

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 31st July 2022



Readings for
this week:

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
Luke 12:13-21



Readings for
next Sunday

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48



Liturgical Jottings

The Great Amen

All great and ancient prayers end with a doxology, an acclamation of praise to God. Thus the Eucharistic prayer ends with: "Through Him, with Him and in Him, ..." and then all the people join in to affirm and collaborate with all that the celebrant has said and done by acclaiming the Great Amen. Justin Martyr attests its prominence in the mid second century (1 Apologia 65). It is described as the people's signature and it was shouted aloud often with trumpet blasts and arms out stretched in medieval times. The 2010 General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM, 79h) is more moderate: "The concluding doxology by which the glorification of God is expressed and which is affirmed and concluded by the people's acclamation Amen."

Text of Today

Happy the poor is spirit,
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

(Gospel Acclamation)

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Looking at the Readings

Qoheleth (the Preacher) the author of Ecclesiastes begins this Old Testament book with "Vanities of vanities (Eccl 1:2) and ends his work with "Vanities of vanities. All is vanity" (Eccl 12:8). He is not a killjoy or even a pessimist, he does not write to shock or discourage his listeners. He has a burning desire for the Absolute. Earthly life is temporary, heavenly life is eternal. The believer is called from fear, darkness and death to freedom, light and life.

We hear the fourth and last instalment from St Paul's letter to the Colossians as the second reading this Sunday. It seems especially chosen to compliment the first reading and the Gospel as he warns against greed and asks the people to "let your thoughts be on heavenly things."

Jesus reply to the question from the man in the crowd is in fact addressed to the whole crowd lest they or their following generations are consumed by greed. Today we can see a small child doing the littlest act, to a world leader perpetrate the greatest atrocities to sate their greed for possessions or power. Qoheleth and Christ present us with an alternative way of life.

Quote of the Week

The means by which we live have superseded the ends for which we live. Our scientific power has outdistanced our spiritual strength. We have guided missiles and misguided men. ... Like the rich man before us, we have foolishly minimized what is interior in our lives and maximized what is exterior. We have reduced life to life style ... Our generation will not find peace so long as we do not relearn that life does not consist of possessions but of the wealth of spiritual treasure. —Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. 1968

Prayer for the Day

O God, the giver of every gift that endures, only by your grace can we rightly understand the wonder of life and why it is given. By the word of your Son challenge our foolishness, confront our greed, and shape our lives to the wisdom of the gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

On the Lighter Side

A middle-aged person confesses "I am guilty of the sin of vanity," the priest asks "Why do you think that?"

"Well every morning I look at myself in the mirror and think about how beautiful I am" He tells the penitent: "Oh! Don't worry, that's not a sin, that's just a mistake."



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome
Roman Andrew Jeffers
into our faith community.



Please keep Roman and
his parents,
Andrew and Abbey, and
godparents in your prayers.

ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be held on
Thursday 4th August at 10.00am in
St Augustine's Church. All welcome.

Please note that on this day, there will not be a
9.15am Mass.

PARISH BULLETIN

Did you know that you can receive our Parish
bulletin each week via email? Not only will this
save on photocopying costs, but it is also better
for the environment.

If you would like to add your name to those
already receiving our bulletin this way, simply
contact the Parish Office and
provide your name and
email address.



ST DONATO FESTA

The feast of St Donato will be celebrated
Saturday 6th August at Sacred Heart Church
Tatura at 10.00am. Mass will be followed by
lunch and entertainment at 12noon at Tatura
Italian Social Club. Cost \$50 for adults and \$20
for youth (between 5-12). Entertainment by Mick
Tenace. Bookings essential for lunch.

Contact Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989, Frank
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Everyone welcome.

CARITAS NEWS

Free copies of Caritas News are now available
at the back of the church.

This Winter Edition focusses on Fighting Child
Marriage in Malawi, how communities in the
Philippines are recovering from Typhoon Rai,
shining a spotlight on First Australian
Communities and how Sita's life in Nepal has
transformed through your support.

If you would like to access the digital version,
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CAN YOU UNDERTAKE AN OVERSEAS MISSION?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the
Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to
join them to build the skills of those in their
community who have had less opportunity than
ourselves. Please consider these Mission
opportunities abroad.

Bishop Mackinlay and the Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference provide support. Palms
Australia, who have prepared Australian
Catholics for global mission since 1961, will
provide accommodation and a living allowance
during your time away. **Enquire online** or
phone 0422 742 567 to find out about a
placement to engage your skills.

You can also **Register** for a Webinar on
Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm to talk directly
with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste
and two Australians recently posted to work with
them. Invite your friends. The stories will
inspire.

MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 7th August at 8.30am:

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – S Carroll;
Special Minister – J Chant

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 on 0417 184 527.

Children leaving the Church during Mass are to be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kady Mitchell-Treacy

Recently Deceased: Rose Catanese, Una Donnegan

Anniversaries: -

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



DIARY DATES

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| Mon | 1 Aug | Sacramental – 'The Shape of the Eucharist and celebrating Confirmation' Parents Formation Night with children 7.00pm |
| Tues | 2 Aug | Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Protection of the Unborn) - Parish Meeting Room |
| Wed | 3 Aug | - |
| Thurs | 4 Aug | Anointing Mass 10.00am |
| Fri | 5 Aug | - |
| Sat | 6 Aug | No Mass |
| Sun | 7 Aug | Mass 8.30am (and presentation of Creed to Sacramental Children) |
| Mon | 8 Aug | - |
| Tues | 9 Aug | No Rosary or Mass PPC meeting 5.45pm |
| Wed | 10 Aug | - |
| Thurs | 11 Aug | Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 5 & 6) |
| Fri | 12 Aug | - |
| Sat | 13 Aug | Mass 6.00pm – Sacraments with Bishop Shane |
| Sun | 14 Aug | NO Mass at 8.30am Mass 10.00am – Sacraments with Bishop Shane Mass 11.30am Tongala |

QUOTE:

Everyone has something to teach you if you are humble enough to learn. – *Mark Driscoll*

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Parish Administrator

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

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Peter Ryan, Terry O'Sullivan, Angela

Shaw, 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

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM

When the author of Ecclesiastes declares that all is vanity it is important to know that the Hebrew word *hebel* refers to much more than vanity since it includes ideas of what is transitory, just a breath, and without substance. We all seek wisdom and meaning in a world that is often unjust and full of inconsistencies and paradoxes. As Christians, we look for that time when God will heal the wounds and injustices of our world and renew all creation. This was not the case when Ecclesiastes was written. At that time, there was no concept of an afterlife. The people believed that what was unresolved during our lives would stay that way, and understandably that provided a powerful and painful challenge for the people of Israel.

In both the first reading and in the parable of the rich fool, we can see that the saying holds true that 'you can't take it with you'. For all his wealth and fortune the wealthy man does not have the key to eternal life and his self-focus is shown to be sadly mistaken as he learns that the riches that endure to eternal life are of another kind altogether.

Paul reminds us that we have been raised with Christ and that our lives must reflect this. True wisdom is to be found in living lives with integrity, reflecting our identity as followers of Christ by the quality of our thought and actions. We have been brought into a new creation where our old prejudices and divisions must be left behind as we put on Christ anything that will not endure into eternal life.

Christopher Monaghan CP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

THE SAVING WORD

31 Jun 2022

FIRST READING

Ecd 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!¹

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skillfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday; come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

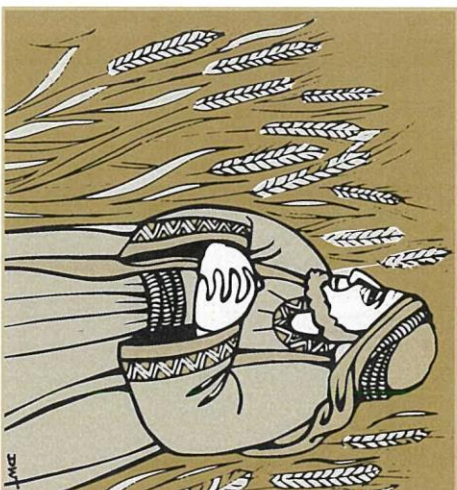
SECOND READING

Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly



things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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