

# 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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022



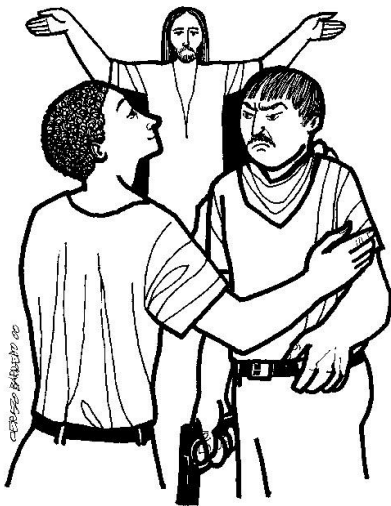
Readings for this week:

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Luke 6:27-38



Readings for next Sunday

Sirach 27:4-7  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Luke 6:39-45



## Liturgical Jottings

### Anointing Kings

Samuel had anointed Saul as King of Israel (1 Sam 10:1). David was anointed king at Hebron (2 Sam 2:1-4) and Solomon anointed king by Zadok, the priest, at Gihon (1Kgs 1:39). It was a ceremonial marking the start of a king's reign. David did not raise his hand [with spear] against Saul because he recognised that he was the anointed one of God (1 Sam 26:23). In this present age European monarchs at the start of their reign are anointed with the oil of Chrism.

The rite of Baptism contains an anointing before baptism for strengthening and one after as a symbol of holiness: "He [God] now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation, so that you may remain members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King, unto eternal life. Amen. OBC 2020

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## Looking at the Readings

Continuing the Sermon on the Plain this Sunday, the Gospel (6:27-38) loosely parallels the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel, (5:38-48). We cannot escape the emphasis Luke places on Jesus' command: "Love your enemies (6:27) and repeated in verse 35 and extended in his teaching on the fourth beatitude and on compassion and forgiveness. We also have an example to observe this very command in the first reading where David shows respect and mercy to his aggressor Saul.

"Love Your Enemies" is a distinctive Christian principle and way of being. People notice how a faithful Christian lives this out. In a fast and pluralistic society this teaching is more difficult to promote and practice. Our church seeks both personal and public expressions of this beatitude and command of Jesus. Jesus forgave his persecutors on the cross, Stephen likewise at his stoning (Act 7:60). More than a moral teaching, it is God's self-revelation and our basis to be like our God.

## Quote of the Week

Mercy is the image of God, and the merciful are in fact, a God dwelling on the earth. As God is merciful to all, without distinction, so the merciful must share benefits equally. My child, be merciful and share your goods with all, so that you may be elevated to divinity: for, as I have told you, the merciful person is another God on the Earth. *Rabban Youssef Bousnaya, 10<sup>th</sup> century Syrian monk*

## Feast of the Week: St Polycarp, 23 February

He was bishop of Smyrna, disciple of Saint John the Apostle and friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. Revered during the second century, Polycarp was recognised as a Christian leader by all Christians in Asia Minor—a strong fortress of faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. His own strength emerged from his trust in God, even when events contradicted this trust. Living among pagans and under a government opposed to the new religion, he led and fed his flock boldly and faithfully. He was martyred in 155.

## On the Lighter Side

True Story: Years ago in a Victorian Football Tribunal hall several reported players were lining up for their cases to be heard. A few were talking about the new team in the league: "Corpus Christi College" One said: "The team is made up of trainee priests". Another asked: "What are they like?" A third replied, quoting today's scripture: "Well when you hit them they just turn the other cheek!"



## WELCOME

Welcome to all our Diocesan RCIA people preparing for Easter who are meeting at St Augustine's this weekend for the annual retreat.

We pray for the catechumens, candidates, their sponsors, families and Parish teams as they gather for their retreat. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit and always know the love of God is with them.

## PRIESTLY ORDINATION

You are welcome to attend the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Jackson Saunders by Bishop Shane Mackinlay. The Ordination will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral, High Street, Bendigo, on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be available afterwards in the Cathedral grounds. Upon entering the Cathedral, you will need to use the QR Code and hand sanitise. A mask is also to be worn inside the Cathedral, unless a valid medical exemption applies. RSVP is essential for catering and capacity numbers in the Cathedral by Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. To RSVP by phone please contact Marie Flynn on 0419 554 642 or Pauline Rooke on 03 5447 8325. Alternatively, email [mtflynn1950@gmail.com](mailto:mtflynn1950@gmail.com) or [jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

## THANKSGIVING MASS

You are welcome to attend the Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Jackson Saunders. This will take place on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 6pm at St Kilian's, 161 McCrae Street, Bendigo. Light refreshments will follow in St Kilian's Parish Hall. Upon entering St Kilian's, you will need to use the QR Code and hand sanitise. A mask is also to be worn inside St Kilian's, unless a valid medical exemption applies. RSVP is essential for catering and capacity purposes in the Church. To RSVP by phone please contact Marie Flynn on 0419 554 642 or Pauline Rooke on 03 5447 8325 by Wednesday, March 16. Alternatively, email [mtflynn1950@gmail.com](mailto:mtflynn1950@gmail.com) or [jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:jackson.saunders@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

## LIVESTREAMS

The Ordination and Thanksgiving Mass will both be live-streamed for those unable to participate in person. These will be available via the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst Facebook page and YouTube channel. Links will also be available at [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

## PRAYER IN THE PARK

Parishioners are invited to join other churches for prayer in the park on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February** from 10am-12 noon at Edis Park.

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for interested parishioners to help set up the monthly cuppa after Mass on the second Saturday and third Sunday.

This involves minimal preparation; just to ensure the urn is on, cups and tea & coffee is set up.

Please put your hand up to assist. If you can help, please put your name on the clipboard in the church or ring the Parish office (5852 1026) and leave a message with your phone number if no answer.

## Kyabram Catholic Parish Pastoral Council

extends a warm invitation to

### All Parishioners

to help celebrate the

### Installation of Fr John Paul Pasala as Parish Priest of

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

by

### Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay Bishop of Sandhurst Diocese

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**6.00pm Mass**  
St Augustine's Church

**Followed by free Parish BBQ, please  
BYO chair**

RSVP: Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Parish Office  
5852 1026 (leave message if unattended)  
to assist with catering

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Craig Rosendale, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** -

**Anniversaries:** -

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	21 Feb	-
Tues	22 Feb	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm
Wed	23 Feb	-
Thurs	24 Feb	Mass 9.15am
Fri	25 Feb	-
Sat	26 Feb	Mass 6.00pm and Installation of Fr John as Parish Priest
Sun	27 Feb	<i>Project Compassion Sunday</i> Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Merrigum
Mon	28 Feb	-
Tues	1 Mar	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i> Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Protection of the Unborn) Liturgy meeting 5.30pm Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm
Wed	2 Mar	<i>Lent begins</i>
Thurs	3 Mar	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	4 Mar	-
Sat	5 Mar	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	6 Mar	Mass 8.30am Rite of Election, Bendigo

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

The World Day of Prayer 2022 will be held on **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church, Kyabram.

For more information please ring 0427 194 885.

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm:

Commentator – L Ratcliffe; Lector – J Harris;  
Special Minister – A O'Meara

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am:

Commentator – S Carroll; Lector – M DiPetta;  
Special Minister – M Cocks

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February at Merrigum at 11.30am

## Parish Administrator

**Fr John Paul Pasala**

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

### Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick (available in Parish Office on Thursdays, 8.30 to 5.00pm)

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

### Parish Office hours –

Tues/Wed/Fri – 8.30am to 12 noon

Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

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Parish Office website:

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### Principals

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St Patrick's Primary

Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala, Alma Limbrick

(Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan

(Chairperson), Maurie Finn,

Brendon Lane, Finola Price,

Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

Leanne Beck, Kathy Gill, James Harris,

Naomi Hehir, Peter Ryan,

Terry O'Sullivan, Angela Shaw,

Mary Zobec

## Mass Times

### Kyabram

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

**Saturday** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month): 6.00pm

**Sunday:** 8.30am

### Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

### Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

**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.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Luke.

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## A HEAVENLY IMAGE

Both today's first reading and Gospel passage deal with what is the appropriate response to those who seek to harm us. Saul set out to destroy David and now as he sleeps his life is in David's hands. Will David return violence for violence, death for persecution? Everyone can cite the wounds they have received, the wrongs they have endured as a justification for retaliation and vengeance. The problem with giving violence in response to violence is that the vicious cycle never finishes – one violent act leads to another. Like David, Jesus knew that it is only by being able to forgive that this cycle can be stopped. At the heart of the Gospel is the call to a love that counters hurt, misunderstanding, oppression, and persecution with forgiveness and generosity.

As Paul continues to unfold his arguments for the bodily resurrection of Christians, he compares two Adams. The first Adam is found in the book of Genesis and the second is the risen Lord Jesus. For Paul, it is eminently reasonable that since we have borne the image of the first Adam by having a body, we will also bear the image of the second Adam by sharing in the bodily resurrection. The Corinthians knew that they had been baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus, but Paul knew that they had not fully entered into the life of the resurrection. This would only come about when they had received their glorified bodies at the end of time.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**



# THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 FEBRUARY 2022

**FIRST READING** 1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.  
*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

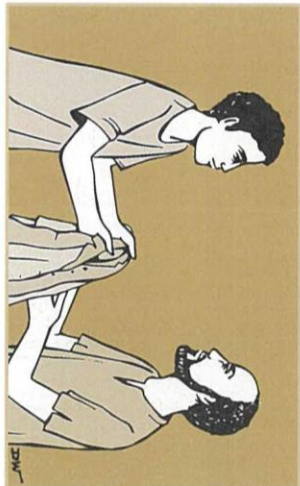
■ The word of the Lord.

**RESP PSALM** Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**



3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

4. As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. / As a father has compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 15: 45-49

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

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!