



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Parish Priest – Fr John Paul Pasala

**Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve/Day)**

**24/25 December 2023**



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



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



## Liturgical Jottings

### 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Christmas Crib.

St Francis of Assisi is credited with setting up the first nativity scene and thus establishing a tradition that is carried on today in homes, churches and public spaces in Christian communities everywhere. In 1223, in the town of Greccio he created a life size tableau of the nativity scene to heighten the awareness of the celebration of the birth of Christ. It included statues of the holy family and a live ox and donkey. The inclusion of livestock has no scriptural support other than the manger and it is to Francis that we owe the array of sheep, oxen and donkeys that have become standard inclusions in our nativity scenes.

*"I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in homes. .... Great imagination and creativity is always shown in using the diverse materials to create small master-pieces of beauty."*

Pope Francis 1 Dec 2019

## Looking at the Readings

Ask a child (or even most adults) to describe the scene at the birth of Jesus and you will hear a confused combination of the two scriptural accounts with several non-scriptural additions. It is a shame that the two versions have merged into one as each is deserving of its own integrity. The Matthew account emphasises Jesus as the fulfilment of prophecy and has Wise Men as the witnesses to his birth in a house. It is from Luke that we have the much humbler birth in a manger witnessed by the lowly shepherds. Each has something different and distinct to say about Jesus and his mission.



## Prayer for the Day

Let All Christians Rejoice

Let the just rejoice, for their justifier is born.

Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their saviour is born.

Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born.

Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born.

Let free men and woman rejoice, for their Liberator is born.

Let All Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born. — *St. Augustine*

## A Grace before Christmas Dinner

Lord of All, we give you thanks for your abundance, and for all the great things you have given us, especially the birth of Your Son on this day.

We ask your blessing upon this food, and upon our friends and family.

We also pray that in your great mercy, you would look kindly upon all those in need this day.

We pray in Jesus name, Amen.

## Quote for the Day

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.

*Mother Teresa*

## On the Lighter Side

The parents began to assemble a special Christmas gift for their children. They had ordered a tree house kit. However, the materials they received were for a sailboat. They called the company who replied: "While we regret the inconvenience this has caused you, it is nothing compared to that of the man who is out on a lake somewhere trying to sail your tree house."



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Shane McDonell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson.

**Recently Deceased:** Alan McGrath, Maria Zappala, Virginia Ibanez

**Anniversaries:** Fr Frank Reid, Joseph Bowman,

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



## **Parish Priest**

Fr John Paul Pasala

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

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**Parish Office**

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**Parish Administrator**

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**Parish Pastoral Assistant**

Mary Zobec – 0427 190 282

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**Principals**

*St Augustine's College* - Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

*St Patrick's Primary* - Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Fr John Paul Pasala, Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Jackie Stockdale,

Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jay Sutton, John Forde

**Parish Finance Committee**

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

James Harris (Deputy Chair)

John Zobec, Chris Moor, Mary Zobec.

**Mass Times**

**Kyabram**

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see

Diary

Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month): 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

**Mass of Anointing** - held on the first Thursday of

the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.



## **FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE**

### **Weekly Masses**

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> December - 6.00pm

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> December - 8.30am

Sun Christmas Eve - 6.00pm Carols 6.30 mass

Mon Christmas Day - 9.00am

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> December - No Mass or liturgy

Thu 28<sup>th</sup> December - No Mass or liturgy

### **Weekly Masses**

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> December – 8.30am

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> January - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 4<sup>th</sup> January – 10am Anointing Mass

## **ROSTERS**

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December at 8.30am**

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – N Livsey

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am**

Commentator – A Snell

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – J Chant

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

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

**Last week's Collection is \$ 912.35**

## **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 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.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Fr John:** Lord Jesus, you established the house of David to be secure forever and from which the Saviour would be born (First Reading).

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Fr John:** Lord Jesus, you alone are wisdom and as St Paul declares, you will give us the strength to live the Gospel (Second Reading).

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Fr John:** Lord Jesus, you sent the angel Gabriel to give the good news to Mary so that she would bring Jesus into the world through the power of the Spirit

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

We are calling for children to help with processing in with Father in bringing up the statues to build up the Christmas crib. Please see Alana Brennan before mass on Christmas Eve.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We would like to wish all parishioners, teachers, staff and students a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and safe New Year and enjoyable break over the school holidays.

## SECOND COLLECTION CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

The second collection on both Christmas eve and Christmas day Masses will be for St Vincents de Paul.

## THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

On behalf of the St Vincent De Paul Conference Kyabram, we would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to the St Augustine's Parish Christmas Tree Appeal this year.

The generosity and kindness shown to those less fortunate than ourselves at this Christmas time is of great benefit to many members of our community.

Thank you once again for the generous donation.

St Vincent De Paul Conference Kyabram.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A big thank you to Hans Van Vlodrop who assisted in restoring the Stations of the Cross.

Hans' expertise and advice has been invaluable!

Also thank you to the team who helped Hans initially and to Frank Zobec and Johnny D'Angelo who hung them up. God bless you all.

## COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

We have some 2024 Columban Mission art calendars available for sale for \$10 each, available from gathering place.

## ANNIVERSARY MASSES

If you would like an anniversary Mass for your loved ones, feel free to contact the Parish office (telephone 5852 1026) to arrange a suitable day.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday 23 December – 6pm

Sunday 24 December - 8.30am

Sunday 24 December - 6pm Carols, 6.30pm Mass

Monday 25 December - 9am

*No weekday masses or liturgies the week following Christmas*

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGES FROM BISHOP SHANE, FR JOHN PAUL AND FR UDAY

Please see the reverse side of saving the word for Christmas messages from Bishop Shane Mackinlay, Fr John Paul Pasala and Fr Uday Marneni.

## THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH

Many thanks to all who support of the parish. Thank you to those involved in the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and Liturgy Group. And thank you to the work of so many people whom are responsible for preparations, lectors, special ministers, servers, musicians, singers, sacristans, collectors, bereavement group, sacramental group, those who extend hospitality – and all involved in parish ministries of care and service during the year. 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 and the collection for St Vincent de Paul. Your dedication, generosity and support is most appreciated.

## FROM THE BISHOP

### Clergy Appointments

As a result of priests moving to a new parish, I have made the following new appointments:

Vicar Forane of the Goulburn Valley Deanery: Fr Jophin Joy ALCP/OSS (commencing 13 January 2024)

Supervising Priest of the Rushworth Parish: Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ (commencing 24 January 2024)

### 'Come and See' Program

Abishek Mandanu and Anil Madanu, will undertake a three-month 'Come and See' program in the Diocese in early 2024. During this time, they will visit the seminary and several parishes to gain an experience of ministry in Australia.

### New Seminarian

I have accepted Ryerson De Lai, from Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura, as a seminarian for the Diocese. He will commence formation at Corpus Christi College in February 2024.

I am grateful for the willingness of these priests and aspiring seminarians to make themselves available for service in the Diocese, and I ask you to join me in offering them your prayerful support.

Yours sincerely, *+Shane Mackinlay*

"If God sends you many sufferings it is a sign that He has great plans for you, and certainly wants to make you a saint." *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

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Would you like to volunteer to help with the store? There is a clipboard to put your name down to be included on the roster.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Would you be interested in advertising your business in our Parish bulletin and on our website?

The costs are: **Advert (5x6cm)**

3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200
6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

If you would like further details, please talk to Fr John, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.

FUNDRAISER FOR ST AUGUSTINE

We have wood scroll Calendars 2024 available in the Piety Store in the gathering space at the church, after the weekend Masses. \$20 each and 5 different calendars, **Divine mercy, Holy Family, Miraculous, St Anthony, and Sacred Heart Jesus.** All money raised to St Augustine Parish.



Jesus, I Trust In You!

Bless This House

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Our Lady of Grace  
Pray for us

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