

# 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

**Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King B**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**



Readings for this week:

Daniel 7:13-14  
Apocalypse 1:5-8  
John 18:33-37



Readings for next Sunday

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-14:2  
Luke 21:25-28



## Liturgical Jottings

### Preface of Christ the King

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King, (now “the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King”) in 1925 to the Sunday before All Saints Day. A newly composed preface was introduced into the Roman Missal in 1928. The feast was moved to the last Sunday of the liturgical year in 1969. The Preface (a prayer opening the Eucharistic Prayer) follows the usual pattern, being addressed to the Father in thanksgiving of the marvellous works of creation and redemption and concluding with an invitation to join all the angels in everlasting praise. The main body expresses the Father’s anointing of Christ and describes his reign as an eternal and universal kingdom of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love and peace.

## Looking at the Readings

Jesus response to Pilate’s questioning: is: “My Kingdom does not belong to this world” is attested in many ways. Firstly by his next sentence: “His men would not go into battle to rescue him” Violence or coercion has never been his way of teaching. Nor did he practice insidious ways by exploiting people’s hopes and dreams of an earthy paradise and power over others. Again he did not sugar-coat his message: there will be times of want and difficulty, his disciples may not be welcomed, there would be persecution and even death. He had to rebuke his apostles who vied for power and position, revenge and superiority.

Jesus reign is to bear witness to the truth, to proclaim the beatitudes as a way of being and life and bring healing, peace and forgiveness, and to be a shepherd and a servant to all, to welcome children, the poor and the sinner. Herod’s and Pilate’s curiosity was mixed with fear and inability to understand Jesus’ mission and life. Jesus’ disciples fear and confusion were overcome by faith and understanding and acceptance of love and forgiveness. This feast day readings give us vision of the future and reassurance in the present of Christ as universal Saviour.

## The Lorica (the Deer’s Cry) St Patrick

The Icon of Christ the King reminds us of mystery of Christ’s passion death, resurrection and ascension into the glory of heaven. The Deer’s Cry hymn reminds us both of the trials of life and the comfort of Christ.

I arise today through the strength of heaven ...  
Through God’s strength to pilot me.  
God’s eye to look before me, God’s wisdom to guide me,  
God’s way to lie before me, God’s shield to protect me ...

Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.  
I arise today.

## On the Lighter Side

Where do kings and queens get crowned? On the head.

What’s the first things kings and queens do when they are crowned and come to the throne? They sit down.



## SERVICE TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES

St Augustine's Parish Bereavement Support Group together with the Kyabram District Nursing Service, invite all those in our community who are grieving to attend the –

### Memorial Service

#### St Augustine's Church Kyabram

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00pm

All attending aged 12 years and above must show proof of full Covid vaccination

## MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be five Masses in our Parish.

There will be the usual Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 8.30am Masses in Kyabram for parishioners, as well as three Sacramental Masses (two on the Saturday and one on the Sunday) which are only open to the Sacramental children and a set number of their family.

There will not be a Mass at Merrigum in November.

## CHANGES TO VICTORIA'S COVID RESTRICTIONS

As announced by the Victorian Government, from 11.59pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, nearly all remaining Covid restrictions have lifted for fully vaccinated people.

**For all weekend Masses at Kyabram, Tongala and Merrigum, all attending must provide evidence of being fully vaccinated** or have a certified medical exemption. There will be no limit on numbers and face coverings are no longer required.

Weekday Masses at Kyabram will be open to all and vaccination status will not be checked. However, these Masses will be limited to 50, social distancing is still required and face masks must be worn.

Recording of contact details (by QR code or written) and use of hand sanitiser is still required at all weekend and weekday Masses.

## NO WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that there will not be a weekday Mass on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November**.

## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

For those wishing to have deceased family and friends prayed for during November, a basket will be available in front of the Font to place the names and remembrance envelopes for our deceased loved ones. November offering envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Alternatively, for those unable to attend Mass, November envelopes with names can also be dropped off into the mailbox at the presbytery front door.

## COPING WITH COVID & LOCKDOWNS

Thank you to our teachers for providing the following on how lockdown was for them.

- Lockdown for me was a learning curve with highs and lows but I gained a further understanding of enjoying the simple things in life. During lockdown I coped by going on daily walks, seeing my students on live google meets and frequent face time calls to family and friends.
- Lockdown for me was ok, at times I felt restricted but I still went about most of my normal everyday events. I found it hard to stay focused on set tasks when working from home. Coping with the lockdowns were difficult as we were unable to just duck out and visit friends and family. My coping strategies were keeping busy at home e.g cooking , planting in the garden etc.
- Lockdown felt very long being away from family and friends, especially the ones in Melbourne but the best way to cope was to stay in routine with school and still see students on live sessions. Also I did my best to still ring, FaceTime, message people to stay in contact, check in and not feel so distant from everyone

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

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm:**

Commentator – J Harris; Lector – L Ratcliffe;  
Special Minister – L Sorbello

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am:**

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – M Finn;  
Special Minister – M O'Shea

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** Ken Colvin

**Anniversaries:** Margaret O'Connor, Denis Bacon, Michael Bowman, Elizabeth Kilmartin, Anthony Bowman

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	22 Nov	-
Tues	23 Nov	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed	24 Nov	-
Thurs	25 Nov	Mass 9.15am (vax unknown) Memorial Service 7.00pm (fully vax)
Fri	26 Nov	-
Sat	27 Nov	Sacramental only Masses 10am & 4pm (fully vax) Mass 6.00pm (fully vax)
Sun	28 Nov	Mass 8.30am (fully vax) Sacramental only Mass 11.30am (fully vax) <b>No Merrigum Mass</b>
Mon	29 Nov	-
Tues	30 Nov	Mass 5.00pm (vax unknown) (Intention – Vocations to Religious Life)
Wed	1 Dec	-
Thurs	2 Dec	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	3 Dec	-
Sat	4 Dec	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	5 Dec	Mass 8.30am (fully vax)

## 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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### Principals

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St Patrick's Primary

Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), Maurie Finn, Jackie Stockdale, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, 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.

## KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to an evening celebration with **Mass and a sausage sizzle** on the lawn outside the Church on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm for Mass**. Please bring your own chair and drinks.

This an opportunity for us to give thanks and celebrate the end of a difficult and tiring and your continued support throughout the year.

## SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY THEOLOGY & TEACHING

Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited and the Sisters of St Josephs are offering six scholarships to students who have graduated (or are graduating in 2021) from Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sandhurst to undertake a Bachelor of Theology and a Master of Teaching (Primary) or Master of Teaching (Secondary) at Australian Catholic University (ACU).

**Applications close: Friday 26 November 2021**

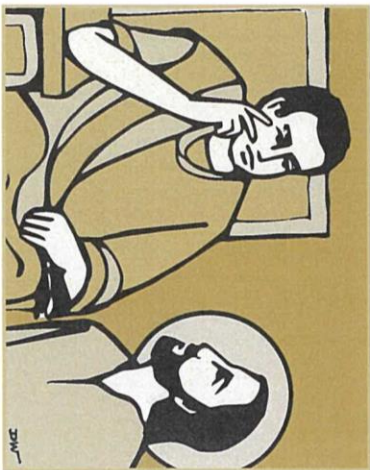
See the noticeboard at the back of the church, or for further information, please contact: **Mr Kevin Lawlor** 0409 336 890 or [klawlor@ceosand.catholic.edu.au](mailto:klawlor@ceosand.catholic.edu.au).

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*You say that I am a king.*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it,' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## WITNESSING TO THE TRUTH

In the ancient world, the monarchy was understood as a sacred institution. The ruler was appointed, sustained, and legitimated by the gods. The king was understood to rule with the blessing of the gods and acted on their behalf in the human sphere. Notwithstanding this perception of the dignity of the monarchy, Israel's experience of this institution was a mixed one – not all rulers exhibited the qualities which the psalms and prophets spoke of as desirable and necessary in a monarch.

Today's readings invite us at the end of the Church's year to ponder anew the nature of Jesus' kingship and the royal dignity each of us shares by virtue of our baptism. Pilate was confronted with the problem of determining Jesus' identity and whether he was guilty of the crime of sedition. After some questioning, Jesus' identity as a king emerges, but in an unexpected manner. As king, Jesus' role is not that of earthly rule but of bearing witness to the truth about the God who sent him into the world.

The kingship of Jesus is proclaimed in the reading from the Apocalypse but in such a way that the reader never loses sight of the manner in which it was most clearly given expression. Jesus' death on the cross is the means by which we are once again reconciled to God and is the source of the dignity of all those who are baptised. It is by witnessing to the truth that we exercise the dignity which has been given to us in baptism.

Christopher Monaghan CP

# THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / B

21 NOVEMBER 2021

## FIRST READING

Dan 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*His sovereignty is eternal.*

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 92:1-2, 5. R. v. 1

**R.** The Lord is king;

**he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; / the Lord has robed himself with might, / he has girded himself with power. **R.**

2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; / your throne has stood firm from of old / From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. / Holiness is fitting to your house, / O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Apoc 1:5-8

A reading from the book of Apocalypse

*The ruler of the kings of the earth. . . made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away



our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!