



# 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 in Ordinary Time**

**26<sup>th</sup> July 2020**



*Readings for this week:*

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-48 or 44-52



*Readings for next Sunday:*

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35,37-39

Matthew 14:13-21



## Liturgical Jottings Gospel Sequence

This Sunday we complete the parable section in Matthew's Gospel and next week begin the section known as the Church Narrative. It is centred on the community of disciples who will form the new community of the church after the Lord's resurrection and the feast of Pentecost. Sundays 18th-20th relate the faith of the disciples at the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the calming of the storm, walking on water and the cure of the Canaanite's daughter in response to prayer.

## Doctor of the Church

is a title the pope grants to saints who have made significant contributions to spirituality or theology through their studies or writings. To date there are 36 Doctors of the Church who include four women; 18 bishops, 12 priests and one deacon.

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## Looking at the Gospel

The Gospel for today is short but may be made shorter by omitting verses 49-52. The Lectionary gives us the option of shorter reading when they are exceedingly long or difficult to understand. We have three short "Kingdom of Heaven" parables in the first section and a commentary and a fourth "Kingdom of Heaven" parable in the latter. The treasure seeker and pearl trader are searchers for joy and good value. They will use their own resources to achieve these ends. Note that it is not "all that it takes" which may include ill-gotten means, but from their own assets. Treasure and pearls are but metaphors of the value and joy of attaining eternal life in God's kingdom. Therefore, it is not just assets but the will and wisdom that are also required. Solomon was given choices in life. In the first reading he prayed for wisdom and God was pleased to grant it. St Paul's letter to the Romans teaches "all things work together for good." We are called to goodness, wisdom and joy.

Like the fisherman we must know good from bad and like the householder we must discern what is the true treasure and then ready to search for it in most unlikely places and under disguised appearances.

## Ancient Armenian Reflection:

You, Lord, dragged me onto the seashore with those gathered in the net; but at the time you chose the good, I was rejected with the bad. This is why in the same deep water. I again went down into the foul mire; there the abysses that offer no exit have encompassed the powers of my soul. But you can do everything. Bring me back again to the surface and deign to gather me with the elect into the good and holy vessel." *St Nersès Shnorhali, (1102-1173 Turkey) from the Poem: "Jésus, Fils unique du Père" 1152*

## Saint of the Week: St Peter Chrysologus 30 July

Born: 406 and died 31 July 450 in Imola, Italy, St Peter was Bishop of Ravenna from 433. He is known as the "Doctor of Homilies" for short and theologically rich reflections. So authentic were the contents of his homilies that he was declared a Doctor of the Church 13 centuries later in 1729.

## On the Lighter Side

A pirate captain followed a treasure map to a faraway island. The map led him to a swamp, he waded in slowly then reaching knee-deep his leg hit something hard. He pulled up a treasure chest, pried it open to discover gold and gemstones. The Captain turned to his first mate and said, "Arrrrr, matey, that just goes to show ye, that booty is only shin deep!"



## CARITAS NEWS

The Winter edition of **CaritasNews** is now available on line in digital format.



The theme of this edition is "Hope in Emergency". It tells the stories of how our supporters' kindness and solidarity make a world of difference to our brothers and sisters around the globe.

The online edition can be accessed on the Caritas website at:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/about/publications-and-reports/caritasnews>

## 'WHEEL OF PRAYER DAY' 2020

(Saturday 8th August 2020)

Sandhurst Diocese 'Wheel of Prayer Day' 2020  
Saturday 8th August 2020 10.00 am – 3.15 pm.

Live via Zoom including: Prayer of the Church led by Bishop Shane Mackinlay; Family Prayer; Taize Prayer; Devotional Prayer; Praying with Scripture.

Go to TryBooking to register and leave your email address for Zoom meeting link to be sent to you. <https://www.trybooking.com/BJUOP>.

To learn more, go to 'News & Events' at [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

## TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS

'Treasuring our Later Years' (via Zoom until face-to-face permitted), 6 x Tuesdays, 1pm-3pm, 4 Aug to 8 Sep 2020. Facilitated by Nicole Rotaru rsm, this series offers participants the opportunity to explore new possibilities that ageing offers daily. It will include reflections on themes that take on particular relevance and meaning in our later years, eg Spirituality...deepest dimension of our life; What is giving my life meaning?; At its core, life is about relationships; etc.

Cost \$115 for the series, or \$20 per session. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BKLUH>.

For more information, contact [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or tel 9890 1101.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Una Donegan, Joan Childs, Jacqui Rosendale, Fr Ted Harte

**Recently Deceased:** Angelo Greco, Jayden Vick, Joan Kelso

**Anniversaries:** Brian Mangan, Ted Joyce, Jim McCormick, John O'Connor, Fr Frank Shortis

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



## OUR WEBSITE (<https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/>)

Please see our Parish website for information about options available for online Masses, as well as resources for Sunday readings and family prayer.

Our website also has our weekly Sunday bulletin (as well as previous issues), along with Fr Jinjo's weekly reflection and articles of 'Along the Track'. Well worth a look!

## SUNDAY MASS - KYABRAM

Until restrictions or circumstances change, Mass will be celebrated each Sunday at St Augustine's church in Kyabram at 9.30am for a maximum of 20 people. Parishioners wishing to attend Mass must book in prior to each Sunday by registering online through TryBooking. Please see the Parish website for full details and to access the TryBooking link.