

Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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Parish Administrator – Fr John Paul Pasala

We come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th November 2020



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30



Liturgical Jottings

Communion Antiphon

“The purpose of the Communion Chant or Antiphon is to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the ‘communitarian’ character of the procession to receive the Eucharist. The singing is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful. However, if there is to be a hymn after Communion, the Communion Chant should be ended in a timely manner.

Communion Antiphon or some other suitable liturgical chant approved by the Conference of Bishops. This is sung either by the choir alone or by the choir or a cantor with the people.”

General Instruction to the Roman Missal 2010, no.86-87

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Looking at the Readings

The parable of the ten bridesmaids is among the most of his humorous ones. Jesus’ listeners, who were hearing it for the first time, must have been wondering where this most improbable story is leading. At each turn, the parable was getting funnier. The twist is in the tail. Five maids are inside and five are left out in the cold and dark. For the first few decades after Christ’s Ascension, his followers believed he would return soon, at least in their lifetime. The Good News was spreading, Gentiles were becoming believers, there were times of persecution and peace, and new generations of Christians were replacing the first generation. Perhaps he is not coming soon. This parable and a few others about the Master leaving and returning give similar messages: We do not know the time; be ready always.

With the context of the first reading, we find that we are not only invited to the wedding feast: eternal life, but also invited to be sharers of wisdom: to be the sensible ones. God’s wisdom is actively searching for us, and we are searching for it: “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God, ... for you have been my help and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy” Ps 63:1,7 (Responsorial Psalm)

Prayer for the Week

Brighten your Church, O God, with the promise of your kingdom and waken our hearts to its light. Bid us hasten with faith undimmed to greet the bridegroom’s return and to enter the wedding feast. *(from 1998 ICEL Missal)*

Pope Francis’ Encyclical on Fraternity and Social Friendship

“Fratelli Tutti” (Brothers and Sisters All) With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Of the counsels Francis offered, I would like to select the one in which he calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother “as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him”. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives. (Introduction)

On the Lighter Side

“Light thinks it travels faster than anything but it is wrong. No matter how fast light travels, it finds darkness has always got there first, and is waiting for it.” Terry Pratchett



WELCOME FR JOHN PAUL

We warmly welcome Fr John Paul Pasala to our Parish.

With some more easing of COVID restrictions, Fr John Paul arrives at a time when we can open our church again to Masses (even though it is still with limited numbers).

Besides the weekend Masses, Father plans to be here in the Parish on Tuesdays and Thursdays, although he is happy to be in the Parish on other days if required for funerals or other occasions.

To help us get to know him, Father has written a little about his background. He is looking forward to meeting parishioners and is happy to be called 'Fr John'.

And so we say again – welcome Fr John and may God bless you in your role as our Parish Administrator.

RESUMPTION OF MASSES

The resumption of both weekend and some weekday Masses will commence from this weekend at St Augustine's Church, Kyabram. Dates and times for the coming week are:

Weekend Masses:

- Saturday, 7th November at 7.00 pm
TryBooking link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BMQHC>
- Sunday, 8th November at 8.00 am
TryBooking link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BMQIM>

Bookings can be made through the above Trybooking links or, for this weekend only, by ringing Alma Limbrick on 0417 184 527.

Weekday Masses:

- Tuesday, 10th November at 6.00 pm
- Thursday, 12th November at 9.15 am

Trybooking for weekday Masses will be available soon, but for this coming week, please contact Alma to make your booking.

All Masses will be capped at 20 people, and all COVID restrictions apply:

- Registration of name & phone number
- Complying with social distancing rules
- Masks must be worn during Mass
- Hands sanitizer to be used upon entering the Church
- If unwell please stay home and cancel your booking

FROM FR JOHN

Hi All,

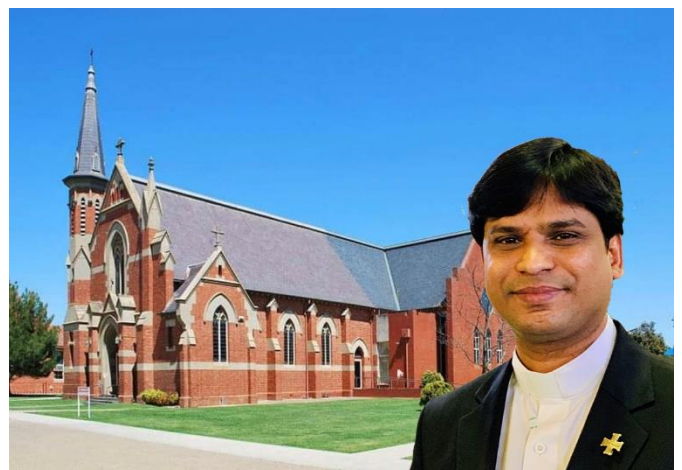
I am Fr John Paul Pasala, I am from South India, Hyderabad. My late parents are Showrilu and Lourdu Mary. I am the youngest of four siblings; I have two brothers and a sister. At the age of 8, it was my parents wish and my desire to become a priest. Almost every day, I would attend Mass and serve as an altar boy in my village Parish. I was brought up in a family where there are a number of priests and nuns, and in a village catholic environment. I undertook my primary schooling at St Vincent de Paul School and high school at Sacred Heart School in my village.

I have a loving devotion to Mother Mary; as a little boy, Father and I would sit at the grotto in my village and recite Holy Rosary every day. And in a special way, I also have a devotion to St Anthony of Padua - known for his preaching and miracles.

I joined the seminary at the age of 15 and did my seminary formation in different parts of India. After my Priestly Ordination, I had the chance to work in Cebu City Philippines for three years. In 2017, I came to Sandhurst Diocese, and after a year, I was Incardinated into the Diocese. It is really an abundance of grace and blessings from Mother Mary. I worked as an Associate Parish Priest at St Brendan's for two years. On 23rd October 2019, I was appointed as the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Tatura.

I am now very happy to be part of the Kyabram Parish, and with your prayers and support I can do my best. My hobbies are meeting people, cooking and listening to music.

Thank you, and God bless you all.



- Fr John

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES DURING NOVEMBER

For those wishing to have deceased family and friends prayed for during November, we ask that November envelopes with names be dropped off into the mailbox at the presbytery front door.

Alternatively, now that weekend Masses are resuming, those attending can place their November envelopes in the basket in front of the Font.

On the weekend Masses of 28th and 29th November, all deceased names will be especially remembered and prayed for together.

(Please note that names placed on November envelopes will not be put on the bulletin.)

KYABRAM CATHOLIC LADIES VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Ladies - our next morning tea will be held this coming Tuesday, 10th November at 10.30am.

Theme for this week- What are your hobbies?

Hosts are Alana Brennan and Mary Zobec.

Please call Mary Zobec on 0427190282 if you need help joining.

Topic: Kyabram Catholic Ladies Virtual Morning Tea.

Date & Time: 10th November 2020 at 10:30am

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7652761030?pwd=auERURsQVj4OFBrUDZPUhUVnZMUT09>

or

Meeting ID: 765 276 1030,

Passcode: 4YRfmr



A STUDENT'S PRAYER

'Loving God, be with me now, as I prepare for my exams. Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education. Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best that I can. Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam - and always. In Jesus' name. Amen.'

We ask all parishioners to pray for those students currently studying for and about to commence exams.

CANCELLATION OF ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

It is with great sadness that due to Covid-19, the Annual Memorial Service usually held in November, by St Augustine's Parish together with the Kyabram District Nursing Service, has been cancelled for 2020.

We will continue to pray for all deceased family and friends and offer these words of comfort to you all.

"Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart."

CEMETERY MASS

Our annual cemetery Mass to pray for our deceased members will be held on **Saturday, 28th November 2020 at 9.00am** at the Kyabram Cemetery.

More details to be provided later (including compliance with COVID restrictions).

DISCERNING THE WAY TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal

During November, the Diocese will be reflecting on the first of six thematic papers for the Plenary Council, "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?" We invite everyone to pray and reflect on this theme and what it means for our Parishes, our Diocese and the Church in Australia.

The People of Sandhurst are invited to take part in an online reflection session using Zoom at 7:30pm on **Wednesday 18th November**. This online reflection will allow those attending to participate in some prayerful communal discernment around the thematic question of the month.

For further information and to register for the Zoom link, please email plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

For more Plenary Council information see: <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council>. Updates and further resources for the theme will be posted regularly on the Plenary Council Sandhurst Facebook Page.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Kadyn Mitchell

Recently Deceased: Ruth Scown, Jack Keogh, Eileen Paino,
Marie Watt (nee Bowman, from Warrnambool)

Anniversaries: -



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

Parish Administrator

Fr John Paul Pasala

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026
Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

Pastoral Associate

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

Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

Parish Office staff – working from home due to Covid, but in office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Parish Office email address is:

kyabram@cdos.org.au

Principals

St Augustine's College
Brayden Stone – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary
Katrina Johnson – Phone 5859 0371

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Joe Chant (Chairperson), Alana Brennan, Maurie Finn, John Forde, Katrina Johnson, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Brayden Stone, Mary Zobec

OUR BULLETIN

We continue to provide our weekly bulletin as we adjust to the impact of COVID-19 on our lives.

With limited activity of Parish life at the moment, much that is contained in our bulletin is online links to other sites. We hope that these links will provide you with ways to celebrate your faith, find prayers and reflections, as well as activities to sustain you.

We will continue to pray for our sick, our recently deceased and for anniversaries. If you would like a name included on the bulletin, please email to Kyabram@cdos.org.au.

Our peace and blessings to you all.

FROM DIAGNOSIS TO OAM AUTISM WEBINAR – A PERSONAL AUTISM JOURNEY (Saturday 14 November)

A presentation on Autism from the lived self-advocate and parent perspective by Daniel Giles OAM (St Therese's Kennington parishioner, Order of Australia Medal recipient, Autistic self-advocate) and Daryl Giles ('Daniel's Dad') will be presenting an online webinar on Daniel's Autism journey. With discussion on Daniel's journey from childhood, his school journey and his journey to independent adulthood and approaches that have helped Daniel to lead a fulfilling life.

Date and time - Saturday 14 November (10am-12pm, plus question time).

Ticket prices (including 50c Trybooking fee):

- Professional = \$40.50 (includes certificate for professional development purposes)
- Individuals on the Autism Spectrum, family members and other = \$20.50

Link to purchase tickets: www.trybooking.com/BMFXS.

Webinar presented on Zoom. Zoom details provided 24 hours before webinar. Enquiries: admin@speakinginsights.com.au.

Professional tickets include a PD certificate, details for VIT Maintenance as follows: VIT MAINTENANCE - Victorian Teachers can claim 2.5 hours of Professional Development. Australian Professional Standard for Teachers at the level of Proficient Teacher 6.4.2.

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2021 Columban Calendars are now available (\$9.00 each). Please contact Doreen Wood on 5853 2600 or drop a note to Mrs D Wood, 21 Lancaster Street, Kyabram 3620 or email a request to: dennis.wood1@bigpond.com.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.