

KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 January 2023



*Readings for
this week:*

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Cor 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



*Readings for
next Sunday*

Isaiah 8:23-9:31
1 Cor 1:10-13,17
Matthew 4:12-23



Liturgical Jottings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is no first Sunday in Ordinary Time, though some old missals give it as a subtitle to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The weekdays however, following this Feast are called the first week in Ordinary Time. Also this year the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord was not held on a Sunday. When Epiphany falls on Sunday 7th or 8th of January, the feast is placed on the Monday, lest Christmastide is extended, thus running short of Mass texts.

This year Matthew Gospel is read semi-continuously through Cycle A of Ordinary Time except for this Second Sunday. This week the Gospel is according to John concerning the witness of John the Baptist. He points out Jesus as the Lamb of God and testifies that the Spirit descended on Jesus at his Baptism.

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Looking at the Readings

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah gives us four Songs of the Servant. The servant is generally accepted as a figure typifying Christ and that these four songs were written by a later author called “Second Isaiah”. This Sunday we hear the second song. The servant is chosen by the Lord to restore Israel, to be a light of the nations and bring salvation to the ends of the earth. The servant is obedient, humble, courageous and suffers for the sake of his mission and will, in the end, be victorious. The servant, not only typifies the Christ-Messiah, but also other prophets, apostles, saints and any Christian, especially those who suffer for the faith.

The Gospel bridges the gap between Christ’s birth / Epiphany and the beginning of his public ministry some thirty year later. Today’s Gospel passage also spans the gap of the missing feast of the Baptism of the Lord, normally the Sunday after the Epiphany but moved this year to last Monday. John’s account is more of a meditation on the implications of the Baptism of Jesus rather than a report of the event. Jesus is the Lamb of God, reminiscent of the suffering servant of Isaiah and he has been anointed by the Spirit of God, reminiscent of the Messiah-King of Isaiah 11:1-2 which was read during Advent. This passage serves as a preface to the forthcoming mission of Christ read in the following weeks from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Prayer for the Week

Merciful God, you sent your Son, the spotless Lamb, to take upon himself the sin of the world.
Make our lives holy,
that your Church may bear witness to your purpose
of reconciling all things in Christ,
who lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.

What is Ordinary Season

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

On the Lighter Side

What does John the Baptist and Winnie the Pooh have in common? They have the same middle name “the” and they also share a love of honey.



MASS TIMES & ROSTERS

Sunday 22nd January at 8.30am:

Commentator –M Carver
Lector –N Watt
Special Minister-

Saturday 28th January at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris
Lector – M Radanaov
Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 29th January at 8.30am

Commentator – T Hehir
Lector – V Fox
Special Minister – P Hehir

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you always.
Last week's Collection is **\$884.55**

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you to our generous givers for your ongoing support of our Parish! Our Planned Giving and collections are for –parish operating expenses, churches maintenance, clergy support and presbytery support. If you are a new parishioner or now in a position to give there are many ways to give to our church needs.

Giving is by way of church envelopes, direct debit or periodic credit card payments and is flexible to suit your preference of weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, and half yearly or yearly. You can also give without a set pledge amount or timeframe to give by.

We encourage anyone who is not on the Planned Giving Program to contact Fr. John. Thank you for considering this option to support our Parish.

POSITION VACANT

PARISH ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

St. Augustine Parish, Kyabram

Permanent part-time position: 14 hours per week

We are looking for a highly motivated individual for this diverse role.

Duties include;

- Office support to the Parish Priest.
- Reception and general administrative functions.
- Bookkeeping, secretarial and office management.
- Preparation of parish bulletin.
- Maintaining accurate and secure records including on the parish website.
- Administration of baptisms, funerals and weddings.
- Management of accounts payable and receivable and banking.
- Record keeping and accounting to Balance Sheet level.
- Other duties commensurate with your skills and experience assigned by the Parish Priest from time to time.

To succeed in the role, you will need;

- Excellent communication skills.
- Developed organizational skills.
- Ability to maintain a high level of integrity, confidentiality and discretion.
- Ability to work to priorities and timeframes with attention to detail in an environment of interruptions.
- Sound knowledge of basic financial accounting packages and Microsoft Office suite of products.
- Knowledge of Child Safety Standards and procedures.
- An understanding of the Catholic faith and a willingness to work within the Catholic ethos.
- Initiative and a capacity to work with a minimum of supervision.

Submit applications and resume to

kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au Enquiries to Fr. John Paul Pasala, Parish Priest: 03 5852 1026. Alana Brennan: 0427 658 563; Wayne Mulcahy: 0402 358 221.

Applications close at 5:00 pm on 20/01/2023.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We are once again considering if any business would be interested in advertising in our Parish bulletin, website.

The costs are

Ad (5x6cm)

3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200
6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

Thanking you in advance for your support. If you would like any further details, please talk to Fr. John or any member of the Finance Committee



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Recently Deceased: Nick Quattrocchi, Joan Macdermid, Joy Shortis, Cardinal George Pell, Adrian Barber.

Anniversaries: Leornarda Leocata.



FORTNIGHT TIME TABLE

Mon 16 Jan -
Tues 17 Jan - Rosary 4:45pm; Mass 5:00pm, Liturgy Meeting 5.45pm
Wed 18 Jan -
Thurs 19 Jan - Mass 9:15am.
Fri 20 Jan -

Weekend Masses

Sat 21 Jan - No Mass
Sun 22 Jan - Mass 8:30am.

Mon 23 Jan
Tues 24 Jan - Rosary 4.45pm; Mass 5.00pm.
Wed 25 Jan -
Thurs 26 Jan - No Mass
Fri 27 Jan -

Weekend Masses

Sat 28 Jan - Mass 6pm.
Sun 29 Jan - Mass 8:30am.

Parish Priest

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Principals

St Augustine's College

Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary

Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala,,
Alana Brennan (Chairperson)
Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,
Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Finola Price,
Natalie Watt, Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,
Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),
James Harris (Deputy Chair)
John Zobec, Naomi Hehir, Mary Zobec.

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 10.00am in St Augustine's
Church.

ALTAR SERVERS

Thank you to Marg Cocks for training up our new altar Servers. We thank them for their commitment and willingness to help. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please see Marg Cocks or call her on 0428 522 330.

POSITIONS VACANT

A number of positions are currently Vacant on **Parish Finance Council** and **Parish maintenance Person**, please consider helping out in these areas of need and be part of a team in forming the future of our Parish. Please contact Fr. John Paul.

Home Communion

The Parish offers home communion. If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish Office (5852 1026) please leave message or Mary Zobec- 0427 190 282



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 Finola Price on 03 58521310.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

In 1: 14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

In 1: 29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

LIGHT TO ALL PEOPLES

Like Archimedes, there are times we can call out 'eureka' (I have found!) and know that we have come to a moment of understanding and insight about ourselves. In the first reading, the mysterious servant figure found in the book of Isaiah has arrived at such a moment. They have come to see that their ministry is not only to bring the exiled people of Israel back to their land and to their God but to stand as a light and beacon to the nations.

In a similar fashion, John the Baptist comes to understand himself most truly when he sees Jesus and can proclaim him as the Lamb of God. At that moment, he understands that his ministry's purpose is to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism of repentance is one that prepares the ground for the baptism of the Spirit which Jesus will give.

During the next seven weeks, the second reading will be taken from Paul's first letter to the community he had founded in Corinth. It was a vibrant and volatile community that was just as varied in status, nationality and wealth as the cosmopolitan city itself. The city was a hive of activity situated where trade routes north-south and east-west intersected. As Paul begins the letter, he is mindful of the international character of the city and of the early Christian movement itself and so it is with this insight that he prays with all those throughout the world who call with faith on the name of Jesus.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 JANUARY 2023

FIRST READING

Isa 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

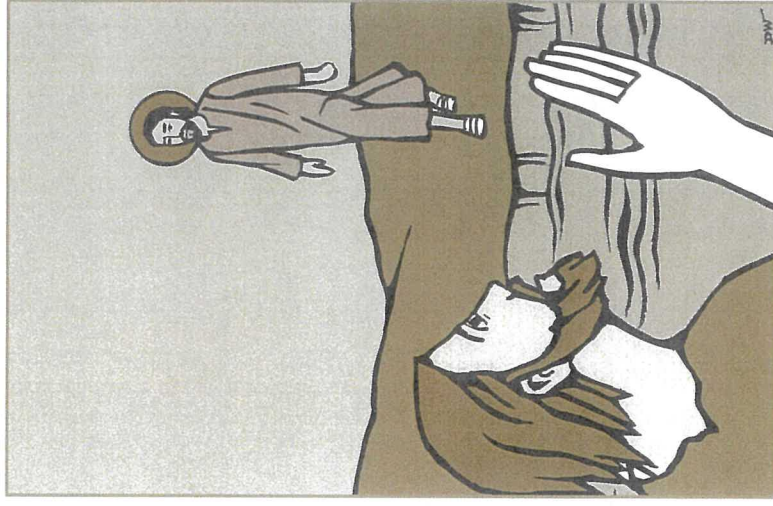
R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. R.

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. R.

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. R.

4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. R.



SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

■ The word of the Lord.