

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 in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10th July 2022



Readings for
this week:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37



Readings for
next Sunday

Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42



Liturgical Jottings

The Gloria

Originally a hymn written by an early Christian in imitation of the biblical hymns like the Magnificat. It is a hymn to God and Christ to praise God and profess faith in Christ. It remained as a hymn outside Mass for a few centuries and became an opening hymn at Christmas Mass in 530. From a people's song, to a bishop's only recitation the Gloria gradually became a hymn that priests and congregation could sing together. But it was not until the eleventh century that it became an integral part of the Mass rite on every feast day. Today the Gloria has the character of an introduction, and a preparation to the Mass. (GIRM 46) The text may not be replaced by any other. It is sung or said on Sundays outside Advent and Lent, and also on Solemnities and Feasts, and at particular celebrations of a more solemn character. (GIRM 53)

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Looking at the Readings

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and especially, those whom we are not inclined to love. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the Day

In Christ you draw near to us, God of mercy and compassion, lifting us out of death, binding up our wounds, and nursing our spirits back to health.

Let such a tenderness as yours compel us to go and do likewise. through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Quote of the Week

Christian love is loving without counting the cost. This is the lesson of the Good Samaritan; this is the lesson of Jesus.

Pope Francis

On the Lighter Side

A zookeeper noticed one day all the animals were laughing, except the donkey. The next day he saw the donkey laughing but no others. He asked the lion what's going on. He said yesterday the giraffe told a joke but it was only now that the donkey got the joke.



SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

An appeal is being held for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

To assist this ministry, donations can be made through <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/> or by putting your donation in an envelope marked 'Sea Sunday' and placing on the collection plate.

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 is on this coming **Tuesday, 12th July** commencing at 5.45pm (following Mass).

TUESDAY ROSARY AND 5.00PM MASS

To keep everyone a little warmer, for the remainder of the winter months, the Tuesday Rosary and 5.00pm Mass will now be held in the Parish Meeting Room.

ADVANCE NOTICE - 2022 ANNUAL MARIAN FESTIVAL

The Annual Marian Festival, celebrated every year in the Bendigo area as a special day of prayers and devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on Sunday 16th October.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN FELLOWSHIP DAY

Wednesday 27th July, 2pm at the Salvation Army Church

Australian Church Women Inc. seeks to unite Christian women across denominational boundaries and to promote peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It supports Christian outreach to migrants, refugees, and the peoples of the Pacific and South-east Asia.

This service is open to women and men, and gives local Christian groups a chance to show ecumenical solidarity.

We encourage people to make an effort on behalf of St Augustine's Parish. The service is simple, not too long and is followed by afternoon tea and chat. Make a group and come along.

Enquiries: Maria 0427 194 885.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD

In Celebration of 50 Years of Priesthood, Most Reverend Leslie Tomlinson DD, Emeritus Bishop of Sandhurst invites the People of the Diocese of Sandhurst to the Celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster, Vic 3108 at 2:30pm on 21st August 2022.

No gifts please, but thank you for your prayers and if possible, your presence at this Celebration!

RSVP by 10.08.2022 to:

leslie.tomlinson@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 17th July at 8.30am:

Commentator – M Carver; Lector – N Watt;
Special Minister – F Turner

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child Safety Officer on 0417 184 527.

Children leaving the Church during Mass are to be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: -

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	11 July	<i>Term 3 begins</i>
Tues	12 July	Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Protection of the Unborn) - Parish Meeting Room PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wed	13 July	-
Thurs	14 July	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Year 11)
Fri	15 July	-
Sat	16 July	No Mass
Sun	17 July	Mass 8.30am (and cuppa after Mass)
Mon	18 July	-
Tues	19 July	Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	20 July	-
Thurs	21 July	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 1 and 2)
Fri	22 July	-
Sat	23 July	Baptism 5.00pm Mass 6.00pm (and presentation of Our Father to Sacramental Children)
Sun	24 July	Mass 8.30am Mass 12.00 noon Merrigum

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Community Church Kyabram is offering a Mini Men's Conference for blokes on **Saturday 16th July**, 7:30am – 1pm. The speaker is Daryl Clark, chaplain to Moama Speedway and Southern Eighty as well as a pastor in Melbourne.

Further details are available on our noticeboard at the back of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” Luke 10:37

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

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Mass Times

Kyabram

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

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 12.00 noon

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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours'.

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into brigands' hands?' 'The one, who took pity on him', he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself'.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

10 July 2022

CREATION BORN ANEW

The unifying theme of today's readings is being at peace with God, oneself and others. For Deuteronomy, the call is to find peace through faithfulness to the Mosaic law. While the challenge seems daunting, it is possible. The Gospel expands this by calling us to find true peace by loving our neighbour. The parable of the Good Samaritan challenges us to see that it is not a question of determining who my neighbour is, as much as to whom I can be a neighbour.

The reading from the letter to Colossians is one of the Church's earliest hymns and it is a powerful and beautiful reflection on the place of Jesus in God's saving plan. In the light of the resurrection, the first Christians quickly came to see that what had happened in Jesus of Nazareth could not be limited to his earthly ministry. It had become impossible to speak of God's plan of salvation without seeing Jesus as its centre andynchpin. Paul sees Jesus as the unifying and life-giving force behind all of creation. While the hymn stresses the pride of place that Jesus has in God's saving plan as well as his lordship of all creation, the place and role of the cross is not forgotten. Peace and reconciliation have been achieved through Jesus' blood. It is on the cross, as nowhere else, that creation is born anew.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Deut 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder: "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37. R. cf. v. 33

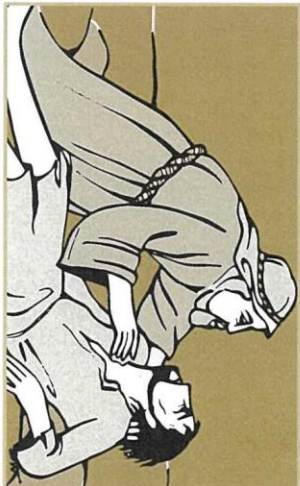
R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour: / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

2. As for me in my poverty and pain, / let your help, O God, lift me up, / I will praise God's name with a song: / I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

4. For God will bring help to Zion / and rebuild the cities of Judah. / The sons of his servants shall inherit it; / those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**



SECOND READING

Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:53,68

Allelujia, allelujia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Allelujia!