

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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th August 2020



Readings for this week: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



Readings for next Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Roman 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20



Liturgical Jottings

Prayer over the People

As well as the Solemn Blessings (refer last week Liturgical Jottings) at the end of Mass there are optional "Prayers over the People". They may be used at the discretion of the celebrant at the end of Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Liturgy of the Word or at the Sacraments. There are 28 options printed at the end of the Order of the Mass plus one for every day of Lent and Holy Week in the Proper of Time. The Mass in Time of Pandemic also offers a "Prayer over the People":

O God, protector of all who hope in you, bless your people, keep them safe, defend them, prepare them, that, free from sin and safe from the enemy, they may persevere always in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Looking at the Readings

Remember the conundrum: "What happens when an irresistible force hits an immovable object". It cannot happen. The response is that the two terms are mutually exclusive. It is correct in the physical sense but what about in the spiritual sense? The irresistible force of God "hits" the stubbornness and refusal of the Prophet Jeremiah. We hear in today's first reading that Jeremiah felt "a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones". Of course, the refusal and stubbornness of Jeremiah was not absolute, the analogy weakens, and he must continue being the Prophet of the Lord God despite great opposition by the leaders and the people.

Jesus faces a similar dilemma. The leaders and the crowd will turn against him, he will suffer and die (Matt16:21). Again, we see a similar problematic involvement between the natural or physical life and the supernatural or divine life. Peter does not see the issue or its resolution.

He takes a risk, which is not uncommon for him, and as the student and the follower he takes his Teacher and Leader aside to "rebuke Him". Have we done that in the classroom or in places of worship? Are citizens allowed to rebuke leaders in courtrooms and parliaments? Peter did and quickly was confronted with a challenging truth: God's way are not man's ways. Jesus added to the apparent conundrum: "For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it" (16:25).

Like Jeremiah and Peter, we take on God' life and Jesus' ministry with their crosses and contradictions for there is a fire burning within us when we hear the words of everlasting life like those on the road to Emmaus.

Quote of the week

"The poet, the painter, the artist are always in touch with this transcendent Mystery - insofar as they are authentic poets - however much they may be enclosed in the world of the senses and the imagination. Poetry and mysticism derive from a common source." *Bede Griffiths.*

On the Lighter Side

Three conspiracy theorists walk into a bar... You can't tell me that's just a coincidence!



An infinite number of mathematicians walk into a bar. The first says, "I'll have a beer." The second says, "I'll have half a beer." The third says, "I'll have a quarter of a beer." And so on. The bartender hands them two glasses of beer and says, "You guys need to know your limits."

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30th August.

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: ***To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today.***

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

The Statement and all resources including a prayer card and a **video** introducing the Statement can be found at:

http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020.

'CARE FOR CREATION STATEMENT'

A Sandhurst Diocese 'Care for Creation Statement' is being launched by Bishop Shane Mackinlay ready for the first Sunday of the Season of Creation which will run from 1 September to 4 October, the Feast of St Francis Assisi, 2020.

The Statement, prepared at the request of the Sandhurst Diocese Adult Faith Education Group, is addressed to the People of God in the Diocese of Sandhurst with the aim of encouraging a greater appreciation of Creation and a deeper understanding of our responsibility to care for it, our common home.

Resources soon to be published online at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au include:

- A Letter from Bishop Shane Mackinlay
- Sandhurst Diocese 'Care for Creation' Statement
- Sandhurst Diocese 'Care for Creation' Statement – presentation booklet.
- 'Season of Creation' slide video

CAN YOU HELP?

St Augustine's College continues to have a number of prayer cloths that need to be hemmed. They are mostly cotton fabric.

Anyone who is handy with a sewing machine is invited to contact our Pastoral Associate, Alma Limbrick, if they are able to help out.

Alma can be contacted on 0417 184 527.

SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAMED

Mass still continues to be celebrated at St Kilian's Church, on Sundays at 10.00am, livestreamed to the diocese's website: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/>.

St Kilian's Parish through their Facebook page also has live online Holy Mass at 12.10pm Monday through to Saturday each week, as well as Rosary at 9.00pm every night. Simply search for St Kilian's Parish on Facebook.

QUOTE

Where hope grows, miracles blossom.
– Elna Rae

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

SEASON OF CREATION

Catholic Earthcare invites YOU on a journey through the Season of Creation by joining in for a special virtual Convocation via Zoom – a significant church event with a wide audience in mind and an amazing range of speakers.

Online throughout September, Convocation is a significant event with an amazing range of themes and speakers. It's a unique source of information and inspiration about 'Care for Creation' from a Catholic perspective. All sessions are online and all are free.

You can register for all sessions or just what appeals to you. The program includes 'Formation' sessions looking at the theological and moral imperative to care for our common home; 'Foundation' sessions exploring the financial, economic, political and social spheres in which influence our common home; 'Action' sessions exploring the transformative ways in which we can realise the need to care for creation.

It's a unique opportunity to inform and inspire yourself about 'care for creation' from a Catholic perspective.

To view the program and register go to www.catholicearthcare.org.au/2020-convocation.

END COVID FOR ALL

It's not over until it's over for everyone.

Pledge your support



As COVID-19 continues to impact parts of Australia, millions of people around the world are also dealing with the impacts of the virus. Many of these communities were already facing poor sanitation, overcrowding and limited access to healthcare. How can you combat COVID-19 without access to adequate sanitation and healthcare?

Caritas Australia has joined churches and aid agencies for #EndCOVIDForAll, a pledge of support that will be taken to government to show our support for vulnerable communities, because **it's not over until it's over for everyone**. For more information on #EndCOVIDForAll or to sign the pledge go to www.caritas.org.au/end-covid-for-all.

A PRAYER - To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today

Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life. May we support one another to flourish in body, mind and spirit.

Strengthen our commitment to ensure that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of care.

People called you mad.

Help us to recognise you in those who suffer mental ill-health today.

Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental ill-health from our parishes, schools, communities and organisations.

You drew near to those who were suffering in body or mind.

May we too feel your nearness when we struggle with mental health challenges.

May we be one as members of Your Body.

You invite us to share in your ministry of love and true compassion.

May we be empowered by your Spirit to reach out to all people in need.

May we build communities of welcome and inclusion.

Amen



Catholic Earthcare's Journey through the Season of Creation

Session 1 Formation 11am Thursday September 3, 2020
Being in relationship with our Mother Earth: formation of our hearts through eco-literacy
 Alice Carwardine, Shelley Balcombe, Dr. Peter Saunders, Alyssa Norris

Session 2 Formation 2pm Thursday September 3, 2020
In relationship with God through formation of our heart: the theological and moral imperative to care for our common home
 Dr. Sandie Cornish, Dr. Trish Hindmarsh, Bishop Vincent Long, Juliette Talarico

Session 3 Formation 11am Tuesday September 8, 2020
A global faith perspective that cares for our Common Home
Featuring speakers from Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist faiths
 Dr. Trish Hindmarsh

Session 4 Foundation 2pm Tuesday September 8, 2020
In relationship with our world's financial, economic & political issues that underpin care for our Common Home Part A
 Prof. Ross Garnaut, Bronwyn Lay, Tim Buckley

Session 5 Formation 11am Thursday September 10, 2020
Investment that cares for our Common Home
 Yen Wong, Tim Buckley, Bill Bovingdon

Session 6 Foundation 11am Tuesday September 15, 2020
In relationship with our world's financial, economic & political issues that underpin care for our Common Home Part B
 John Ferguson, Michael Block, Louise Bradshaw

18am Wednesday September 30, 2020
Official closing: prayer and reflection session

Session 7 Formation 11am Wednesday, September 23 2020
Relationships that call for an ecological vocation
 Alice Carwardine, Kirsty Robertson, David Hutton, Leila Mangos

Session 8 Action 4pm Tuesday September 29, 2020
International youth conversation
 Leila Mangos, Alyssa Norris
Youth developed and delivered international conversation
 More speakers TBA

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FORMATION

FOUNDATION

ACTION

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Una Donegan, Joan Childs, Jacqui Rosendale, Fr Ted Harte

Recently Deceased: James Schultz

Anniversaries: John Brennan

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



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Alma Limbrick

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Parish Office – closed until further notice, however the Parish Office can still be contacted through its email address at: kyabram@cdos.org.au

Principals

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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Jinjo, 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 on-line bulletin as we adjust to the impact of COVID-19 on our lives.

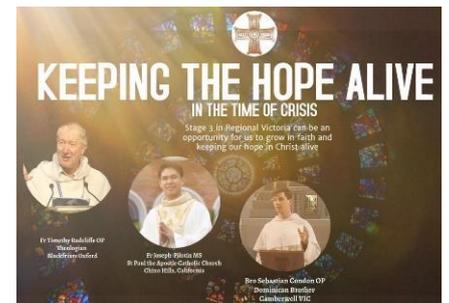
With none of the usual activities of Parish life at the moment, much that is contained in our bulletin is online links to other sites. We hope that these links will provide you with ways to celebrate your faith, find prayers and reflections, as well as activities to sustain you.

Fr Jinjo 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.

KEEPING THE HOPE ALIVE

St Kilian's Parish continues with its six-week small reflections program through their Facebook page each **Thursday at 10.30am**, providing an opportunity for us to grow in faith and keep our hope in Christ alive.



FROM DIAGNOSIS TO OAM AUTISM WEBINAR

A Personal Autism Journey plus a Sibling's Perspective.

Daniel Giles OAM (St Therese's Parishioner, Order of Australia Medal recipient, Autistic self-advocate), Daryl Giles ('Daniel's Dad') and Leash Giles ('Daniel's Sister' & qualified educator) will be presenting an online webinar on Daniel's Autism journey.

Topics discussed include diagnosis, Daniel's school journey and his adult life, as well as a bonus sibling perspective. We discuss strategies that helped Daniel reach his full potential.

Details are as follows:

Saturday 12th September (10am-12:30pm, plus question time)

Ticket prices (including 50c Trybooking fee):

- Professional = \$50.50 (includes certificate for professional development purposes)
- Individuals on the Autism Spectrum, family members and other = \$25.50

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

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Matthew 16:26)

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.