



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

Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 3rd October 2021



Readings for this Sunday
Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16



Readings for next week:
Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30



Liturgical Jottings

The Senses - Smell

Our Liturgies use the senses to help convey meaning and to involve the whole human person in the rituals that celebrate the works of God: his creation and our salvation.

The sense of smell is engaged in at least three ways in our liturgy in the burning incense, anointing with chrism in baptism, confirmation and holy orders and by the presence of flowers to adorn the sanctuary and church. In the Rite of Consecration of Chrism the bishop mixes perfume in the olive oil and prays that God make fragrant those to be baptised and confirmed.

Incense creates both smoke and aroma signifying our prayers rising up to God smelling sweet.

Flowers add fragrance and beauty to our worship space.

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Focus on the Readings

The Book of Genesis addresses the major themes of Life: creation, place of humanity, births, marriages and death, good and evil, dignity of work, causes of human diversity and our relationship to God. Also written at a time of widespread polygamy, the accounts of the creation of man and woman clearly express the bonds and destiny of man and woman.

When the Pharisees asked Jesus about divorce, it was a trick question that allowed neither “No” nor “Yes” for they were divided themselves about the laws of Moses. So Jesus did not tackle their tight question but reminded them of the creation, equality, dignity and destiny of man and woman before God their creator. Let us find the meaning, purpose and future of marriage. History has demonstrated that difficult questions still remain and solutions require compassion, grace, freedom and faith.

The role of parents as formators of faith of their children is evident in the second part today’s Gospel passage. Jesus as welcomer to all comers is shown in his concern for the little ones. It is a lesson for us all!

Letter to the Hebrews

The Lectionary this Sunday begins a seven-week sequence of the letter to the Hebrews. Cycle C in Ordinary time has a four-week sequence then this book rarely appears again with a notable exception on Christmas morning. Author unknown, written about 80-90 AD to Greek reading Jewish Christians, the letter teaches about the nature of Christ, compares the old temple priesthood with the new Priesthood of Christ and the new Covenant. It is not easy to read but rewarding and encouraging.

Season of Creation www.columban.org.au

Catholics have a tradition of telling stories of the saints that inspire and entertain us. Stories about post-industrial saints tell of setting up schools and hospitals, newspapers and unions to care for factory workers and their families. Recently we hear stories of ecological martyrs committed to caring for Earth as our common home. Sainly stories coming from our own circles may surprise us. These stories are part of our spiritual journey, strengthening our commitment and broadening our vision. In 1990 John Paul II named Francis of Assisi as the patron saint of ecology. Tomorrow, 4 October, is his feast day and the last day of the Season of Creation.

On the Lighter Side

Magician: “I can turn this handkerchief into a flower.”

Boy: “That’s nothing. I can walk down the street and turn into an alley.” A young man had to buy his dog flowers because he accidentally called it the name of his former dog.



ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday 7th October at 10.00am** in St Augustine's Church. All welcome.

Please note that on this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.

COPING WITH COVID & LOCKDOWNS

Thank you to Anne & Brian O'Meara for their insight:

"Our day to day activities have been rather subdued, However a morning walk to get the paper and an evening walk for health are non-negotiable. The mobile phone has been a godsend as it allows us to keep in touch with Nick and Greg. A couple hours of gardening helps while the time away. Our Austin Healey feels forgotten as it's only had very limited outings. Thank God we can have a catchup with the Lord and parishioners at Mass".

- Brian & Anne O'Meara

Please feel free to submit your thoughts to us via paper or email to the Parish Office.

This is an initiative of our Parish PPC.

RCIA ENQUIRY - If you are interested in finding out more about our Catholic faith, please contact Annette Ryan (0408 502 858) or Mary Zobec (0427 190 282) for more details.

PLENARY COUNCIL

The First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held from Sunday 3rd October until Saturday 9th October.

- For information visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>
- To view livestreamed Plenary sessions 11.00 am and 1.30 pm visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>
- To check daily news go to the **Plenary Council Facebook** page and Sandhurst social media.
- For more information see the latest edition of Sandhurst eNews.

Please continue to pray for those attending the first Plenary Council assembly.

SCHOOL RESUMES

We welcome students, staff and families back for the beginning of fourth term, whether learning from home or in the classroom. We hope that all have been able to have a relaxing and enjoyable break.

MASS BOOKINGS

As per the Victorian Government Covid restrictions, currently Mass numbers will be limited to 20 people, plus those necessary to conduct the service.

Bookings for weekend Masses only can be made through the Trybooking links on our website or ringing the Parish Office and leaving a message. **Bookings do not need to be made for weekday Masses.**

MARIAN FESTIVAL - Sunday, 10th October

The Marian Festival is an annual celebration, a special day of prayers and devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. The festival has grown in size over time and in recent years hundreds have come from all over the Sandhurst Diocese as well as from Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong.

This year will be the second time that involvement by the Faithful will need to be online through www.bendigofatima.com with Mass at 1.00pm, **Sunday 10th October 2021**, followed by a program consisting of Crowning Our Lady, Act of Consecration, Rosary, Litany, Reflection, Adoration, concluding with Benediction.

A flyer with prayers is available at the back of the church for those wishing to join this online event.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, 9th October at 6.00pm:

Commentator – M Radanov; Lector – W Mulcahy; (No Special Minister required).

Sunday 10th October at 8.30am:

Commentator – T Hehir; Lector – M Carver; (No Special Minister required).

Sunday, 10th September at Tongala at 11.30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Nita Martin (Guiney)

Anniversaries: -

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	4 Oct	<i>Term 4 begins</i>
Tues	5 Oct	Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Protection of the Unborn)
Wed	6 Oct	-
Thurs	7 Oct	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	8 Oct	-
Sat	9 Oct	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	10 Oct	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Tongala
Mon	11 Oct	-
Tues	12 Oct	Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Vocations to Religious Life)
Wed	13 Oct	-
Thurs	14 Oct	Mass 9.15am
Fri	15 Oct	-
Sat	16 Oct	No Mass
Sun	17 Oct	Mass 8.30am

SANDPIPER E-NEWS - The latest issue of Sandpiper e-News is now available online. Issue 29 can be accessed through the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/4f2d90c5ae65/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-8088269>

THE MASS (An 8 part course presented by FRG Ministry)

The Mass is the ultimate prayer we can pray. This course is designed to help you understand what happens during this powerful prayer. Each time at Mass, we have the potential to be changed but we need to understand how God is changing us.

In this 8 part course, Fr Rob Galea will lead you through each part of the Mass. As you learn about the meaning behind each symbol, gesture and prayer, your understanding of what happens during the Mass will be transformed. It is our hope that after completing this course, you will be able to go to Mass and walk out never the same again as you have this healing encounter with Christ.

Whether you're new to The Mass, or have been attending for quite some time, this course has something for everyone.

For further information, including cost, go to:

<https://courses.frgministry.com/themass>

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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

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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CALLED TO RELATIONSHIP

Given the context in which we live where the breakdown of marriage is an ever increasing and painful reality, the readings for today call for us to examine anew the Christian foundations for marriage. The first reading in speaking of Adam's search for a helpmate and companion poignantly brings into relief the deep seated sense of incompleteness which is a part of the experience of each of us. The underlying truth is that it is by being in relationship with another, or others, that we can become most fully ourselves.

Jesus' authority as a teacher was being sorely tested by his opponents and they used the question of divorce as a means to discredit him. Without denying the authority of Moses Jesus takes his opponents back to the story of creation in order to show the dignity and purpose of marriage. There is no doubt that Jesus speaks powerfully regarding the value of marriage, but it is also critical to note that Jesus' reply does not pretend to cover all the situations that can befall a marriage, nor how to respond to them.

From now until the end of the year we will be following the letter to the Hebrews and paying particular attention to its reflection on the person of Jesus and his relationship to God and to us. Some of the images used in the letter are unfamiliar, and so it's important that the modern reader appreciate the belief that underpins them – that Jesus has shared in our experience, and so is able to be our leader and representative before God.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING Gen 2:18-24
A reading from the book of Genesis.

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them: each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 127. R. v. 5

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord / and walk in his ways! / By the labour of your hands you shall eat. / You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine / in the heart of your house; / your children like shoots of the olive, / around your table. **R.**



3. Indeed thus shall be blessed / the man who fears the Lord. / May the Lord bless you from Zion / in a happy Jerusalem / all the days of your life! / May you see your children's children. / On Israel, peace! **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!