

KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

St Augustine's-Kyabram ~ St Patrick's-Tongala ~ St Sebastian's-Merrigum

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23 October 2022



Readings for
this week:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



Readings for
next Sunday

Wisdom 11:23-12:1
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Prayer III

The liturgical prayers of the Mass enable the community to communicate in common, to express faith and worship together and unify the participants in praise and thanksgiving to God. The structure and texts must include certain devices: common language, order, and patterns of dialogue. In short, liturgical prayer will tend to be formal, ritualised, engaging, stylised, inclusive, universal, repetitive and familiar. In the one celebration prayers take the form of greeting, invitation, blessing, confession, praise, thanksgiving, petition, acclamation, offering, and remembrance. Some prayer texts e.g.: "The Lord be with you" are at the same time a greeting, an invitation to prayer, a blessing and an imperative that God is with us.

Looking at the Readings

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteous-ness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavours to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the Week

O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner. As we stand before you, grant us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbour. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Quote of the Week

The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it. *St Vincent de Paul*

On the Lighter Side

Did you know that the aardvark is the humblest, most inoffensive and harmless animal in existence. As my Granddad used to say, "Aardvark never hurt anyone."



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Steve Doherty, Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Amy Nicholson, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy

Recently Deceased:- Mark Bourke

Anniversaries:-

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	24 Oct	-
Tues	25 Oct	Rosary 4:45pm Mass 5:00pm. Liturgy Meeting 5:45pm
Wed	26 Oct	-
Thurs	27 Oct	Mass 9:15am Grandparents Mass (St Aug's Years 1/2 & 7)
Fri	28 Oct	-
Sat	29 Oct	No Mass
Sun	30 Oct	Mass 8.30am (Past Students, Friends Memorial Mass and cuppa after Mass)
Mon	31st Oct	-
Tues	1 Nov	No Mass.
Wed	2 Nov	All Souls Mass – 5:00pm
Thurs	3 Nov	Anointing Mass 10:00 am
Fri	4 Nov	-
Sat	5 Nov	No Mass
Sun	6 Nov	Mass 8:30am (and cuppa after Mass) Mass 11:30 Tongala

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY –

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we join together and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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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

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third 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 10.00 am in St Augustine's Church.

Colloquium 2022 - Postponed:

We regret to inform you that the Tenth Bishop Joseph Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration has been postponed to a later date due to floods in central Victoria. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may have caused.

In the meantime, we continue praying for those who are affected by the floods.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS



This weekend we welcome
Zoe Hazel Mitchell
into our faith community.
Please keep Zoe
and her parents
and godparents
in your prayers.

St Vincent de Paul Society 2022 Goulburn Valley Region Festival Mass and Gathering

When: Sunday 30th October
Time: 10am
Where: St Mary's Church
McLennan St, Mooropna
RSVP: by Friday 21st October
including any dietary
requirements to Margaret
Campbell
Margc2@dodo.com.au

Sandhurst World Youth Day 2022:

Our Lady, Mother of God Church, Wangaratta South,
1pm – 9pm, Saturday 19th November

Bishop Shane is inviting all young people aged 15-35 from across the Diocese to gather in Wangaratta on Saturday November 19th for the annual Diocesan World Youth Day celebration.

Drawing on the global WYD theme, "Mary arose and went with haste" Luke 1:39, the Sandhurst celebration will explore what it means when Pope Francis asks young people to be "protagonists of change" (Christus Vivit, n174).

With music, talks, conversations and opportunities to meet other young people from across the Diocese, the Sandhurst World Youth Day 2022 celebration is shaping up to be an event not to be missed. We will, of course, also be celebrating the Vigil Mass for the Feast of Christ the King with Bishop Shane.

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PRIEST RETIREMENT FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SANDHURST SUPPORT ANNUAL COLLECTION

You will find envelopes at the back of the church for the support of the Priest Retirement Foundation, please collect after the Mass. There will be a loose collection the weekend of 12 & 13 November.

I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.
Luke 18:14

There will be a loose collection for Mission Sunday after our two Masses this weekend

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

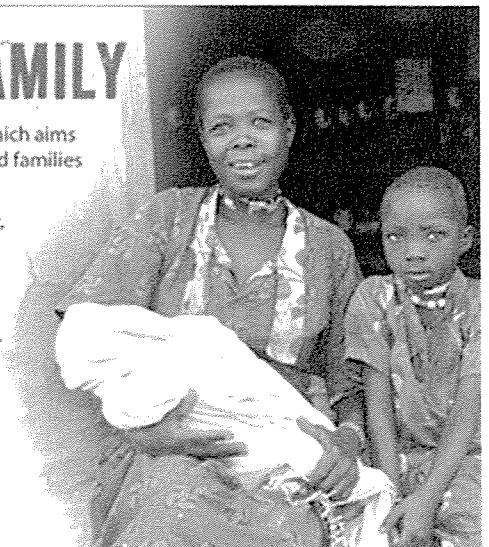
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Breaking Open the Word

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he
has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

*The publican returned to his home justified; the
Pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND HUMBLE

An ever-present danger for the sincerely devoted and religious person is that of falling into the trap of self-righteousness. The danger that lurks is that of seeing others as less committed and worthwhile in God's eyes than oneself. Both the first reading from Ecclesiasticus and Jesus' parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector provide us with timely and penetrating reminders that it is the prayer of the person who knows their need of the Lord that pierces the clouds of heaven. Humble and grateful acceptance of the Lord's mercy and love is our most appropriate response.

As the second letter to Timothy concludes, Paul's ministry is evaluated. Rather than think that Paul is blowing his own trumpet, it is worth remembering that this letter was probably written by one of Paul's disciples. In their judgement, Paul had indeed run the best of all races, and he was more than worthy to receive the crown of righteousness after his ministry as a fearless and tireless proclaimer of the Good News. In that ministry, he had often met with opposition, misunderstanding and sometimes even betrayal (2 Corinthians 11:21-30). Through all this, he was supported by the knowledge that the Lord was standing by his side as the source of his power. He had no illusions that he was anything but an earthen vessel that carried a priceless treasure, and that the power belonged to the Lord (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Christopher Monaghan CP

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

FIRST READING

Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Sirach

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God
will be accepted.

his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes
notice of him,
acquires the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

R. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise
always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall
make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be
glad. R.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked /
to destroy their remembrance from the earth. /
The just call and the Lord hears / and rescues
them in all their distress. R.
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; /
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. /
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. /
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. R.



SECOND READING

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness
reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a
libation, and the time has come for me to be
gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I
have run the race to the finish; I have kept the
faith; all there is to come now is the crown of
righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, will give to me on that
Day; and not only to me but to all those who
have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,
there was not a single witness to support me.
Every one of them deserted me – may they not
be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood
by me and gave me power, so that through me
the whole message might be proclaimed for all
the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from
the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from
all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to
his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever
and ever. Amen.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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