

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th August 2020



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28



Liturgical Jottings

Silence

Silence is a necessary dimension of liturgy. Just as there should be no celebration without song, so too there should be no celebration without periods for silent prayer and reflection. Silence enables those at prayer to receive in their hearts “the full sound of the voice of the Holy Spirit” and unite their prayer to the word of God and to the prayer of the whole church. Active participation in the liturgy through gestures, words and symbols must also involve the renewed practice of silence, in the positive sense of receptive openness to God’s mysterious presence. *Articles of Silence in The New Dictionaries of Sacramental Worship and Catholic Spirituality, The Liturgical Press 1993 & 2000.*

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Looking at the Readings

The Liturgy of the Word this Sunday opens with a wonderful account of the Prophet Elijah experience with encountering God. A theophany akin to Moses’ experience of God at the burning bush (Exodus 3). We read in English: [that God was heard] in “the sound of a gentle breeze.” (Jerusalem Bible - Australian Lectionary) or in “a sound of sheer silence” (New RSV). The Carmelites translate the Hebrew “qôl démâmâ daqqâ” as “a sound of thin silence” and offer us this commentary: “Elijah’s ineffable experience had found expression in an oxymoron that has, for centuries, frustrated scripture scholars as much as it has delighted Christian mystics. What does silence sound like? And thin silence at that! The biblical author provoked centuries of reflection”.

May we continue that reflection in light of today’s Gospel particularly in the final verse: “And as Jesus and Peter got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’” It was not Jesus walking on the water but his calming of the storm and in the quietness of the sea that they recognised him as the Son of God”.

We need silence in our daily life to allow God into our lives. During the COVID-19 restrictions with working from home, having enough of screen time with remote conferencing and schooling; less outings for shopping and visiting we find we have “New Time”. We may not have church time but we do have prayer time and reading time.

Saints of the Week

This coming week we have Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials: Assumption of Mary; St Lawrence; St Clare, St Jane Frances de Chantal, Maximilian Kolbe. An optional memorial, which often gets overlooked, is on Thursday 13 August-that of St Pontian, pope and martyr, and St Hippolytus priest and martyr. They are celebrated together but they were not always together when alive. Hippolytus was the first antipope. He opposed Pope Callistus and was installed as an “alternative pope”. After the election of Pope Pontian they reconciled but then both martyred under the Emperor Maximinus in 235. St Hippolytus gave us the basis for Eucharistic Prayer II in our missals today.

On the Lighter Side

I asked children what’s best about being back at school: their classroom interaction, being with friends, kicking the football at playtime, more subjects. Then what was good about remote learning: being close to the fridge; having sleep breaks anytime. But school was best!



RETURN TO STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS (for regional Victoria)

With the change to Victorian COVID-19 restrictions announced by the Premier on 2nd August 2020, churches are now closed to members of the public for liturgies and for private worship.

There are some limited exceptions, including funerals, which may be celebrated with a maximum of 10 attendees (in addition to the celebrant and funeral staff).

This is a difficult and challenging time for us all as we return to tighter restrictions, but as a Parish we continue to strive to remain connected. We have our online bulletin, our website and our Facebook page to help parishioners keep informed about what is happening within our Parish, our Diocese and beyond. Here you will find links to live Masses and resources to pray at home.

Fr Jinjo will continue to pray for our sick, our recently deceased and for anniversaries. In our bulletin we will continue (with individual permission) to acknowledge special birthdays (80, 90 & 100), as well as special wedding anniversaries or any other milestone. These can be emailed to the parish (Kyabram@cdos.org.au) if you would like them included on the bulletin.

As individuals, we can continue to pray for our families and friends, and those around us. The power of a telephone call should not be underestimated, and is a simple thing that may make a big difference in someone's day during these times of isolation.

May the continued prayers of our Parish give you a measure of comfort and peace during this very difficult time.

STORMING HEAVEN

Fr Tony Hill from Euroa and Nagambie Parish had a great idea about 'storming heaven' that maybe we here in our Kyabram Parish can do.

With the return to Stage 3 restrictions, Fr Tony remembered an old Irish custom when people were ill or in danger, of "storming heaven". That meant getting people to pray hard.

Without doubt we're all doing that now anyway, but Fr Tony has suggested that everybody stops what they're doing at 5.30pm every day and prays one decade of the Rosary.

That's all. One decade.

But if enough of us set aside the 5 minutes or so, we can together "storm heaven". If we know we're doing that with other parishioners it will help.

As the Memorare reminds us "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided."

Euroa and Nagambie Parish started during the week, but anyone can join in on any day at 5.30pm.

Fr Tony said they would love anyone to join them. In his words: "I'm reluctant to say 'it'd be good if the idea went viral', but maybe by going viral we'll help things along!"

QUOTE

The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow. Don't give up.

– Robert Tew

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

KEEPING THE HOPE ALIVE

How can we use the next 6 weeks to reflect and deepen our faith?

St. Kilian's Parish will be running small reflections through their Facebook page, providing an opportunity for us to grow in faith and keep our hope in Christ alive.

Next Thursday morning listen to Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, an amazing person, a master theologian, a prolific writer, a great speaker who can utterly give a clarity of message of HOPE.

KEEPING THE HOPE ALIVE
THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST 2020 @ 10:30AM
ST KILIAN'S PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP
Theologian / Author

Works: *Alive in God, A Christian Imagination*
What is the Point of Being a Christian?
Why go to Church?
Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation
I Call You Friends

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Recently Deceased: Laurie McGrath, Joe DeMaio

Anniversaries: Constantina Palma

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



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ST KILIAN'S SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAMED

Mass still continues to be celebrated at St Kilian's Church, on Sundays at 10.00am, livestreamed to the diocese's website: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/>.

St Kilian's Parish through their Facebook page also has live online Holy Mass at 12.10pm Monday through to Saturday each week, as well as Rosary at 9.00pm every night. Simply search for St Kilian's Parish on Facebook.

MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

Mary MacKillop Feast Day is held every August 8th, in honour of the revered Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

She was the first Saint of Australia, and her influence in the country has spread far and wide. She is recognised for her commitment to the poor, helping those who needed it the most in any way she could.

This year is the 10-year anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross.

OUR WEBSITE

<https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/>

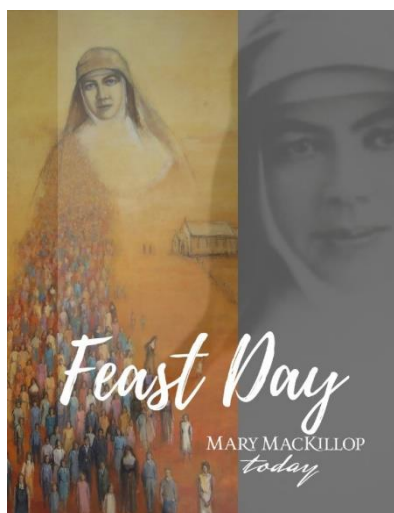
Please see our Parish website for information about other options available for online Masses, as well as resources for Sunday readings and family prayer.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:29)

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.



Thank you for your prayers

Mary MacKillop Today supports thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.

Please pray for Mary MacKillop Today especially during the challenging times we all face, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vitals works carrying on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop.

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