

# 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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - C**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022**



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 6:1-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11



Readings for next Sunday

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20  
Luke 6:17,20-26



## Liturgical Jottings Seraphim

The Prophet Isaiah introduces the angelic order of seraph to Judaism, Christianity and Islam. "Seraphim" means "those who are on fire, Today's first reading we learn that the Seraphim or seraphs give praise and glory to God in Heaven. Likewise angels in the Responsorial Psalm (137:1) accompany the psalmist to sing praise. In both testaments the Angels are depicted as messengers, defenders and generally agents of God's providence.

Seraphim also feature in our liturgy in four of the Roman Prefaces. In the Franciscan Missal St Francis is called the Seraphic Father and St Bonaventure the Seraphic Doctor. The Franciscans are called the Seraphic order.

## Looking at the Readings

Installing lights on tractors, explained a farmer's wife, was the worse innovation for agricultural life. No longer did the farmer, grazier, harvester, come home at sunset for dinner. Before Christ to the latter part of the twentieth century outdoor work, especially farming, was done in daylight. Nefarious activities were confined to night-time. Hence the situation in today's Gospel: The fisherman caught nothing all night. Now in the daytime they had a marvellous haul of fish.

The double lesson did not escape Peter. The dawn of new light gave deeper insight to his life and the miraculous catch, far beyond the natural order, revealed Christ as a great and holy person. Like Peter, the disciple is invited to recognise Jesus in their life, and leave everything to follow him. We do so in a Christian way. We retain balance in life, with work and family and give priority to God and his Word that gives true life.

## Word of God Sunday

In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted Sunday of the Word of God encouraging the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. While most countries celebrate the day on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church in Australia celebrates it on the first Sunday in February each year since 2020.

The first Eucharistic Prayer of Masses for Various Needs would be particularly appropriate. It acknowledges the Word of Christ's Gospel calling us to unity across every people, tongue and nation, and asks that the Church be renewed by the light of the Gospel.

Other suggestions to celebrate, study and disseminate include: Procession and Enthronement of the Book of the Gospels, Brief Homily on the beauty of the Word in our daily lives, Scripturally based Prayers, Commissioning Readers. Bible Study groups, Gifts of the Bible or just a copy Mark's Gospel for this year.

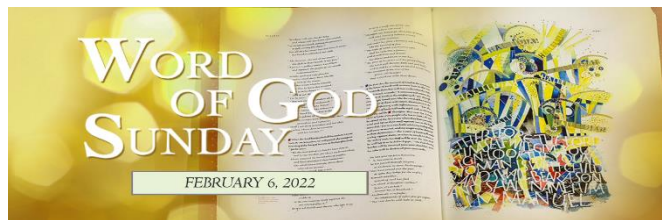
## World Day of Prayer for the Sick

This day is celebrated on the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, Friday 11 February, around the world. "A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2021

## On the Lighter Side

St Peter declared himself a sinner (peccatore [Ital], pécheur [Fr], pecador [Sp] peccator [Lat]). Jesus called him a fisherman (pescatore, pêcheur, pescador, piscator). At least in these languages there is not much difference between the two.





## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022.

Read more about Word of God Sunday on the front page of this bulletin.

## RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be available next **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm** before the 6.00pm Mass.

## ITALIAN MASS

Fr John will celebrate Italian Mass on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> February** at 10.30am followed by a cuppa.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Special birthday wishes and congratulations to **Brian Sullivan** who is celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this coming week.



## INSTALLATION OF FR JOHN AS PARISH PRIEST

Bishop Shane Mackinlay will be here to celebrate the 6.00pm Mass and the Installation of Fr John as Parish Priest on **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022**.

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm:

Commentator – M Radanov; Lector – W Mulcahy;  
Special Minister – L Sorbello

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am:

Commentator – M DiPetta; Lector – M Carver;  
Special Minister – J Chant

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at Tongala at 11.30am

## PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February** commencing at 5.45pm.

## HELPERS NEEDED

Helpers are needed to set up for a cuppa after the 6.00pm Mass on the second Saturday of each month and after the 8.30am Mass on the third Sunday of each month.

If you can help, we will draw up a roster.

Please ring the Parish office (5852 1026) and leave a message with your phone number if no answer.

Many thanks.

## COPING WITH COVID

Although we are in a new year, and hopefully lockdowns are a thing of the past, particularly for our school community, following is a reflection on how our teachers dealt with lockdowns last year.

“Professionally: lockdown was a good opportunity to learn new ways of teaching and engaging students. I felt that it was tough, as the “nice” moments you experience face to face were not felt. I felt helpless when kids didn’t understand/ turn up or were disengaged. I coped by trying to learn new skills in the way I taught etc, maintaining a routine and spending time with kids with a balance between teaching and having fun through Kahoot! , games and chatting. Personally: I went through stages where being really fine with being in lockdown. I set daily tasks that I had to complete which varied in complexity from folding washing to sanding and varnishing skirting boards. The routine of school life and meetings kept my mind busy. I also went through stages where I was not ok with lockdown. At these times I spent time with my family or - totally withdrew and just watched mindless TV shows. I coped by setting daily goals for days I was doing well and giving myself a break when I wasn’t.”

**This is an initiative of our Parish PPC.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Recently Deceased:** -

**Anniversaries:** Fred Slaughter, Mervyn Ryan, Patricia Hehir

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	7 Feb	-
Tues	8 Feb	Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Mervyn Ryan and Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life) PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wed	9 Feb	
Thurs	10 Feb	Mass 9.15am
Fri	11 Feb	-
Sat	12 Feb	Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass 6.00pm
Sun	13 Feb	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Tongala
Mon	14 Feb	-
Tues	15 Feb	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed	16 Feb	-
Thurs	17 Feb	Mass 9.15am Italian Mass 10.30am
Fri	18 Feb	-
Sat	19 Feb	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	20 Feb	Mass 8.30am

## ALONG THE TRACK

The latest article of Along the Track (*“For Those Going to School”*) is now available. These regular newsletters are very insightful and can be viewed by visiting our Parish website at <https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/> under ‘Other Information’ on the Home page.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” (ISAIAH 6:8)**

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, *“Whom shall I send?”* Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say “Here I am, Lord.”

## 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  
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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.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Genesareth, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear: so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## APOSTLES OF THE LORD

All the readings for today share a sense of awe and wonder as Isaiah, Peter, and Paul reflect on their respective vocations. In their own ways, each of them has to come to terms with their unworthiness to undertake the mission they have been given. Having seen the living God in a vision, Isaiah knew he was unworthy. However, once he had been purified, he was able to respond willingly and generously to God's call. In the face of the miraculous catch of fish, Peter pleads with the Lord that he would depart from him. He knows he is a sinner and yet the Lord will make use of him as one who will be catching people for the kingdom of God.

Paul understood that of all the people who bore the name apostle, he was the most unworthy. He makes mention of his persecution of Christians before his conversion in 1 Corinthians 15:9, Galatians 1:13-23, and Philipians 3:6. The damage that he had inflicted was to become a powerful stimulus for his tireless missionary endeavours. In today's reading, Paul reminds the Corinthians of the message they had received concerning the resurrection by drawing upon one of the earliest creeds. Some of the members of the community had mistakenly come to think that they already shared fully in the life of the resurrection. Their baptism had immersed them in the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but Paul knew that Christians would need to wait until Jesus' return to experience this fully.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

6 FEBRUARY 2022

**FIRST READING**

Isa 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v. 1

**R.** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**



3. All earth's kings shall thank you / when they hear the words of your mouth. / They shall sing of the Lord's ways: / 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, / your hand will do all things for me. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

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

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too: it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

*Longer form, 1 Cor 15:1-11.*