

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

Holy Trinity Sunday

Sunday 30th May 2021



Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20



Readings for next week:

Exodus 24:3-8
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



Liturgical Jottings

Fire - part 2

Last week's column gave examples of Fire in scripture and liturgy as symbols of the presence of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christian thought and spirituality natural symbols such as water, fire, light and darkness have a spontaneous propensity to convey meanings similar to their symbolic forms, for example, refreshment, warmth, goodness and evil.

St Francis of Assisi' "Canticle of Brother Sun" celebrates the cosmic partnership of creation, whose elements of moon, wind, water, fire and earth reflect the brilliant light of Brother Sun.

We speak of the three fires: fires that destroy and purify; fires that bake bricks and form alloys; and fires that cook food and warm our homes: enhancing the meaning of the Fire of God's Love.

Focus on the Readings

The short Readings for the Feast of the Holy Trinity this year present not so much a theology of God but accounts of God's relationship with humanity. They speak to the heart and soul and encourage us to pray, celebrate and witness to our faith in Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Feast of the Holy Trinity

We have short and long doxologies at the end of most prayers in our liturgies. Doxology is a prayer of praise and glory to God. At the conclusion of the Collect prayer the priest prays: "Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you [Father] in the unity of Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. The Great doxology and Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer is more elaborate. As our prayer concludes with the praise of the Trinity, so does the Easter season. Since the 800's the feast of the Trinity follows Pentecost. The Easter season starts with the Vigil recounting God the Father's Creation and Covenant, then the proclamation of the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ Jesus and finally Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This Feast of the Trinity is like a doxology to a Season.

Words of Pope Francis

When we come out of this pandemic, we will no longer be able to do what we have been doing, how we have been doing it. No, everything will be different. All the suffering will have been pointless if we do not build together a more just, more equitable, more Christian society, not in name, but in reality, a reality that leads us to Christian behaviour. If we do not work to end the pandemic of poverty in the world, the pandemic of poverty in the country of each one of us, in the city where each of us lives, this time will have been in vain. From the great trials of humanity, including the pandemic, we emerge either better or worse. We do not come out the same.
Pentecost Message 2020

On the Lighter Side

The Mystery of the Trinity has caused scientists to use triangles, pastors and pastoralists to use shamrocks, artists to illustrate scripture passage; all to help explain Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When a teacher asked her class: "Which one of these loves us the most?" A seven-year student replied: "They love us all the same because they are One God!"



STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

We are on to our third workshop in our Strategic Planning for the Parish. The workshop will be held on **Monday 31st May** commencing at 6.00pm in the College Staffroom.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting will be held on **Monday, 31st May** commencing at 5.00pm in the Parish meeting room. (Please note that this is prior to the Strategic Planning Workshop.)

ANOINTING MASS

An Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday, 3rd June** in St Augustine's church, commencing at 10.00am.

There will NOT be a 9.15am Mass on this day.

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5th June at 7.00pm:

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

Sunday 6th June at 8.00am:

Commentator – A Snell; Lector – M DiPetta;
Special Minister – A Brunt

NO MASS

Please note that there will NOT be a 5.00pm Mass on Tuesday, 1st June.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” - ROMANS 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to parishioner **Doug Small**, who was recently presented with a Paul Harris Fellow award through the Kyabram Rotary Club.

Doug joined Kyabram Rotary about 20 years ago so that he could make a difference. He has a strong commitment to community service, and has served on the board numerous times and played a significant role in many programs.

Congratulations Doug on this well deserved award.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We ask that you please keep the Sacramental children in your prayers as they make their First Reconciliation this coming **Thursday, 3rd June**.

ST SEBASTIAN'S MERRIGUM REUNION

On **Sunday, 27th June** all Merrigum ex-parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass at St Sebastian's Church at 11.30am.

Following Mass, there will be a luncheon at the Kyabram Club beginning at 1.00pm.

If you require further information or would like to attend the luncheon, please contact Joe Chant on 0428 552 466 by Wed 23rd June 2021.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub will be held at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Tuesday (not Monday) 15th June from 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional).

Sr Joan Chittister's virtual event, *The Future of Catholicism in Australia*, held early May, will be screened, followed by a facilitated conversation. A Benedictine Sister, Joan is one of the most influential religious and social leaders of our time. For 50 years, she has passionately advocated on behalf of peace, human rights, women's issues & church renewal.

Come & join the conversation – an opportunity to reflect together in the lead-up to the Plenary Council. More information on fliers at back of church. Enq: Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 5821 4362 or Fran 0409 012228.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Bill Guy, Antonia (Toni) DiPetta, Bill Leahy

Anniversaries: -

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	31 May	PPC meeting 5.00pm Strategic Planning Workshop 6.00pm
Tuesday	1 June	Consultors meeting – Fr John No Mass
Wednesday	2 June	-
Thursday	3 June	Anointing Mass 10.00am Sacramental Program – Reconciliation 7.30pm
Friday	4 June	-
Saturday	5 June	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	6 June	Mass 8.00am Baptisms (11.00am and 11.45am)
Monday	7 June	-
Tuesday	8 June	Mass 5.00pm Finance Committee meeting 6.00pm
Wednesday	9 June	-
Thursday	10 June	Mass 9.15am
Friday	11 June	-
Saturday	12 June	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	13 June	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.30am Tongala

Postponed

Parish Administrator

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church.

THE IGNATIAN YEAR May 2021 – July 2022

From May 2021 to July 2022, the Society of Jesus will celebrate an **Ignatian Year**. The 20th of May 2021 marks the 500th anniversary of the start of St Ignatius' conversion — that fateful day when Ignatius the soldier, struck by a cannonball, began his transformation into Ignatius the pilgrim. The 400th anniversary of the canonization of St Ignatius will be celebrated on 12th March 2022. Throughout the Ignatian Year, resources, event notices and more will be shared here: <https://jesuit.org.au/about/ignatius-500-the-ignatian-year/> and <https://ignatius500.global/>.

STRONGER TONIGHT

Sandhurst Youth Ministry's next Stronger Rally is just around the corner. The event will be held on **Friday, 18th June** at St Bernard's Primary School, Wangaratta, from 6 – 9 pm. Arrive from 5:30 pm.

Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRIGX>. For group bookings contact youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au for more information.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1: 8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

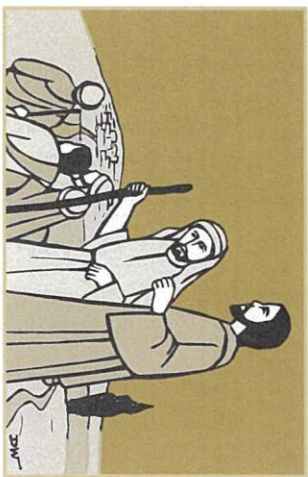
Mt 28: 16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations: baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Breaking Open the Word

THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S SHARING

The feast of the Trinity reminds us that the mystery we celebrate today is the mystery of God's sharing in our story through the ages. It is an invitation to remember the story of God among us and the task that has been entrusted to all of us who have been baptised in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

The scripture readings for today lead us to explore the nature of God from a number of different perspectives. First of all, Moses asks the people to take stock of what their experience of God has been. He asks them, and us, to reflect on our experience of God's graciousness and faithfulness. For the people of Israel, the time in the desert was their opportunity to discover the living God as one who cared for them; it was a time of discernment and decision.

Secondly, Paul speaks of the meaning of our baptism in Father, Son, and Spirit. While some members of the community were convinced that they were closer to the Lord on the basis of their spiritual gifts Paul sees that all who are baptised share in the same dignity as children of God. Furthermore, every Christian is called to share in the same inheritance, and even more importantly, to be united in sharing in the suffering and glory of Jesus. Thirdly, the Gospel calls us to remember that we have been baptised into the Father, Son, and Spirit. As such we are given a mission: to share what we have experienced with others.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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THE SAVING WORD

30 MAY 2021

FIRST READING

Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by oracles, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?'

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

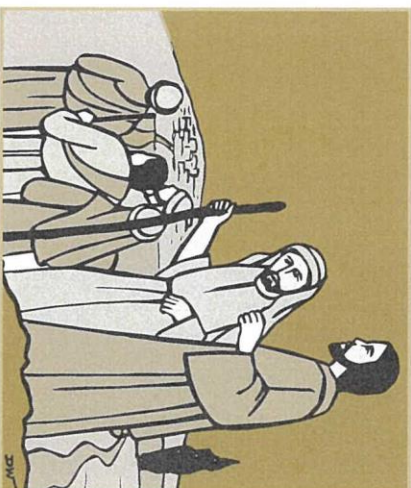
RESP PSALM

Ps 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

2. By his word the heavens were made, / by the breath of his mouth all the stars. / He spoke; and they came to be. / He commanded; they sprang into being. **R.**



3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8: 14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The Spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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