

# Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**



Readings for  
this week:

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



Readings for  
next Sunday

2 Kings 5:14-17  
2 Timothy 2:8-13  
Luke 17:11-19



## Liturgical Jottings

### Anointing of the Sick 5

The Rite of “Commendation of the Dying” consists of a short scriptural text that may be softly repeated two or three times. Example: “Who can separate us from the love of Christ?” or “To you Lord, I lift up my soul.” Then the Word of God is proclaimed by one who is present or the priest. The Rite has 13 plus more in the appendix to choose. A long or short litany of the saints follows with the response: “pray for him/her”. Then a Prayer of Commendation may be said if death is very near. Five choices are given or other prayers may be used or added. Finally there are prayers after death and prayers for the family and friends. “For the solace of those present the minister may conclude these prayers with a blessing or with a symbolic gesture, for example, signing the forehead with the sign of the cross and/ or sprinkling with holy water.” p188

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## Looking at the Readings

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him. © Dianne Bergant CSA

## Prayer of the Earth (part 6)

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.

## Quote of the Week

Even if you think you are faithful, you have not yet attained the perfection of faith. You must also say: ‘Lord, increase our faith.’ For you have hardly anything of your own, but must receive much from the Lord. Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechesis 5:9-11

## On the Lighter Side

Q: What credit card do you use for buying condiments?

A: A MustardCard.

Q: Why was the hamburger chef thrown out of the army?

A: Because he couldn't pass the mustard.



## FAREWELL

Dear Parishioners

With circumstances we would never have wished for, it is with heavy hearts we would like to thank you all for your support and kindness over many years.

Although our leaving St Augustine's Parish on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 is filled with sadness, we have been honoured and blessed to have worked in the Parish for our beautiful parishioners for so many years.

We will cherish your friendship and our times together and thank you all with grateful hearts. It has been a true privilege!

Our prayers and blessings to you all

*Alma (27yrs), Leanne (25yrs), Ruth (15yrs), Colleen (14yrs) and Michelle (5.5yrs)*

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Special birthday wishes and congratulations to **Joy Bourke** who is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this week.



## SCHOOL RESUMES

Welcome back to all teachers, staff, students and families.

We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the school holidays.

## DONATION THANK YOU

A sincere and heart felt thank you to **John Sanzo and family** for their donation to our Parish through their garage sale and pop up shop.

A final tally is still to come in, but at this stage \$2516 was raised to donate to the Parish.

## 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.

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome

**Nixon Samuel Tyler**  
**Paislee Raine Tyler**  
**Quinn James Tyler**

into our faith community.



Please keep Nixon, Paislee and Quinn, and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to **Terry O'Sullivan** for his time on the Parish Finance Committee. Terry's contribution has been very much appreciated and we wish him well as he spends more time travelling.

Thank you also to **Dean Parker** who has spent many years mowing the church surrounds at Merrigum. His time and commitment in keeping the lawns and grounds at St Sebastian's so well maintained has been greatly appreciated.

Our sincere thanks is also given to **Finola Price** for her friendship, support and dedication at the Parish office. Her commitment to get the Baptism records on the Parish database has been very much appreciated.

***Our prayers and special blessings are with Terry, Dean and Finola for their service to our Parish.***

## ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am** in St Augustine's Church. All welcome.

Please note that on this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm:**

Commentator – M Radanov, Lector – J Harris, Special Minister – L Busch

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30am:**

Commentator – V Fox, Lector – M Carver, Special Minister – J Stockdale

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Recently Deceased:** -

**Anniversaries:** Virginia Spina, Lucia DiCamillo

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	3 Oct	Term 4 begins
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
Mon	10 Oct	-
Tues	11 Oct	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm - Intention – Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wed	12 Oct	-
Thurs	13 Oct	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 1/2 & 7)
Fri	14 Oct	-
Sat	15 Oct	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	16 Oct	Mass 8.30am (and cuppa after Mass) Reunion Mass 12 noon Merrigum

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

***“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.”*** 2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

**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.

**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

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Tuesday & Thursday

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Fr John Paul Pasala,, 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),

James Harris, Naomi Hehir, Peter Ryan,

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.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever:  
it is the word given to you, the Good

News.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*If you had faith!*

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## INCREASE OUR FAITH

On the journey of faith there are moments when we may lose heart or be discouraged. Faced with opposition or misunderstanding it is no easy matter to maintain our trust in the Lord. At times the responsibilities of our Christian lives may be experienced as a burden. Like the first disciples, we find ourselves turning to Jesus saying, 'increase our faith!'

When we look around us there is so much suffering caused by injustice and our violence to one another. It is only natural that we question how God's plans will come to fruition when they dash head-on with human weakness. Habakkuk found himself dealing with many of the same issues. His time was one of violence and his hope and faith in God's power and the realisation of God's plans was flagging. Habakkuk is reminded in a vision that while the wheels move slowly, they are moving nonetheless, and God's purposes will come to pass for the upright who remain faithful.

In the second letter to him, Timothy is also called not to lose heart and remain faithful to his responsibilities as a young pastor. Having been commissioned and called to this ministry he may have been discouraged by its demands and complexity. The sound advice that is given is to remember there is no need to rely solely on his own resources. The precious gift of the Spirit has been given. In the ministry of leadership, it is the Spirit that will guide, empower and strengthen – there is no need to fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

2 OCTOBER 2022

## FIRST READING

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

*The just will live by faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;

and you will not save?  
Why do you set injustice before me,

why do you look on where there is tyranny?  
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,

all is contention, and discord flourishes.  
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,

inscribe it on tablets  
to be easily read,

since this vision is for its own time only:  
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not

deceive;  
if it comes slowly, wait,

for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,  
but the upright man will live by his

faithfulness.'

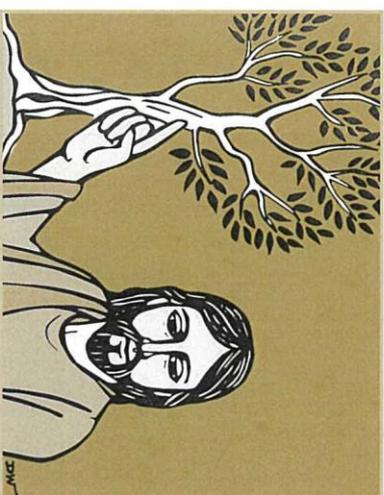
## ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

**R.** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**



3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

## SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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