

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17th July 2022



Readings for
this week:

Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42



Readings for
next Sunday

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13



Liturgical Jottings

The Creed

The Missal contains two Creeds: the Apostles' Creed which is simple and forthright and the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed which bears the theological concerns of the fourth century Christological debates in the Councils of Nicea, Constantinople and Chalcedon. First in the baptismal rite it came into the Oriental Mass in the sixth century and in the West two centuries later.

"The purpose of the Profession of Faith or Creed is that the gathered people may respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings and explained in the Homily and that they may also honour and confess the great mysteries of the faith before the celebration of these mysteries in the Eucharist.

The Creed is to be sung or said on Sundays and Solemnities. It may be said also at particular celebrations of a more solemn character."

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Looking at the Readings

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the Week

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Quote of the Day

Action and contemplation are very close companions; they live together in one house on equal terms. Martha and Mary are sisters.
Bernard of Clairvaux

Calendar Additions

In 2021 Pope Francis has added the memorial of Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus to the General Roman Calendar, giving the siblings the combined feast day of July 29 ready for this year.

On the Lighter Side

While helping his mother, Martha, washing the dinner dishes, young Jake said: "I'm going to be a dad when I grow up - then I won't have to do the dishes!"



2022 ANNUAL MARIAN FESTIVAL AND TOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

The Annual Marian Festival, celebrated every year in the Bendigo area as a special day of prayers and devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on Sunday 16th October.

The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima of the Diocese of Sandhurst joyfully invites all members of the faithful to come and join the celebrations of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917, and as she requested, to pray for world peace.

Prior to the festival, the beautiful hand carved and tinted statue of Our Lady of Fatima is touring the Diocese and **will be in our Parish from this Sunday 17th July until Sunday 24th July.** There will be an opportunity for private devotion to Mary on Tuesday 19th July from 10am to 11am in the church. Rosary will then be recited on Tuesday evening in the Parish Meeting Room prior to the 5.00pm Mass. On Thursday, 21st July, there will be Rosary after the morning Mass and the church will remain open until 3.00pm.

PPC REPORT JULY MEETING

- As part of our meeting and listening to Parishioners consultation phase of our Strategic Plan, this month PPC members will meet with students at St Patrick's School Tongala and Parents of our Parish Sacramental Program.
- Project Recovery, a joint project between PPC & PFC, is going along nicely; chair of Parish Finance Committee will speak at all Masses next weekend 23/24 July.
- New Screens that were donated are now functioning well. Thanks to Frank Zobec and Brendon Lane for removing the old screens, one of which will be used in the Parish room for use at Parish meetings.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN FELLOWSHIP DAY

Wednesday 27th July, 2pm at the Salvation Army Church

Australian Church Women Inc. seeks to unite Christian women across denominational boundaries and to promote peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It supports Christian outreach to migrants, refugees, and the peoples of the Pacific and South-east Asia.

This service is open to women and men, and gives local Christian groups a chance to show ecumenical solidarity.

We encourage people to make an effort on behalf of St Augustine's Parish. The service is simple, not too long and is followed by afternoon tea and chat. Make a group and come along.

Enquiries: Maria 0427 194 885.

CCR SANDHURST RENEWAL DAY

"Let Him Work in Us"

Guest speaker: Fr Varghese Vithayathil. Praise and Worship, Mass, talk and healing prayer. **Saturday 30th July**, 9.30am cuppa - 3.00pm at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's, Knight Street, Shepparton. Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. Contact: Brigita Hoare 0412 042 196 or Mary Zobec 0427 190282.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 23rd July at 6.00pm:

Commentator – W Mulcahy; Lector – L Ratcliffe; Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 24th July at 8.30am:

Commentator – S Carroll; Lector – T Hehir; Special Minister – B Stone

Sunday 24th July at Merrigum at 12.00 noon

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: Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: John O'Connor

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	18 July	-
Tues	19 July	Private devotion to Mary in Church 10-11am Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm (Intention - Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life) - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	20 July	-
Thurs	21 July	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 1 and 2) Rosary (after Mass)
Fri	22 July	-
Sat	23 July	Baptism 5.00pm Mass 6.00pm (and presentation of Our Father to Sacramental Children)
Sun	24 July	Mass 8.30am Mass 12.00 noon Merrigum
Mon	25 July	-
Tues	26 July	Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	27 July	Australian Church Women Fellowship Day 2.00pm
Thurs	28 July	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 7 & 8)
Fri	29 July	-
Sat	30 July	Mass 6.00pm (fifth Saturday) – Baptism during Mass
Sun	31 July	Mass 8.30am

THANK YOU

Marg Carroll and Family wish to pass on to all in St Augustine's Parish their thanks for your prayers which were appreciated in their time of great loss.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." Colossians 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

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Fr John Paul Pasala, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala, Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson), Leanne Beck, 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 (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.

mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

TO DEEPER TRUTHS

Things are not always what they seem and we can all be fooled by first appearances. The life of faith calls us to go beyond appearances to the deeper truths that underlie them. This requires an openness to the unexpected and we may well receive more than we bargained for! Abraham and Sarah did not think that they were welcoming the Lord by entertaining three unknown guests. Their generous hospitality meets a most unexpected reward when the Lord promises them the son they dearly long for.

Similarly, the Lord's reply to Martha is not what she anticipated. In her concern to put on a welcome worthy of her guest, she has been momentarily deafened to the deeper invitation of listening to the life-giving word of Jesus. While she is looking at what she can do for the Lord, the Lord reminds her of what his word can do for her!

When Paul wrote to the Colossians he was in prison and the community of Colossae would have been concerned for him and dispirited by his dreadful situation. With the eyes of faith, Paul invites them to see that his suffering is not a sign of his defeat but, rather, a sharing in the saving suffering of Christ for the sake of the Church. Paul's ministry appears to have come to a dead end, but for those able to see with the eyes of faith, it is a deeper sharing in the rich mystery which had been hidden for generations.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

17 July 2022

FIRST READING

Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by: A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

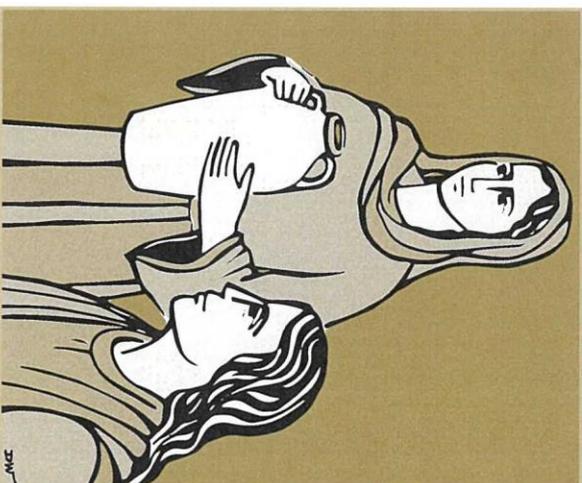
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault: / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart; / he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**



2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a