



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 September 2023



Readings for this week:

Sirach 27:30-28-7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24,27
Matthew 20:1-16



Liturgical Jottings Eucharistic Prayer part 2 Epiclesis

“The *epiclesis*, in which, by means of particular invocations, the Church implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated, that is, become Christ’s Body and Blood, and that the unblemished sacrificial Victim to be consumed in Holy Communion may be for the salvation of those who will partake of it.” GIRM 79c

This part of the Eucharistic prayer is also symbolised by the priest holding his hands over the bread and wine as a gesture calling the Holy Spirit down onto the gifts. A bell may be rung to alert assembly to the consecration. From the second Eucharistic prayer we have: “*Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall.*”

Interestingly the Roman Canon (the First Eucharistic Prayer) does not have an explicit epiclesis.

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Looking at the Readings

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God’s forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed. ©

Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the Week

Happy those who forgive: they welcome your forgiveness. Lord.

Pope Francis on the Season of Creation 2023

During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.

On the Lighter Side

When I was a kid I prayed for a new bicycle. Then I learned the Lord doesn't work that way so I stole a bike and prayed for forgiveness. But in confessing the sin I learned that I should not work that way and so I returned the bike.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Sam Peyton, Shane McDonnell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson, John Nisbet.

Recently Deceased: Joyce Schultz, Mary Hehir, John Monks, Ian Lennie

Anniversaries: Virginia Spina, Les Karell, Isabel Slaughter

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



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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of month at

5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

Mass of Anointing are held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 16th September - 5pm Sacraments

Sun 17th September - 10am Sacraments

Sun 17th September - Merrigum – NO MASS

Tue 19th September - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 21st September – 9.15am

Weekly Masses

Sat 23rd September - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass – cuppa after Mass

Sun 24th September - 8.30am

Tue 26th September - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 28th September – 9.15am

Weekly Masses

Sun 1st October - 8.30am – Multicultural Mass

Sun 1st October- 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 3rd October- 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 5th October- 10am Anointing Mass

ROSTERS

Saturday 23rd September at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – M Radanov

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 24th September at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister – F Turner

Sunday 1st October at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – B Lyon

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

Last week's Collection is \$ 1137.20

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 5852 1310.

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 and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

There are envelopes available at each door for the annual Priest Retirement Foundation appeal collection. Please consider supporting our retired priests in the diocese, donation envelopes can be left in the collection plate.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

It is an offering that may be small, but is of great symbolic value: It expresses the sense of belonging to the Church and **love and trust for the Holy Father**. It is a tangible sign of communion with Him, as Peter's Successor, and also of attention to the needs of the most disadvantaged, for whom the Pope always cares.

A collection in support of the Holy Father (also known as Peter's Pence), will be made on the Weekend of 23 & 24th September. This is one of the appeals that are listed as an annual collection on the Diocesan Fundraising Policy. It is an opportunity for us to show in a very practical way our support and appreciation for the Pope's ministry in the Church and for his powerful witness in the world.

This collection is used for two primary purposes:

to support the Pope's service of the universal Church, carried out by the Dicasteries that assist him in evangelization, promotion of integral human development, education, communication, etc;

to contribute to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need (people and families in distress, populations hit by natural disasters or war, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or development support). Further information is available on the Peter's Pence website:

<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

MARIAN FESTIVAL BENDIGO

Sunday 15th October 2023

St Brendan's Shepparton are ascertaining whether booking a Coach to travel across to Bendigo for the Marian Festival will be feasible or not. To do this we please ask that you contact Maureen on 0403 876 578 and register your interest as soon as possible.

WAITING AT THE WELL

Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am–12.30pm (in-person event) Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Bookings via:

<https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/?Oreemail=info@heartoflife.melbourne>

Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome Bishop Shane Mackinlay DD, parents, family and friends of the children who are receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We congratulate the following children and ask that you please keep them in your prayers:

Antonia De Pasquale	Edward Crow
Oliver Dervish	Christopher Fitzpatrick
Ella Forde	Radmilo (RJ) Kurilic
Tilly Forde	Rhys McKiernan
Chayse Guiney	Tyler Nicholson
Chloe Guiney	Liam Parsons
Ella Morris	Wes Smith
Kyle Pethybridge	Elsie Stevens
Alarna Tomasini	Amelie Zobec

BIRTHDAY CONGRATUALTIONS

Wishing Win Crilly birthday wishes for her 90th birthday this month. May God bless you always and keep you in good health.

SONGS OF PRAISE

A visit to Belgrave Heights for "Songs of Praise". Enjoying fellowship and singing. Thanks to Walters Buslines, a 24 seater bus will be leaving Kyabram Transit Centre at 9.30am on Sunday 22nd October. The trip will take about 3 hours. Cost is \$63 per person. A stop for lunch is planned at the South Belgrave "white Wolf" café, where you will be booked in to buy your own lunch. The cost for the concert is \$10 (\$5 conc). Hope you can come and join in. Arrival home will be about 7.30pm. Contact Margaret Body 0422 532 213.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

Our annual Multicultural Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 1st October at 8.30am followed by brunch. You are invited to bring a plate to share and dress in your national costumes.

MARIAN FESTIVAL AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, 15TH OCTOBER

Please join us on October 15th at the Annual Marian Festival at Sacred Heart Cathedral to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and entrust our diocese, our nation and the world to the protection of her Immaculate Heart.

The Festival will be led by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson, beginning with Mass at 11am and continuing with devotions throughout the afternoon. For more information go to www.bendigofatima.com or call Wilma on 5439 6283

MEN'S CHOIR

The men's choir has restarted on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please come at 8am to practice.

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." *St. Catherine of Siena*

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Would you be interested in advertising your business in our Parish bulletin and on our website?

The costs are: **Advert (5x6cm)**

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If you would like further details, please talk to Fr John, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.

PIETY STORE

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