



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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd August 2020



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21



Readings for next Sunday:

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



Liturgical Jottings Numbers

Dictionaries define or describe numbers as quantity, quality, value, abstracts, sum of items, representation or symbol. The last descriptor best serves the needs of the biblical reader: symbol. We have biblical numbers: 40 days, nights, years, sons, generations, lambs and coins or 12 sons, leaders, tribes, apostles months and years. Numbers are more symbolic than factual in many biblical passages. The 5000 men in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes probably was not the result of a head count but a symbol that God's providence is generous and awesome. The hampers of left over scraps emphasises God's compassion and grace for his people. The symbolic use of the number adds to and not diminishes the miracle's importance. The later Eucharistic interpretation lets us understand the self-giving nature of Christ for the life of the whole world.

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Looking at the Gospel

The people are hungry. There are many responses to this plea: ignorance, misunderstanding or denial by the powerful or the hardhearted; pity, sympathy or compassion by the caring; action, redress and generosity by the able-bodied benefactors and social reformers plus many more actions, reactions and intentions by all sorts of persons. Isaiah speaks to a people who have returned from exile. They had longed to be back home but on their return they find their cities and towns in ruins and a famine in the land. Isaiah consoles them with words of hope in today's first reading. In time they will receive water, bread and prosper once again, not just materially but spiritual with God's covenant renewed.

The people are hungry. This time centuries later when the crowds spend all day listening to Jesus. Jesus has pity for their plight to hear the Word of God and at the end of the day he shows compassion for their need for food and strength to return home. There are six accounts in the four Gospels of feeding the crowd through the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Matthew gives a simple account. Last month on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we heard John's more detailed account and the following teaching on the Eucharist. Yet the symbolism in Matthew's account is also evident. Despite death [John the Baptist], hunger and poor provisions God hears their cry and overwhelms them with his response. Today the church of the people of God and the entire world are in need of spiritual food and material necessities of life.

Feeding of the crowds - symbol

Commentaries give symbolic meaning to Matthew's two accounts: 14:13-21 had 12 baskets of scraps leftover symbolising the 12 tribes of Israel. Matt 15:32-39 had 7 baskets leftover representing the entire world. Jesus provides spiritual food for all.

Prayer for the Week from the Psalm Response

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs. *Ps 144:16*

Saint of the Week: St John Vianney, Tues 4 August

Jean-Marie was born on 8 May 1786 near Lyon. His education had been interrupted by the French Revolution. Despite many difficulties he was ordained a priest and appointed parish priest of Ars, a town of 230 inhabitants. He quickly became renowned for his catechesis, preaching, witness to faith and charity and especially hearing confessions. He died on 4 August 1859. He is proclaimed patron saint of Parish Priests and recently of all priests.

On the Lighter Side

Q: How do you make the odd number 7 even without addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division? A: Drop the "S".



SANDHURST GIVES GENEROUSLY TO CARITAS COVID-19 APPEAL

The theme of Project Compassion this year was 'Go Further Together' and we certainly were called to 'Go Further Together' as the pandemic struck and Project Compassion morphed into the COVID 19 Appeal. Across the nation, donations were down by 27%, but the people of Sandhurst still managed to raise \$393,000 compared to \$496,000 last year, a decrease of only 21%.

Fr Rom Hayes and **Kerry Stone** would like to thank the people of Sandhurst for their generous support of the Caritas COVID-19 Appeal.

SOLEMN VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

St Mary's Mooroopna is going to be adding a new service to the weekend, that all parishes in the local area will be able to attend. Solemn vespers and Benediction.

This service will be held at 5.00pm on the **first Sunday of each month** starting on the **6th September**.

Due to COVID-19 there will be a limit to the number of people attending, and people are asked to register. This can be done by contacting the Mooroopna Parish Office (Email mooroopna@cdos.org.au or phone 5825 2034) or by contacting Mason Crosier (Email masoncrosier717@gmail.com).

CARITAS NEWS

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



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

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

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Parish Office – closed until further notice, however the Parish Office can still be contacted through its email address at: kyabram@cdos.org.au

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Fr Jinjo, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Joe Chant (Chairperson), Alana Brennan, Maurie Finn, John Forde, Katrina Johnson, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Brayden Stone, Mary Zobec

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Recently Deceased: Laurie McGrath, Joe DeMaio, Angelo Greco

Anniversaries:

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



Jul-EYE – Eye Health Awareness Month

As we say goodbye to July, a reminder that it was eye health awareness month. About 90% of vision loss is preventable, or treatable if detected early enough. Age-related macular degeneration affects central vision which is important for reading and driving. Every 65 minutes an Australian loses part or all of their vision. Cataracts form with slow and painless blurring of vision. You may be sensitive to bright lights while driving at night. Save your sight -- Get tested.

SUNDAY MASS - KYABRAM

Mass is currently celebrated each Sunday at St Augustine's church in Kyabram at 9.30am for a maximum of 20 people. Those wishing to attend Mass must book in prior to each Sunday. Please see the Parish website for details (<https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/>).