

Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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

First Sunday of Advent - Year B

Sunday 29th November 2020



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37



Readings for next Sunday:

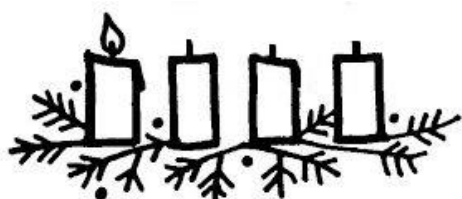
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8



Liturgical Jottings It is Time

One of the many strains of Advent is that it is time for the coming of the Lord. "Adventus" translates as "Coming" It is the Lord's coming now in our time and at the end of time. But what is "Time?"

Theologians, philosophers, mystics, and canonists have much to say. St Augustine and St Aquinas, two giants in Catholic thought wrote extensively about the mystery of time. It is earthly, we measure it in seconds, hours, days and years using caesium atoms and the sun. But time is also cosmic, historical, liturgical and mystical to name just a few of its aspects.



Looking at the Readings

The readings of the first Sunday of Advent present us with the end section of the writing of the Prophet Isaiah and the end of the last chapter of Jesus' earthly ministry before his passion, death and resurrection in Mark's gospel. The words of St Paul in the second reading are a greeting for the present and encouragement for the future. It certainly complements the other two readings.

Isaiah speaks of the coming of God who made us and who can reform us like a potter with clay. Isaiah calls him "Our Redeemer": (Is 63:16) Jesus emphasises his message that we do not know the time that the Lord will come again but "Be Alert" (Mark 13:33, 35 & 37) The message to stay wake is recorded in the three synoptic Gospels see also Matthew 24:42 and Luke 21:36. But Mark uses the symbol of night or darkness, customarily when evil things are done but now when the darkness is overcome by the coming of the Lord.

We have a hint of Easter in Advent: darkness dispelled by light; St Paul's exclamation of joy and thanksgiving in preaching the Risen Christ to the Christians at Corinth. Yes, we wait for the coming of Christ at his birth in Bethlehem, his resurrection from the tomb and his coming again.

Quote of the Week

The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognising the coming of the Lord. Henri Nouwen

Advent Verse

O God of hosts, restore us:
if your face shine on us then we shall be safe
O God of hosts, restore us.

Pope Francis' Encyclical Fratelli Tutti - The brutal and unforeseen blow of this uncontrolled pandemic forced us to recover our concern for human beings, for everyone, rather than for the benefit of a few. The pain, uncertainty and fear, and the realisation of our own limitations, brought on by the pandemic have only made it all the more urgent that we rethink our styles of life, our relationships, the organisation of our societies and, above all, the meaning of our existence. (33)

On the Lighter Side

A Jesse tree, an Advent wreath and calendar walk into a bar, buy three beers, drink them and leave. After that the bar was pretty un-adventful!



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES DURING NOVEMBER

At our Masses this weekend, we will pray for all those who have died, especially those who have died during the past 12 months, as well as our deceased family and friends.

Slips of paper are available at the Baptismal Font on which to write the names of your deceased. These, along with the November offering envelopes received, will be placed in a basket in front of the altar.

SANDHURST ADVENT LEAFLETS 2020

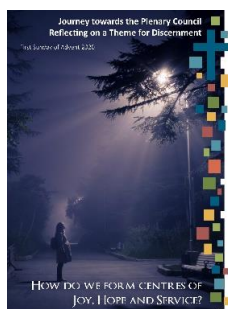
Week 1 – A four page leaflet to print or download

How do we form communities of Joy, Hope and Service?

In Advent 2020, individuals and small groups are invited to dip into the Advent Scriptures, Pope Francis' latest encyclical Fratelli Tutti ('Brothers and Sisters All') and a Plenary Council Thematic paper for discernment, to reflect, pray and discern practical ideas for the future.

Go to:

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1776-advent-leaflets-2020>



PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on **Tuesday 1st December** commencing at 6.45pm.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Commentator: On this First Sunday of Advent we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of one to come as Saviour of the people.



Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the square, who show us a future we never anticipated.

We light the first candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what might be.

All: Come Lord Jesus renew our faith.
(Light a purple candle.)

MASSSES AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, KYABRAM

With the recent changes to COVID restrictions and in meeting the density quotient for St Augustine's church, **89 people** are able to attend each Mass. You will not need to book in advance to attend.

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

RESPONSES DURING MASS

Confiteor: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia!* Lord show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. *Alleluia*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Kadyn Mitchell, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Mary Crawford

Anniversaries: -

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



ANNIVERSARY

Sr Rosemary Kerlin will be celebrating her 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee on 10th December.

For those wanting to send Sr Rosemary their well wishes, her address is: Sr Rosemary Kerlin, St Brigid's, Unit 2, 1308 High Street, Malvern, Vic, 3144.

MASS – THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER

St Vincent De Paul is offering a Mass on **Thursday, 10th December** at 6.00pm in St Augustine's Church in memory of Denis Wood. Parishioners are invited to attend.



Celebrating Art-Making at Home, at School, Apart, Together

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SANDHURST
invites you to view the

MacKillop Art Exhibition Online 2020

Catholic Education Sandhurst Website
<http://ceosand.catholic.edu.au>

Vote for the People's Choice Award before
Sunday 29 November 2020



CONTINUING THE JOURNEY OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is a **joyful, hope-filled, servant community?**



- Read the Plenary Council paper for discernment:
<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>
- Reflect and pray for centres of Joy, Hope and Service with Advent 2020 leaflets:
[Advent Leaflets 2020 \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au/Advent-Leaflets-2020)
- Plenary Council Sandhurst Facebook page
[Plenary Council Sandhurst | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Plenary-Council-Sandhurst)
- How do we form parish centres of Joy, Hope and Service in the Sandhurst Diocese? To join a Diocesan Zoom Gathering Wednesday 9th December at 7:30pm email
plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

STRONGER RALLY ONLINE

The second 'Stronger Tonight' online Rally will be happening on **Saturday 12th December** at 5pm. With music, conversation and a little bit of Christmas, this is an online event not to be missed! The livestream will be available on the Stronger Youth YouTube Channel.

Follow Sandhurst Youth and Stronger Youth on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with the latest info.

QUOTE

Peace is happiness at rest. Happiness is peace in motion. – *Yvan Amar*

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

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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 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

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.

OUR BULLETIN

We will continue to provide our weekly bulletin, both in print and online, so that parishioners can stay connected with our parish.

For those not attending Mass, printed copies will also continue to be available on the verandah of the Presbytery.

Our peace and blessings to you all.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

The International Day of People with Disability is observed annually on 3 December.

In Australia, the Church has sought to take this day as an opportunity to encourage a truly pastoral view that embraces our total community as the living Body of Christ.

We especially pray that we, the Church, can strive to be a people of compassion and relationship, and a sacred place where our gifts are acknowledged, received and celebrated; for then we can truly proclaim that we are "one Body in Christ" (ACBC 2016).

SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Are you between the ages of 15 and 30 and want to submit a Christmas Carol for the SYM online Carols event?

We're looking for soloists and groups from across the Diocese to get involved in sharing the joy of Christmas!

For more information and all guidelines email youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS

This year has been a tough one for all of us. But sometimes, if you're able to bring hope to others, it can also make you feel more hopeful. What better time to spread hope than in the season of giving?

By giving a **Global Gift**, you'll bring hope and joy to some of the most vulnerable families in our world. You'll also bring a smile to your loved ones when they find out you've given hope and joy on their behalf.

Send joy across the globe: Your purchase of **Global Gift cards** will make a real difference, bringing the gifts of education, food and protection to families struggling with poverty, disability and the COVID-19 pandemic. Our beautiful gift cards start at \$15 and come in both printed and e-card versions.

Order online (by 8th Dec to allow for post) at www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.