



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16 June 2024



Readings for
this week:

Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-16
Luke 1:27-66,80



Liturgical Jottings

Creation and Liturgy 2

We acknowledge creation in the prayers over the gifts, as they are presented on the altar: “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread, ... the wine.” Through God’s creation we have not only food to sustain us in body but also in our spiritual growth. Indeed the body, soul and spirit are interconnected in one being.

The Collect in the Mass for giving thanks to God for the gift of human life reads: “O God, who adorn creation with splendour and beauty and fashion human lives in your image and likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of human life.” All creation is blessed and has the touch of God. Human life, also within God’s creation has a special role to reverence and nurture God’s creatures.

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Focus on the Readings

The cedar tree (Ezekiel’s allegory/parable on the kingdom of David) parallels with the mustard tree (Jesus’ parable on the Kingdom of God). The cedar tree is a mighty noble tree and stands for the restoration of the Judaic monarchy after the Exile. Its timbers are used for the reconstruction of the Temple. Ezekiel’s prophecy finds its fulfilment in the Kingdom of Christ.

The mustard tree in Christ’s time and place was a scrawny bush, the complete opposite to the cedar. Listeners would have wondered where Jesus is taking them in this parable. He begins with the allusion to the cedar: it provides a home and shelter for the birds. Following with the allegory, the mustard tree in what the kingdom of God is like. The big differences are notable: small beginnings, humble existence yet for all a home and shelter, a visible presence of the new kingdom on earth: the church as the people of God and the body of Christ. In the light of the first parable in today’s Gospel, the growth on the kingdom of God requires God’s wisdom and might and the participation of humankind to do the planting. From small beginnings comes the final consummation.

2024 Declaration on Human Dignity 3

There is widespread agreement today on the importance and normative scope of human dignity and on the unique value of every human being. However, the phrase “the dignity of the human person” risks lending itself to a variety of interpretations that can yield potential ambiguities that lead us to wonder whether the equal dignity of all human beings [...] is truly recognised, respected, protected and promoted in every situation.” This brings us to recognise a fourfold distinction: ontological (or innate) dignity, moral dignity, social dignity, and existential dignity. The most important among these is the ontological dignity that belongs to the person as such simply because he or she exists and is willed, created, and loved by God. This dignity is indelible and remains valid beyond any circumstances in which the person may find themselves. *DI 7.*

Quote of the Week

Little things are indeed little, but to be faithful in little things is a great thing. *St Teresa of Calcutta*

On the Lighter Side

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Olive McElroy, Daniel Lingard, Frances Corso, Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 22 June at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 23 June 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – M O'Shea

Sunday 30 June 8.30am

Commentator – A Snell

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – A Ryan

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 839.70

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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Mary Zobec – 0427 190 282

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day (Tuesday 5pm & Thursday 9.15am)

Saturday-2nd and 4th Saturday: 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

ANointing MASS - held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

TRIVIA AND GAMES NIGHT– FRIDAY 2 AUGUST

St Augustine's are holding a Trivia and games night to bring the community together on Friday 2 August. This social night will be held at the Kyabram Bocce Club, 118 Fischer street, Kyabram. Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start. \$20 per person, tables of 10. Tickets available now: Mary 0481 177 767 or Alana 0427 658 563.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART CELEBRATION LUNCH

Fr Uday would like to invite Kyabram Parishioners to have a shared parish lunch in St Mary's Hall Tatura following 10.30am Mass on Sunday 30 June as a belated celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Parishioners are invited to bring food to share. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to get together and share a meal – all welcome.

REPAIRS TO OLOP FENCE TO COMMENCE

After an incident with a car, significant damage was made to the fence on McCormick side of the OLOP centre. The current fence has been repaired many times due to constant damage, graffiti and vandalism. Rather than paying the excess for insurance for repairs required, it was suggested the whole fence needed fixing, so do we repair or use the money for replacement.

The finance committee has made the decision to replace it with a similar type of fencing that is adjoining the west end on McCormick Road and beside the church. The cost will be \$17,772 and is planned to be done during June. There has been no reports of damage or vandalism to this type of fence.

TUESDAY EVENING MASS

Please note that during the cold winter months, Rosary will be recited 4pm and Mass 4.15pm in the presbytery.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 16th June - 8.30am

Sun 16th June – 12noon Merrigum

Tue 18th June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 20th June - 9.15am - F-4 Community Mass

Sat 22nd June - 6pm

Weekly Masses

Sun 23rd June - 8.30am

Tue 25th June – 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 27th June 9.15am – No MASS

Thu 27th June 6.30pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children

Weekly Masses

Sun 30th June - 8.30am

Tue 2nd July - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 4th July - 10am Anointing Mass

MICROPHONE WORKSHOP

Thank you to those that attended the microphone workshop. If you were unable to attend please see Brendon Lane to arrange another time.

SCHOOL MASSES & LITURGIES

Congratulations to the students and teachers of St Augustine's College for the beautiful Masses and liturgies that are prepared weekly on Thursday mornings at 9.15am. Parishioners are always encouraged to come along and pray with our students. Next Mass is Thursday 20 June at 9.15am.

THE WORLD'S WORST JACKAROO:

The Central Victorian Irish Association will be presenting "The World's Worst Jackaroo" in narrative, bush poetry and song. An inspiring story of how the Brigidine nuns in Echuca turned round a young exiled Dublin delinquent and useless jackaroo to eventually become a high British World War II Government Minister. More information in 'The Sandpiper'. Performance date - Saturday 22nd June at 2.30 pm in the La Trobe Art Centre, View Street, Bendigo. Admission \$5 cash at the door.

THE LAND OF WONDERS TOUR

Join Fr Jophin Joy from Nathalia/Numurkah parish on a tour of India on 6 November for 14 days. Only 10 places left. Details are in the gathering space and on the notice board or call 0434 579 931.

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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.

"Do not lay too much store on the favorable judgments of men, for I love thee with a perfect love. I spent My earthly existence in humiliations and scorn and in a hidden life. It was thus that I glorified My Father, laid the foundations of My Church, and remedied the evils of pride. This is the path that thou must follow." *Our Lord to Blessed Maria Celeste Crostarosa*