



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 November 2023



Readings for
this week:

Malachi 1:14, 2:2,8-10
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13
Matthew 23:1-12



Readings for
next Sunday:

Wisdom 6: 12 – 16
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13



Liturgical Jottings

Eucharistic Prayer part 9

Acclamations 2

The centre and high point of the entire celebration of the Mass is the Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Priest calls upon the people to lift up their hearts towards the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he associates the people with himself in the Prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. The meaning of this Prayer is that the whole congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. GIRM 78

The opening dialogue and the acclamations unite the assembly with the presider. They serve to show that the prayer belongs to the entire assembly and increases the participation of the whole congregation. This is most evident in the Children's Eucharistic Prayer II. (NDSW p 455)

Looking at the Readings

The age old maxim: "One cannot trifle with the liturgy" is addressed in the first reading and the gospel. Malachi condemns the worship practices of the priests and people of the day for offering second rate or imperfect sacrifices, lacking sincerity and abandoning their heritage. Jesus warns the scribes and Pharisees of their hypocrisy and being out of touch with the reality of the lives of the people and the ways of God. Matthew's criticism of these groups is not absolute. He notes the Pharisees fast and give alms to the poor (Matt9:24) and the scribes discern the good in the "old and the new" (Matt 13:52).

This gospel passage cannot merely be seen as a historical account of the practices of the day, they serve also as a critique and admonition of present practices within Matthew's community and by inclusion within future Christian communities. There will always remain the dichotomy of giving recognition and honour to leaders and responsible persons and maintaining our belief in the one true God and the example of Christ our Lord who came in humility and as a servant to all.

Did you know

The first Reading is several verses from the prophet Malachi, an anonymous character. The name means a messenger. Passages from this book, the last in the Old Testament canon, are read only twice on Sundays, today and the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time year C. There are two main themes in the book: the failure of the priests and people in their religious duties; and the coming of the day of purification and security.

Quote of the Week

A Pharisee is hard on others and easy on himself, but a spiritual person is easy on others and hard on himself. *Aiden Wilson Tozer*

Pope Francis' "Laudate Deum"

1. The Global Climate Crisis: Some effects of the climate crisis are already irreversible, at least for several hundred years, such as the increase in the global temperature of the oceans, their acidification and the decrease of oxygen. Consequently, a broader perspective is urgently needed, one that can enable us to esteem the marvels of progress, but also to pay serious attention to other effects that were probably unimaginable a century ago. What is being asked of us is nothing other than a certain responsibility for the legacy we will leave behind. (15,18)

On the Lighter Side

Scribe is to Scribble as Ride is to "Riddle" You can solve it.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Sam Peyton, Shane McDonell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson, John Nisbet.

Recently Deceased: Anwar Mehanni, Leon Pettifer

Anniversaries: Michael Bowman

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



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Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

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Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jay Sutton, John Forde

Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,

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 5th November - 8.30am

Sun 5th November - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 7th November - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 9th November – 9.15am – Year 3/4 & Year 9

Thu 9th November – Memorial Service 7pm

Weekly Masses

Sat 11th November - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 12th November - 8.30am

Tue 14th November - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 16th November - 9.15am - Year 5/6 & Year 10

Weekly Masses

Sun 19th November - 8.30am

Sun 19th November - 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 21st November - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 23rd November - 9.15am – no students

ROSTERS

Saturday 11th November at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 12th November at 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – A Snell

Special Minister – A Ryan

Sunday 19th November at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – M DiPetta

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 947.05

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.

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 8th November at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822754.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on Tuesday, 14th November commencing at 5.45pm (following Mass).

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer group next meeting will be Sunday 4th November at 5pm in the church. Please join in for adoration, prayer and reflection on the word. Inquiries Mary 0427190282.

ANOINTING MASS

The next anointing mass will be held on Thursday 7th December at 10am, followed by a cuppa.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS

Year 12 Graduation mass will be held on Thursday 16th November at 6pm. Please keep these students in your prayers as they embark on their new pathways.

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS

Cemetery Mass will be held on Saturday 25th November at 9am. Please bring a chair.

PAST STUDENTS & FRIENDS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Will be held on Saturday 25th November at 5pm in the school memorial gardens. Mass will follow at 6pm followed by cuppa.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on **Tuesday, 28th November** commencing at 6pm in the parish meeting room.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

During the month of November, you are invited to place names of loved ones in the basket provided. This basket will be brought up at the Offertory time. Names will later be burnt and scattered in the school Memorial Garden. Envelopes available for November Mass offerings in the gathering space.

RCIA INQUIRY NIGHTS

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is? Please come along to our Inquiry nights on Monday nights at 5pm in the Parish meeting room at the Presbytery. For further information please contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.

MEN'S CHOIR

The men's choir has restarted on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please come at 8am to practice.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE

Parishioners we need your help and opinions. Commencing the weekend 5th November, the PPC is conducting a questionnaire to gauge parishioner's opinions about the activities in our parish and to obtain suggestions to strengthen our parish. Please fill in the questionnaire and place in the suggestion box located in the gathering space. Feel free to take the questionnaire home and return next time you are at Mass. Thank you for your time.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND GIVING STATEMENTS

The planned giving envelopes and annual statement are available to be collected from the gathering space in the church. Please contact Vicki in the office if require any changes to your contact details or would like to change the type of giving.

CARITAS GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Around 1.4 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. Even before this crisis, 80% of people were reliant on international aid. Ongoing bombardments have destroyed homes, hospitals and essential water and sanitation infrastructure. People in Gaza are in despair with nowhere to run due to a land, air and sea blockade. *This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions,* Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. *With your help, we can support our partners on the ground responding to immediate needs:* www.caritas.org.au/gaza or 1800 024 413.

FUNDRAISER FOR ST AUGUSTINE

We have wood scroll Calendars 2024 available in the Piety Store in the gathering space at the church, after the weekend Masses. \$20 each and 5 different calendars, **Divine mercy, Holy Family, Miraculous, St Anthony, and Sacred Heart Jesus.** All money raised will go to St Augustine Parish.



“Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about.” *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

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BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Would you be interested in advertising your business in our Parish bulletin and on our website?

The costs are: **Advert (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

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

PIETY STORE

Have you checked out the piety store in the gathering space of the church? Do you have a family baptism, sacramental member? Why not grab a lovely gift?

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