

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

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 11th July 2021



Readings for this Sunday
Amos 7:12-15
Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Mark 6:7-13



Readings for next week:
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequence

The Gospels for this Sunday (15th) and next (16th) form a unit. Jesus and his disciples have left Nazareth (14th) and continue their mission in Galilee. Jesus prepares them for their missionary work with his instruction, encouragement and advice to rest for awhile. This concludes his Galilean mission. We then have a break from Mark's Gospel for five Sundays. Typically we would listen to John's Gospel chapter 6. Except this interruption is interrupted further by two Solemnities, St Mary of the Cross (8 Aug) and Assumption of BVM (15 Aug). Also for the next three Sundays prior to the two solemnities we begin a semi-continuous reading of St Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Focus on the Readings

Saints and Prophets are troublesome people. They are not easy to live with. Prophets can be very difficult; upsetting the status quo, speaking out without fear, never compromising or allowing themselves to be intimidated by the powerful. Amos was an unrelenting prophet but with inexhaustible grace from God to speak out before the political and religious leaders and the powerful ruling class of the day. Today's first reading is only an introduction. His prophecies attacked the rampant social injustices and the abandonment of true religion.

This reading serves as an introduction to the Gospel in which Jesus' disciples are called and instructed to go out and preach repentance and dispel evil among the people. A similar mission of Amos but in different times requiring a different approach. The church today continues the mission of the Prophets and the Apostles and must read the signs of the times to preach and teach in ways that people hear and understand.

St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

We begin a semi-continuous reading of this Letter from 15th to 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time. Scripture scholars argue that the final edition of this letter was written by a disciple of Paul after his death and that the letter circulated to several other communities beyond Ephesus. Chapter one has a liturgical tone and recognised as a hymn: verses 3-14 a hymn of Blessing, verses 15-23 a hymn of Thanksgiving and Intercession. The shorter text given for today is also the Canticle used in the Liturgy of the Hours for Monday Evening Prayer weeks 1 & 3 in the Psalmody. The Letter is a vision of the Mystery of Salvation History and the Mystery of Christ and the Church.

Words from Pope Francis

For a long time, we carried on thinking we could be healthy in a world that was sick. But the Covid-19 crisis has brought home how important it is to work for a healthy world. *From Let Us Dream 2020*

Prayer for the Week

God of justice, God of salvation, from every land you call a people to yourself. Yours is the work we do, yours the message we carry. Keep your Church single-minded and faithful to you. Let failure not discourage us nor success beguile our hearts, as you send us to proclaim the gospel. (*Alternative Collect 15th Sunday B*)

On the Lighter Side

1. Three fish are in a tank. One asks the others, "How do you drive this thing?" 2. I used to be addicted to the hokey pokey... but then I turned myself around.



SCHOOL RESUMES

We welcome students, staff and families back for the beginning of third term, and trust that all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 13th July** at 5.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents Formation Night 3 ('Confirmation – The Gifts') with children will be held on **Thursday 15th July** at 7.00pm in St Augustine's Church.

We ask that you pray for the children and their families as they prepare for the Sacraments.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

A new date for the Parish's third Strategic Planning workshop has now been set. It will be held on **Monday, 26th July at 7.00pm** in the School Staff Room.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

HOME COMMUNION

We hope to resume Home Communion shortly. If you are house bound and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish office (ph 5852 1026).

For those interested in being a Eucharist Minister to the housebound, please contact Alma Limbrick at the Parish Office.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The latest issue of Sandpiper e-News is now available online. Issue 23 includes links to watch the live-streamed Ordination Mass and Thanksgiving Mass of Rev. Deacon Adi Indra, and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/e9ad87361128/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-8060873>

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the bottom of the link page.)

MASKS

Just a reminder that it is still a Covid requirement that masks must be worn indoors (including at church and the Parish office, as well as at meetings). **Please remember to bring your mask with you to Mass.**

Everyone also needs to ensure that they continue to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- use hand sanitiser
- maintain social distancing (1.5m)

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 17th July at 7.00pm:

Commentator – W Mulcahy; Lector – L Ratcliffe;
Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 18th July at 8.00am:

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – M Carver;
Special Minister – B Stone

A Journey to **EMMAUS** via Zoom for 6 Wednesdays

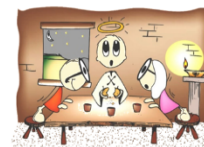
Do you want to know more about the Scriptures?

Need to take some time out from a busy life to come closer to Jesus? Then this Emmaus is for you!

This course explains the Messianic significance of the Old Testament Scriptures and their relationship with the New Testament.

It will:

- Deepen your appreciation of the Scriptures.
- Enable you to experience the power of the Word of God.
- Show you what the Word of God is, what it does and what our attitude to it should be.
- Take you on a journey through the Old Testament and show how it is fulfilled in Jesus.
- Give you an insight into the community of Jesus, it's mentality and practice.
- Give you a burning desire to return from 'Emmaus' to 'Jerusalem' to announce your encounter with the Risen Lord.



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Weekly reflection sheets will add to your Emmaus experience.

6 Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm,

Commencing: 21 July 2021

Booking Fee: \$5

overseas participants use promo code OVASEA

Book before 10am Tue 20 July at

Try booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSQSW>

The course is presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Recently Deceased: Isabel Lunsden

Anniversaries: -

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	12 July	-
Tuesday	13 July	Mass 5.00pm PPC meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday	14 July	-
Thursday	15 July	Mass 9.15am Sacramental Formation night 7.00pm
Friday	16 July	-
Saturday	17 July	Baptism 11am, Baptisms 11.45am Mass 7.00pm (Sacramental Presentation of 'Our Father')
Sunday	18 July	Mass 8.00am
Monday	19 July	-
Tuesday	20 July	Mass 5.00pm Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday	21 July	-
Thursday	22 July	Mass 9.15am Sacramental Reconciliation 6.30pm
Friday	23 July	-
Saturday	24 July	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	25 July	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.00am Merrigum

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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.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

If you would like a weekday Mass for your loved ones, feel free to contact the Parish Office (telephone 5852 1026) to arrange a day suitable (you do not have to attend this Mass).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.”
MARK 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things “we can't live without” in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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OPPORTUNITY AND DANGER

have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Eph 1: 17-18
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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When God intervenes in our lives it can mean radical change that brings with it both opportunity and danger. Amos' work had involved the care of trees – nothing had prepared him for his new ministry as prophet. Preaching far from his home, he was politically threatened, and told in no uncertain terms, that his message of judgement was not welcome at the king's shrine. His response was that while his message was discomforting to hear, it had been given by God. It was not his own and his experience of God was so powerful that he could not deny it. He had a duty to preach the message he had been given.

The mission of the twelve is another example of the kind of radical change that can accompany a close encounter with Jesus. Called to share in Jesus' mission they are prepared and commissioned for this new task, a task which will lead them to face acceptance, as well as the risk of rejection. They are instructed that they must travel light, there is nothing they can carry that will defend them from a closed mind or a hardened heart.

The opening hymn in the letter to the Ephesians is a beautiful and loving reflection on what we have received in Jesus. It is filled with wonder for the fact that we have all been adopted through Jesus, who is the source of forgiveness and our freedom. There is an implicit invitation: having received so much how could we not share this with others – whatever the risk.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Am 7: 12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah. 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel!"'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84: 9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace, / peace for his people. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 1: 3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual

blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,

to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,



determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him,