

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

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 25th July 2021



Readings for this Sunday

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15



Readings for next week:

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35



Liturgical Jottings

The Word of the Lord

The sacramentality of the word can thus be understood by analogy with the real presence of Christ under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine. By approaching the altar and par-taking in the Eucharistic banquet we truly share in the body and blood of Christ. The proclamation of God's word at the celebration entails an acknowledgment that Christ himself is present, that he speaks to us, and that he wishes to be heard. Saint Jerome speaks of the way we ought to approach both the Eucharist and the word of God: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. ..."

2010 Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini* Benedict XVI para 56a

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Focus on the Readings

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.
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Prayer for the Week

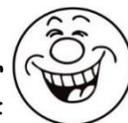
Father, all-powerful and merciful, we give you thanks. Christ your Son has called together one holy people from every nation under heaven and with love stronger than death has embraced them as his own. In the sacrament of Christ's body and blood that work of salvation is made present and accomplished for us in the eucharistic celebration. (*Preface 15th Sunday, Ambrosian Rite*)

Quote from Let us Dream by Pope Francis (2020)

All true values, human values, are non-negotiable. Can I say which of the fingers on my hand has more value than the others? If it is of value, it has a value that cannot be negotiated.

On the Lighter Side

A woman texted her husband, who is a computer programmer: "On your way home get two loaves of bread and, if they have any fresh eggs, get a dozen." He comes home with a dozen loaves of bread.



COVID LOCKDOWN

As announced by the Victorian Government, Covid restrictions have been extended in Victoria. There will therefore not be any Masses in our Parish for the duration of the lockdown.

Our weekly Parish bulletin is available on our website, or printed copies can be collected from the front porch of the presbytery.

As part of the restrictions, the Parish office will be closed, however the parish can be contacted by email at Kyabram@cdos.org.au, or Fr John Paul Pasala can be contacted on 5824 1049.

Wishing you safety and all the best during these difficult Covid times.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Unfortunately, due to the current lockdown in Victoria, the Sacrament of Reconciliation planned for Thursday, 22nd July is unable to proceed.

A new date will be advised when known.

To all our Sacramental parents and children thank for your patience and support.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Special birthday wishes and congratulations to **Michael Hogan** who is celebrating his 80th birthday.



Many of you will remember Michael who lived in Kyabram for many years and then moved to Echuca. Our best wishes to Michael and we thank him for his years of service in our parish.

CANCELLATION OF FELLOWSHIP DAY

The 2021 Fellowship Day planned to be held on Wednesday, 28th July 2021 at the Kyabram Uniting Church has now been **cancelled**.

Although it is the day after the current lockdown is set to end, the decision has been taken to cancel this day.

ST DONATO FEAST

A Mass to celebrate the feast of St Donato will be held on **Saturday, 7th August** at 10.00am at Sacred Heart, Tatura.

Due to Covid uncertainty, celebrations that usually take place after Mass at the Italian Club have been cancelled this year. Anyone wishing to have lunch is welcome to Hilltop Golf Club. Please ring the club on telephone 5824 1689 to make your own booking.

For further information, please telephone Joe Gagliardi on 0438 579 989.

ONLINE MASS

Mass by Fr John will be published on Facebook at 9.30am this **Sunday 25th July**.

A link to this Mass will be provided on our website and Facebook page before Sunday.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has proclaimed the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July each year.

We celebrate the day this weekend – 25th July.

Whilst we currently find ourselves in lockdown, the majority of us will be not be able to see our Grandparents or precious elderly in person. But what we can do, is take a moment to say a prayer for them, and perhaps use the technology at hand to send them a message or talk to our loved grandparents and elderly.

Pope Francis' message and a prayer can be accessed at: www.catholic.org.au/grandparents.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Parish's third Strategic Planning workshop which was to be held on **Monday, 26th July** is **again postponed due to Covid lockdown**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Nancy Taylor, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

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

ORDINATION OF JACKSON SAUNDERS

Jackson Saunders' diaconate ordination, which was to take place on Saturday 7th August, has now been postponed. A new date will be set once there is clearer information about the easing of restrictions. Please continue to pray for Jackson in this time of preparation.