



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

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 20th June 2021



Readings for this Sunday

Job 38:1,8-11
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41



Readings for next week:

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43



Liturgical Jottings

The Homily I

Let us renew our confidence in preaching, based on the conviction that it is God who seeks to reach out to others through the preacher, and that he displays his power through human words. Saint Paul speaks forcefully about the need to preach, since the Lord desires to reach other people by means of our word (cf. Rom 10:14-17). By his words our Lord won over the hearts of the people; they came to hear him from all parts (cf. Mk 1:45); they were amazed at his teachings (cf. Mk 6:2), and they sensed that he spoke to them as one with authority (cf. Mk 1:27). By their words the apostles, whom Christ established “to be with him and to be sent out to preach” (Mk 3:14), brought all nations to the bosom of the Church (cf. Mt 16:15.20). Pope Francis 2013, *Evangelii Gaudium* n. 136

Focus on the Gospel

The Film “The Perfect Storm” (Warner Bros 2000) gives the landlubber a new and deep understanding of the sea, its storms and dangers. The Film also, despite modern navigational and warning systems, acknowledges the dependency of the fishermen and seafarers upon faith in God. It portrays a 1991 true story of fishermen challenged to redeem the poor season by chasing the big catch but success is fraught with the greatest storm ever experienced. In Christ’s time even fishing on the lake of Galilee was fraught with fears and dangers. Their dependency on the power of God would be even greater given the crude vessels of the time. In the Apostles’ fear of disaster and death Jesus is sleeping. Mark does not waste words on detail and incidentals but makes this very point: Jesus is sleeping when he is most needed to help bail them out.

We may feel as perturbed as the Twelve when our pleas for help are not heard or God is not present in time of dire need. We have to arouse him, call on him, articulate our need, find faith to ask the right questions.

The Apostles did not expect Jesus to calm the seas - from their own acceptance of the forces of natures, their knowledge of the Old Testament, as depicted in the first reading from Job, only God is Master of the Sea.

Yet Jesus shows that he is Master of the sea. Their experience of this miracle seems to give them a new fear of the Lord: “Who can this be?” His teaching made a deep impression on them and they grew in faith and understanding. Yes, our storms and trials are our opportunity to grow in faith and understanding.

Saint of the Week:

The Church celebrates the feast of the birthday of John the Baptist on Thursday 4 June, six month before Christ’s Birth. They with Mary are the only ones honoured with a feast for their birthdays. His birth is well attested in Luke’s Gospel expressing the wonder, joy and future mission.

Quote for the Week

John [the Baptist] is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was in the beginning. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives forever. St Augustine Sermon 293

On the Lighter Side

What does Daylight Saving Time mean in the Upper Yarra Valley? An extra hour of rain. What are two straight days of rain called in Apollo Bay? A weekend!



REFUGEE WEEK

Today, we begin our National Celebration of Refugee Week 20 - 26 June.

We take this opportunity to learn, to reflect and to pray for the many Refugees & Asylum seekers in our world, but especially those in our own country and under our care.

Aware of Jesus' call to 'welcome the stranger', we pray for compassionate hearts in ourselves and in our leaders.

The websites of Refugee Week & the Refugee Council of Australia offer many ways to inform ourselves on the realities in our world and in our country:

www.refugeeweek.org.au/educational-videos
and
www.refugeecouncil.org.au.

Copies of Myths & Facts from the Refugee Council of Australia are available at the back of the church.

ALONG THE TRACK

"Along the Track is in its eighteenth year, believe it or not! Over those years I have received a variety of emails in response to particular editions but I always know I will receive many, many emails if I write about either forgiveness or anger, especially the latter. It seems to bring out very deeply held and strongly felt emotions. Whatever I write or suggest is always wrong! So why not avoid it? I could say that anger is all the rage, but I won't. But there is a lot of anger around. ..."

This is the first paragraph from Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article. If you would like to read the **rest of this article, it can be found on our Parish website at <https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/>** under 'Other Information' on the Home page.

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 26th June at 7.00pm:

Commentator – L Ratcliffe; Lector – J Harris;
Special Minister – K Guinan

Sunday 27th June at 8.00am:

Commentator – M Finn; Lector – Help needed;
Special Minister – M Elliott

ST SEBASTIAN'S MERRIGUM REUNION

Next **Sunday, 27th June** all Merrigum ex-parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass at St Sebastian's Church at 11.30am. All are invited, however numbers will be limited due to Covid restrictions.

Following Mass, there will be a luncheon at the Kyabram Club beginning at 1.00pm.

If you require further information or would like to attend the luncheon, please contact Joe Chant on 0428 552 466 by this Wednesday 23rd June.

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN 2021

In 2020 almost 1000 men across Australia, including over 200 in Victoria across every Diocese, registered to participate in this ground breaking "Gathering of Catholic Men" by grouping in host sites and hubs as COVID allowed, or by watching the material privately.

In 2021 this event is being staged again on the **31st July** in a shorter format. It would be wonderful to increase the reach to Catholic men and to have more men gathering with likeminded men in clusters. The aim of the event has always been to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. It is hoped that the event will reinforce the importance of gathering in the faith environment of the Church, ensuring that the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities.

See the church noticeboard for further information. To register go to the following link: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH – BOOK

This is the year of St Joseph, Head and guardian of the Holy Family, and Protector of The Church.

In these days when both the family and the Church are under threat we should turn to St Joseph in prayer.

To assist us in prayer, and to get to know St Joseph better, a wonderful new highly recommended book by Father Donald Calloway, "Consecration To Saint Joseph - The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" is available at a greatly discounted price of \$22 by phoning Sebastian on 0439 847 894.

- Sandhurst Youth Ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Aileen Keane

Anniversaries: Moira Anderson, Domenica Rosa, Angelica Rosa, Raffaella Rosa, Nicola Spina, Carmela DiPetta

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	21 June	-
Tuesday	22 June	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	23 June	-
Thursday	24 June	Mass 9.15am
Friday	25 June	-
Saturday	26 June	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	27 June	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.30am Merrigum Reunion (and lunch)
Monday	28 June	-
Tuesday	29 June	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	30 June	-
Thursday	1 July	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Friday	2 July	-
Saturday	3 July	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	4 July	Mass 8.00am

NEW DATE! BENALLA - From Diagnosis to OAM Autism Seminar – A Personal Autism Journey (Wednesday 14 July).

A presentation on Autism from the lived self-advocate and parent perspective. We talk about Daniel's journey from childhood, his school journey and his journey to independent adulthood. We discuss approaches also that have helped Daniel to lead a fulfilling life. Details are as follows: Wednesday 14 July (6:30pm-9pm, including an interactive activity and question time. Doors open at 6pm), Benalla Bowls Club, 25 Arundel St Benalla.

See the noticeboard at the back of the church for further information, including ticket prices.

Enquiries: admin@speakinginsights.com.au.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“He asked them, ‘Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?’” – MARK 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church.

GOSPEL

Mk 4: 35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

JESUS' SAVING PRESENCE

For the people of Israel, the creation of the world was the act of bringing order where there had been chaos. Like other peoples of the ancient near east, they believed that the primary symbol of all that was uncontrolled and beyond our power was that of the ocean and darkness. Job speaks of how it is God who marks out the limits of the waters that would engulf humanity, waters that once were given their sway in the flood. The act of creation is one where chaos is forced to retreat, where God's creative and ordering power gives us a place where we can live in safety. The story of Jesus calming the storm on the lake was to become a powerful means for early Christians to express their belief in Jesus as sharing in this creative power of God. The disciples are brought face to face with their desperate need for the saving presence of their Master. It is Jesus' powerful word that now brings peace where a storm ragged and threatened to overcome them.

Paul is overwhelmed, not by storms and waves that would engulf him, but by the love of God which has been poured into our hearts in Jesus. He has come to see in Jesus' life given for us the means by which we are brought into a new creation. Jesus is the one who has overcome all that would keep us from being truly alive. In the face of his boundless and creative love, even the power of death is bowed and silenced.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

20 JUNE 2021

FIRST READING

Job 38: 1, 8-11

A reading from the book of Job.

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 106: 23-26, 28-31. R. v. 1

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (*or Alleluia!*)

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships / to trade on the mighty waters. / These men have seen the Lord's deeds / the wonders he does in the deep. **R.**

2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale. /

tossing the waves of the sea / up to heaven and back into the deep; / their soul melted away in their distress. **R.**

3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need / and he rescued them from their distress. / He stilled the storm to a whisper: / all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R.**

4. They rejoiced because of the calm / and he led them to the haven they desired. / Let them thank the Lord for his love, / the wonders he does for men. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Cor 5: 14-17

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

