human mind. There are no ready and definitive answers. The book of Job does confront suffering, drudgery, pessimism. Job’s three comforters offer little comfort or wisdom. While there are no simplistic answers we can look to those who have suffered and have endured. Jesus knew suffering, he took on our sufferings and endured injustice, insults and execution. Yet it is by the cross and resurrection we are saved.

The Gospel passage for this Sunday presents: “One day in the life of Jesus Christ.” In the morning he was teaching in the synagogue, in the afternoon he was in Peter’s house and healed his mother-in-law. In the evening many people came to him with the sick and the possessed whom he cured. Before dawn the next morning Jesus went to a lonely place to pray (Mark 1:29-35).

Jesus skilfully combines prayer to the Father with faithfulness to his mission of proclaiming the Kingdom. One strengthens the other. He created opportunities for both: prayer in the morning long before dawn and ministry of healing that evening, after sunset. We cannot create time but we can create opportunities!

Quote of the Day

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved. *Helen Keller*

Pope Francis: Three Attitudes on Discipleship 3

The third attitude of a disciple is the willingness to get our hands dirty and get involved in helping our brothers and sisters, We are called to be brave, to have “that evangelical courage which springs from knowing that there are many who are hungry, who hunger for God, who hunger for dignity, because they have been deprived.” (*Medellin 9/7/2016*)

On the Lighter Side

Time you enjoy wasting, was not wasted. John Lennon

The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen all at once. Albert Einstein



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson.

Recently Deceased: Kevin Morley

Anniversaries: Fred Slaughter, Emanuela D'Augello

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



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Principals

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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Uday Marneni, Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Jackie Stockdale,

Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jay Sutton, John Forde

Parish Finance Committee

Fr Uday Marneni,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

James Harris (Deputy Chair)

John Zobec, Chris Moor, Mary Zobec.

Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of month at

5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

Mass of Anointing - held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 4th February - 8.30am – Harvest Mass

Sun 4th February - 11.30am - Tongala

Tue 6th February - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 8th February - 10am - Anointing Mass

Thu 8th February – St Patrick's opening school Mass
12 noon

Weekly Masses

Sat 10th February - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 11th February - 8.30am

Tue 13th February - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Tue 13th February – Shrove Tuesday – pancakes on
the lawn from 8am

Wed 14th February – Ash Wednesday School Liturgy
10am

Wed 14th February – 6pm Ash Wednesday Mass

ROSTERS

Saturday 10th February at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 11th February at 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – A Brunt

Sunday 18th February at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – M Elliot

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

Last week's Collection is \$ 1141.25

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 5852 1310.

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

HARVEST MASS

WELCOME to the celebration, thanksgiving and sharing of the harvest – just as Jesus and his people celebrated, gave thanks and shared in the “Feast of Ingathering” or the “Feast of Tabernacles.” People may like to join Saturday evening’s entry procession and lay their items of non-perishables like a can, jar, or packet, at the altar for the St. Vincent DePaul Society to distribute. After Saturday Mass, please feel free to swap and share items of produce from the trading table. And, of course, do stay for our supper following Mass. Thank you to everyone who has helped and given to make our harvest celebration enjoyable. Please note there will be photos taken, if you do not wish for your photo to be taken please let the photographer know.



God, giver of all life, blessed are you in the fruits of the earth, in the sowing of seed and the work of human hands, in the harvest of human creativity.

God of the poor and hungry, blessed are you in the striving for justice, in the fragility of peace-making, in the generosity of care for those in need.

God of the great feast and the simple meal, blessed are you in the grace of hospitality, in the breaking and sharing, blessed are you in our daily bread. Amen

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – 4 February in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

There will be a Mass held on Wednesday 14th February at 6pm.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, 5th March 2024 commencing at 6.00pm in the Parish meeting room.

MEN’S CHOIR

The men’s choir is on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please come at 8am, Sunday 4 February to practice.



A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH

Have you thought about leaving a bequest to the church? The forms are available in the office if you would like to leave a bequest.



These can be filled in and left with your will. Please contact Vicki or email the office for a copy.

ST PATRICKS SCHOOL OPENING MASS

The St Patricks opening school Mass will be held Thursday 8th February at 12noon.

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 50TH ANNIVERSARY:

Worldwide Marriage encounter warmly invites couple/spouses who have attended a Marriage Encounter weekend (anywhere in the world) to join in the 50th anniversary celebrations of Marriage Encounter in Australia. Celebrations include:- a Formation Day (Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires, The Respect He Desperately Longs for) followed by an evening of celebration over a shared meal. Saturday 16 March 2024 at St John’s, Mitcham. Marriage Encounter offers a unique weekend experience for married couples and priests. It originated in Spain in 1952 and has spread worldwide to almost 100 countries since that time. It came to Australia in 1974. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a volunteer Catholic movement of married couples and priests working together to enrich the relationships of those who attend a weekend.

Please call Steve and Sue Hollowood 0431 477 556 / 0412 130 845 or email: sands.oct05@gmail.com for further details.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS - BENDIGO

REGISTER NOW for the 2024 Way of the Cross production! Registrations end on January 29th with auditions on January 31st, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm.



This is for anyone wanting to be involved in any capacity, whether it is for cast, crew, costuming, staging, props or more. Further details.

<https://www.thewayofthecross-bendigo.com/register-for-auditions>

The Way of the Cross - Bendigo is a theatrical, live performance, re-telling the true story of the last few days, Trial, Death and Resurrections of Jesus Christ as part of the 2024 Bendigo Easter Festivities, all Office.

“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.” *St. John Paul II*

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Would you like to volunteer to help with the store? There is a clipboard to put your name down to be included on the roster.

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The costs are: **Advert (5x6cm)**

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| 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 |

If you would like further details, please talk to Fr Uday, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.