



Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

24 / 25 December 2019



Readings for the Night:
Isaiah 9:1-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14



Readings for the Dawn:
Isaiah 62:11-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:15-20



Reading for the Day
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18



Liturgical Jottings

The Mystery of Christmas

We hear of such terms as the “magic of Christmas” where people are transformed into kind and charitable beings or the “Charming memory” of snow and sleds, Yule-logs and trees, gifts and mince-pies when everyone is happy. The “Mystery of Christmas” should not be faraway. The crib scene is the starting point, but only in the last 800 years. It really starts with the incarnation: God becomes human so that he may be with us and we may be with God. We become divinised. This mystery is expressed in a poem inspired by St Gregory of Nazianus in 379 and used in our liturgy: “Today a wonderful mystery is announced: something new has taken place: God has become man; he remained what he was and has become that which he was not; and though the two natures remain distinct, he is one.”

(Lauds Antiphon, 1 January)

Looking at the Feast of Christmas

The four liturgies of Christmas: Vigil, the Masses at night, dawn and during the day have readings from the expectation of the birth of Christ, to the Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, angels giving the message to the shepherds, to them finding the child Jesus to John's great prologue: “In the Beginning was the Word”. Equally the first and second readings and the psalms have a rich and broad sweep of the prophets and the New Testament letters announcing the saviour's coming, the light shining in our midst and all the earth proclaiming the wonderful works of God!”

In the eucology (prayer texts: antiphons, orations, blessings, intercessions) of liturgies of Christmas we hear themes of redemption, manifestation, new vigour, joy, peace, radiant light, union of natures, incarnation, reconciliation, immortality, gladness, virtue, to name just a few. The Feast embraces our feelings, our beliefs and our hopes so that we may give praise and thanks to God and bring God's love and joy to world.

Pope Francis' Christmas Message

Dear brothers and sisters, amid all the many problems of our time, hope prevails, “for to us a child is born” (Is 9:6). He is the word of God, who became an infant, capable only of crying, and in need of help for everything. He wished to learn how to speak, like every other child, so that we might learn to listen to God, our Father, to listen to one another and to dialogue as brothers and sisters. O Christ, born for our sake, teach us to walk beside you on the paths of peace. Happy Christmas to all! *Last paragraph 25/12/2021*

Acclamation

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.
(Mass at night, Entrance antiphon)

Prayer for today

Grant us, Lord, as we honour with joyful devotion the Nativity of your Son, that we may come to know with fullness of faith the hidden depths of this mystery and to love them ever more and more. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *(Dawn Mass)*

On the Lighter Side

In the church during Advent the Vinnies Giving Tree had a card which read: “A gift for a teenage boy”. One soul looked at the card and said: “too toxic!” and chose one for a 6-8 year old girl. At the other Masses I asked teenage boys what is a good Christmas present for you: Money, money, money, a teenage gift card, a Phone, something techno, and finally a Lamborghini!





WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Our warmest welcome to Carl Cabaraban and Mary D'Augello as a newly joined for **the Parish Pastoral Council**. And John Zobec for **the Parish Finance Committee**. Thank you for your willingness and support. We keep you in our prayers.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your support for another year. A big thank you to all involved in coordinating our Christmas Liturgies and throughout the year; the support and input of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and Liturgy Group. The work of so many responsible for preparation, lectors, special ministers, servers, musicians and singers, sacristans, those who collect the money, our Bereavement Group and those who extend hospitality – and all involved in parish ministries of care and service during the year ... a special thank you to all!

Thank you to all who support the parish financially, which allows us to meet our expenses. Thank you to those who have given generously to appeals during the year and the collection for St Vincent de Paul at the Christmas Masses. Your dedication, generosity and support is most appreciated.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS

Sunday 1st January at 8.30am
 Commentator – T Hehir
 Lector - V Fox
 Special Minister – M Elliott

Sunday 8 January at 8.30am:
 Commentator – S Carroll
 Lector – N Watt
 Special Minister- J Stockdale

POSITION VACANT

PARISH ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

St. Augustine Parish, Kyabram
 Permanent part-time position: 14 hours per week
 We are looking for a highly motivated individual for this diverse role.

Duties include;

- Office support to the Parish Priest.
- Reception and general administrative functions.
- Bookkeeping, secretarial and office management.
- Preparation of parish bulletin.
- Maintaining accurate and secure records including on the parish website.
- Administration of baptisms, funerals and weddings.
- Management of accounts payable and receivable and banking.
- Record keeping and accounting to Balance Sheet level.
- Other duties commensurate with your skills and experience assigned by the Parish Priest from time to time.

To succeed in the role, you will need;

- Excellent communication skills.
- Developed organizational skills.
- Ability to maintain a high level of integrity, confidentiality and discretion.
- Ability to work to priorities and timeframes with attention to detail in an environment of interruptions.
- Sound knowledge of basic financial accounting packages and Microsoft Office suite of products.
- Knowledge of Child Safety Standards and procedures.
- An understanding of the Catholic faith and a willingness to work within the Catholic ethos.
- Initiative and a capacity to work with a minimum of supervision.

Submit applications and resume to kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
 Enquiries to Fr. John Paul Pasala, Parish Priest: 03 5852 1026.
 Alana Brennan: 0427 658 563; Wayne Mulcahy: 0402 358 221.

Applications close at 5:00 pm on 20/01/2023.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We are once again considering if any business would be interested in advertising in our Parish bulletin, website and Facebook. The costs are

	Large Ad (9x10cm)	Small Ad (5x6cm)
3 months (12 weeks)	\$200	\$175
6 months (25 weeks)	\$300	\$250
12 months (50 weeks)	\$500	\$400

Thanking you in advance for your support. If you would like any further details, please talk to Fr. John or any member of the Finance Committee.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Anne Dodd, Lee Chant, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Concetta Barbagallo,

Recently Deceased: Trevor Price, Julie Shaw, and Margaret Evans.

Anniversaries: Marie Wearden.

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



A Christmas Message from Bishop Shane Mackinlay Christmas 2022

Summer has been very slow getting underway this year in our part of the country. Each time we have started to enjoy a couple of warm days, another cold snap has arrived, prompting us to dig out winter coats again and restart the heating that we had closed down for the year. There's been a series of interruptions that have got in the way of the normal progress of the weather.

Overseas, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has cast a shadow over all our lives, reminding us of the human capacity to inflict suffering on one another, and of how fragile peace is. We are about to celebrate Jesus' birth, which is always an occasion of great joy and hope, especially as we are able to gather again, without restrictions, with our families and friends in our homes and churches.

We celebrate the faithful love of our God, who cares so much for us that he comes to enter fully into our lives, taking on our very flesh and blood.

So, as we celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas, we are also invited to recommit ourselves to carrying on his unfinished mission, remembering that the God who sent him amongst us also raised him from the dead, and continues to walk faithfully with us, asking us to shape our world ever more into one where his love and peace are known and celebrated, and where all people are recognized as his beloved sons and daughters.

I wish each of you, and those you love, the joy, peace and hope of this Christmas season.

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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala,
Alana Brennan (Chairperson)
Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello, Carl Cabaraban.
Brendon Lane, Finola Price,
Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,
Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),
James Harris (Deputy Chair)
John Zobec, Naomi Hehir, Mary Zobec.

Mass Times

Kyabram
Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see
Diary Dates
Saturday (2nd and 4th 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.

FORTNIGHT TIME TABLE

Mon	26 Dec	
Tues	27 Dec	– No Mass.
Wed	28 Dec	-
Thurs	29 Dec	- No Mass
Fri	30 Dec	-
Weekend Masses		
Sat	31 Dec	- No Mass
Sun	01 Dec	- Mass 8:30am (New year Mass) Tongala 12.00 Noon.

Mon	02 Dec	-
Tues	03 Dec	- Rosary 4:45pm, Mass 5:00pm.
Wed	04 Dec	-
Thurs	06 Dec	- Mass 9:15am
Fri	07 Dec	-
Weekend Masses		
Sat	08 Dec	–No Mass
Sun	09 Dec	- Mass 8:30am.

POSITIONS VACANT

A number of positions are currently Vacant on **Parish Pastoral Council**
and Parish Finance Council, please consider helping out in these areas of need and be part
of a team in forming the future of our Parish.

Please contact Fr. John Paul

THANK YOU

Thank you to **Fr Michael Grace** for
helping us out with the Christmas
Celebrations. "Wishing you a season that's
merry and bright with the light of God's
love."

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

*We wish all the teachers, staff, students and families a safe
and enjoyable break over the school holidays.*

*Parish Office hours will be limited during the Christmas/New Year
period, so please contact the office with any bulletin notices or
Anniversary names well in advance.*

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 with the Parish Child safety officer Finola Price on 03 58521310.

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.

DAY MASS

FIRST READING Isa 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful on the mountains, / are the feet of one who brings good news, / who heralds peace, brings happiness, / proclaims salvation, / and tells Zion, / 'Your God is king!' / Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, / for they shout for joy together, / for they see the Lord face to face, / as he returns to Zion. / Break into shouts of joy together, / you ruins of Jerusalem; / for the Lord is consoling his people, / redeeming Jerusalem. / The Lord bares his holy arm / in the sight of all the nations, / and all the ends of the earth shall see / the salvation of our God.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97: 1-6. R. v. 3

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

- 1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. R.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. R.

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GOSPEL Jn 1:1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man or of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory; the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received - yes, grace in return for grace, since, through the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. R.
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. R.

SECOND READING Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia! / A holy day has dawned upon us. / Come you nations and adore the Lord. / Today a great light has come upon the earth. / Alleluia!



TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOUR, CHRIST THE LORD!

THE SAVING WORD

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / A

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

FIRST READING Isa 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13. R. Lk 2: 11

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

- 1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth, / O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.
2. Proclaim his help day by day, / tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples. R.
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, / let the sea and all within it thunder praise, / let the



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2: 10-11

Alleluia, alleluia! / Good News and great joy to all the world: / today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy: a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

■ The word of the Lord.