



# Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Readings for  
this week:

Amos 6:1, 4-7  
1 Timothy 6:11-16  
Luke 16:19-31



Readings for  
next Sunday

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10



## Liturgical Jottings

### Anointing of the Sick 4

Chapter Six of the Pastoral Care of the Sick, Rites of Anointing and Viaticum, Aust. 1982 (PCS), is titled: "Commendation of the Dying" The Introduction states that:

"Christians have the responsibility of expressing their union in Christ by joining the dying person in prayer for God's mercy and for confidence in Christ. In particular, the presence of a priest or deacon shows more clearly that the Christian dies in the communion of the Church. He should assist the dying person and those present with the recitation of the prayers of commendation and, following death, he should lead those present in the prayer after death. If the priest or deacon is unable to be present because of other serious pastoral obligations, other members of the community should be prepared to assist with these prayers." PCS n213.

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## Looking at the Readings

The Readings begin with another passage from the Prophet Amos, strongly speaking out against the luxurious complacency of the powerful and rich elite and prophesising ruin upon them. Jesus weaves a parable addressing the same social issue. Dives, the name tradition has given to the rich man, is in his mansion and ignores the poor at his gate. The only sin of the rich man appears to be neglect of the poor. He is not accused of maltreatment, dishonesty or employment injustice, but simply neglect and perhaps thoughtlessness. Lazarus, the poor and sick person at the gate, we know nothing more. The rest of the parable is played out in Hell and Heaven between Abraham and Dives and Lazarus.

Earlier passages in Luke's Gospel prepare us for this chapter of two parables: No servant can be the slave of two masters, God and money (16:13) and one must listen to Moses, the prophets and Jesus Christ who has risen from the dead (16:31). On the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time we hear: "Blessed are you who the poor, the kingdom of God is yours." (6:20), and the futility of demanding signs (11:16) when God's signs are abundant to those who have faith.

## Prayer of the Earth (part 5)

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you! Lord, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, ... Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

## Quote of the Week

Your present goods, from where have they come to you? If you say, 'from chance', you are an atheist, for you do not acknowledge the creator and you are ungrateful to the one who has provided them. If you confess that they come from God, tell us the reason you have received them. Is it so that God may be unjust, he who unequally distributes those goods necessary to life? Why are you rich and another poor?.....To the hungry belongs the bread that you keep; to the naked man, the cloak you keep tucked away....You commit as many injustices as there are people to whom you could give' *St Basil (329-279) Homily 6:7.*

## On the Lighter Side

During a homily two teenagers were giggling. The priest said, "There are two of you who have not heard a word I've said." That quieted them down. After Mass two adults apologised for going to sleep, promising it won't happen again."



## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

For this year's **World Day of Migrants & Refugees**, Pope Francis has chosen the theme: **Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees**. He says, "*Building the future with migrants and refugees* means recognizing and valuing how much each of them can contribute to the process of construction. I like to see this approach to migration reflected in a prophetic vision of Isaiah, which considers foreigners not invaders or destroyers, but willing labourers who rebuild the walls of the new Jerusalem, that Jerusalem whose gates are open to all peoples. ... Thanks to [migrants and refugees], we have the chance to know better our world and its beautiful diversity. We can grow in our common humanity and build together an ever greater sense of togetherness".

Today, in our parish, we give thanks for the variety of gifts with which our migrant & refugee brothers & sisters have enriched the tapestry of Australian life. We pray that Australians will always work together to "welcome the stranger".

## SOUP, SANDWICH AND SLICE DAY

Henley Friends invite all to their Soup, Sandwich and Slice Day on **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September** at 12.00 noon at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Lake Road, Kyabram.

Cost \$15. Raffle on the day. Lucky Door prize. Rainbow raffle.

Bookings essential to Win Crilly (0422 451 676).

## MERRIGUM REUNION MASS

A Reunion Mass will be held at the Merrigum Church on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022** at 12noon, followed by lunch at the Kyabram Club.

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited.

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.30am:**

Commentator – S Carroll, Lector – T Hehir,  
Special Minister – N Livsey

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Tongala at 11.30am.**

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."** Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

## BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We are once again considering if any business would be interested in advertising in our Parish bulletin. The cost would be around \$500 per year, and this would give 40 weekends of advertising in the bulletin. Below are some examples from the Mooroopna Parish bulletin. If you would like any further details, please talk to Fr John and he will pass your name on to the Finance Committee.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Fitzgerald, Glenn Jones, Queen Elizabeth II

**Anniversaries:** Leo Stockdale, Kate Delahenty, Virginia Spina, Lucia DiCamillo

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	26 Sept	-
Tues	27 Sept	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word 5.00pm
Wed	28 Sept	-
Thurs	29 Sept	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri	30 Sept	-
Sat	1 Oct	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	2 Oct	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Tongala (Baptisms during Mass)
Mon	3 Oct	<i>Term 4 begins</i>
Tues	4 Oct	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Protection of the Unborn)
Wed	5 Oct	-
Thurs	6 Oct	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	7 Oct	-
Sat	8 Oct	Mass 6.00pm (and cuppa after Mass)
Sun	9 Oct	Mass 8.30am

## GRAND ORGAN MASTER SERIES Sunday 2nd October

All are invited to an afternoon of beautiful music performed by Paul Taylor on the Grand Organ at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo. Starting at 3pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Tickets \$30, Conc \$25, Under 18 free.

For more information, please go to [www.grandorgan.com](http://www.grandorgan.com).

**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.

## Parish Priest

Fr John Paul Pasala

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

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### Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick (available in Parish Office on Thursdays, 8.30 to 5.00pm)

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

### Parish Office hours –

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### Principals

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Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala, Alma Limbrick

(Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan

(Chairperson), Maurie Finn,

Veronica Fox, Brendon Lane,

Finola Price, Jackie Stockdale,

Jay Sutton

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

Leanne Beck, James Harris, Naomi Hehir,

Peter Ryan, Terry O'Sullivan, Angela Shaw,

Mary Zobec

## Mass Times

### Kyabram

**Week Day Masses** (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

**Saturday** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*During your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

25 SEPTEMBER 2022

WEALTH AND CARE FOR OTHERS

Complacency can be a misguided, ill-founded and inappropriate response to power and privilege. The northern kingdom of Samaria was one that had a period of expansion and wealth while the southern kingdom suffered economically. Amos fearlessly proclaimed that a time of reckoning was approaching when such wealth would be no defence against the forces that would drag them into exile. He points out that it is their lack of concern for their brothers and sisters in the south that will result in them being the first to be exiled.

In a similar manner, Jesus used the parable of the rich man and Lazarus to remind his listeners that with wealth comes the responsibility to be attentive to the suffering of those who are less fortunate. The sudden reversal of the situations of the poor man and Lazarus is a powerful reminder that the time of accounting may find us unprepared, and our complacency at best a delusion.

As the first letter to Timothy concludes, Timothy is reminded of his responsibilities as a Christian leader and exhorted to keep faithful to the instructions he has been given. There is an air of solemnity as he is called to fulfil his duty in a spirit of faith, love, patience and gentleness until the return of the Lord at the end of time. As Jesus stood up to witness to the truth before Pontius Pilate, Timothy is challenged to let his leadership of the community serve as his testimony when the Lord returns.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Amos  
*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

Amos 6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal;

they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David,

they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. v. 2

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry; / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down. / It is the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. R.

3. He upholds the widow and orphan / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. R.

SECOND READING

1 Tim 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*ObeY the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and



love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:

to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty, Alleluia!