

# 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

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**



Readings for this Sunday

Ezekiel 2:2-5  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
Mark 6:1-6



Readings for next week:

Amos 7:12-15  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:7-13



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Homily III

Another feature of a good homily is that it is positive. It is not so much concerned with pointing out what shouldn't be done, but with suggesting what we can do better. In any case, if it does draw attention to something negative, it will also attempt to point to a positive and attractive value, lest it remain mired in complaints, laments, criticisms and reproaches. Positive preaching always offers hope, points to the future, does not leave us trapped in negativity. How good it is when priests, deacons and the laity gather periodically to discover resources which can make preaching more attractive! Pope Francis 2013, *Evangelii Gaudium* n. 159.

## Focus on the Gospel

I once observed a man standing on a milk crate, bible in hand either reading aloud or preaching. I could not hear him. He was on the grass verge of the Shepparton Causeway, cars were rushing by and there were no pedestrians. No one could hear him. We read in the first reading that Ezekiel was sent to the rebels in the northern kingdom to prophesise, “whether they listen or not.” There is a big difference between the Shepparton preacher and Ezekiel: Ezekiel’s voice was heard but did his hearers heed his message to convert, return to the Lord and practice justice?

Jesus suffered the fate of many of the Lord’s Prophets; people ridiculed him, the authorities persecuted him many would not accept him, even in his home town (today’s Gospel). His townsfolk were astonished at what he said, but then Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith. Several times we hear this in the gospels. On the other hand he hear that Jesus is amazed at the faith of others: the Syro-Phoenician woman and Roman centurion.

The two readings call us to listen to and receive the word of God, to let his truth take hold of our celebrations and social participation. It is the role of the prophet to awaken our response to faith. Christ gives strength to us to accept and believe in him and to live our faith in our world.

## Quote of the Week

“It is when I and weak that I am strong.” *St Paul, 2 Cor 12:10*

## Saint of the Week: Friday 9 July

St Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Dufresse of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism, Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. The 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930. Eighty-seven of them were born in China, and were children, parents, catechists or labourers, ranging in age from nine years to 72 and includes four Chinese priests. 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious. Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonised on October 1, 2000.

## On the Lighter Side

What do you call a man who can't stand? Neil.  
What do you call a man laying on the floor? Matt.  
What do you call a can opener that doesn't work? A can't opener! And finally what do you get when you combine a rhetorical question and a joke?





## ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> July

### “HEAL COUNTRY”

Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia’s First peoples.

This year NATSICC is adopting the NAIDOC theme for 2021 – Heal Country. Today our world is in need of healing – environmentally, spiritually and socially. We must all come together as a global community to fight the injustices of inequality, racism and environmental damage.

We hope this celebration will help all our communities to begin to Heal and in turn aid in the healing of those in most need.

### CUPPA AFTER MASS

A cuppa will be held after the 7.00pm Saturday Mass this weekend.

We invite all to stay and enjoy this fellowship.



### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OFFICE HOURS

A reminder that Parish Office hours are limited over the school holidays so please contact the office with any bulletin notices or anniversary names well in advance.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

A new date for the Parish’s third Strategic Planning workshop has now been set. It will be held on **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm** in the School Staff Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm:

Commentator – S Carroll; Lector – M Radanov; Special Minister – C Stewart

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00am:

Commentator – Help needed; Lector – M Finn; Special Minister – F Turner

### ST SEBASTIAN’S MERRIGUM REUNION

It was wonderful that many were able to be part of the Merrigum Reunion by attending Mass at Merrigum and enjoying lunch at the Ky Club last Sunday.

Thank you to all that helped on the day, and a very special thank you to **Joe and Leah Chant** for organising this special occasion.

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome

#### Katzumie Gadin

into our faith community.



Please keep Katzumie and her parents, Renie and Jackilyn, and godparents in your prayers.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief is a very personal journey

There is no right way to experience bereavement: the period of sadness and loneliness we experience from the loss of a loved one. Everyone’s journey is unique and personal. Losing a loved one can change your life in so many ways. Nothing is the same.

The Parish Pastoral Council has recognised the need for a Support Group for people who are experiencing emotions relating to loss.

The Group will commence in September 2021 by meeting for 2 hours once a month initially to share companionship, experiences, stories and coping strategies to support one another. The people who come together will determine the direction of the support group. The meeting place will be in the shared area of the Church.

Please remember that there are people in our community who are suffering in silence. This group may fill a void in their lives by acknowledging their suffering and provide them with hope for the future.

If you or you know of someone who may be interested in attending this group please contact Alana Brennan on 0427658563 for a confidential chat and more information.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** Pat Guinan, Fr George Pasala, Marjory Brennan

**Anniversaries:** -

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



## DIARY DATES

Monday	5 July	-
Tuesday	6 July	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	7 July	-
Thursday	8 July	Mass 9.15am
Friday	9 July	-
Saturday	10 July	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	11 July	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.30am Tongala
Monday	12 July	-
Tuesday	13 July	Mass 5.00pm PPC meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday	14 July	-
Thursday	15 July	Mass 9.15am Sacramental Formation night 7.00pm
Friday	16 July	-
Saturday	17 July	Baptism 11am, Baptisms 11.45am Mass 7.00pm (Sacramental Presentation of 'Our Father')
Sunday	18 July	Mass 8.00am

## Parish Administrator

**Fr John Paul Pasala**

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

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### Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick (available in Parish Office on Thursdays, 8.30 to 5.00pm)

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

### Parish Office hours –

Mon/Tues/Wed – 8.30am to 12 noon

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### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), Maurie Finn, John Forde, Jackie Stockdale, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Brayden Stone, Mary Zobec

## Mass Times

### Kyabram

**Week Day Masses** (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

**Saturday:** 7.00pm

**Sunday:** 8.00am

### Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

### Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

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



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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’” EZEKIEL 2:2-3**

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?' This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us? And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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## GOD WORKS THROUGH OUR WEAKNESSES

It has been said that we are now living in a post-Christian society, where the Christian values that have undergirded our social fabric are being increasingly challenged. While the impact of our multicultural and multi-faith society have their part to play, it is perhaps more helpful to consider that preaching the word of God has always been a task fraught with the danger of facing misunderstanding and rejection. When Ezekiel was sent to preach the word to the people of Israel he did not suffer from the illusion that success was certain. In fact, God commissioned him knowing that the task ahead was difficult. His task was to preach the word whatever the response.

Like Ezekiel before him, Jesus faced rejection from his neighbours and his relatives. Even Jesus had to work within the room he was given and his healing ministry was limited by the disbelief he encountered. Mark points out that not even God's Son worked miracles where there was no faith to request or receive them.

Like Jesus and Ezekiel, Paul had to come to terms with rejection from those close to him. In this case the very community which he had founded was divided and there were some who rejected him and resented the ways that he exercised his spiritual leadership and authority. As a means of trying to heal the rift Paul admits, unlike his opponents, that his weakness and frailty are real and yet God has chosen to work through them.

Christopher Monaghan CP

### FIRST READING

Ezek 2: 2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

*The people are rebellious: they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate: I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122. R. v. 2

**R.** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, / you who dwell in the heavens: / my eyes, like the eyes of slaves / on the hand of their lords. **R.**
2. Like the eyes of a servant / on the hand of her mistress, / so our eyes are on the Lord our God / till he show us mercy. **R.**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. / We are filled with contempt. / Indeed all too full is our soul / with the scorn of the rich, / with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

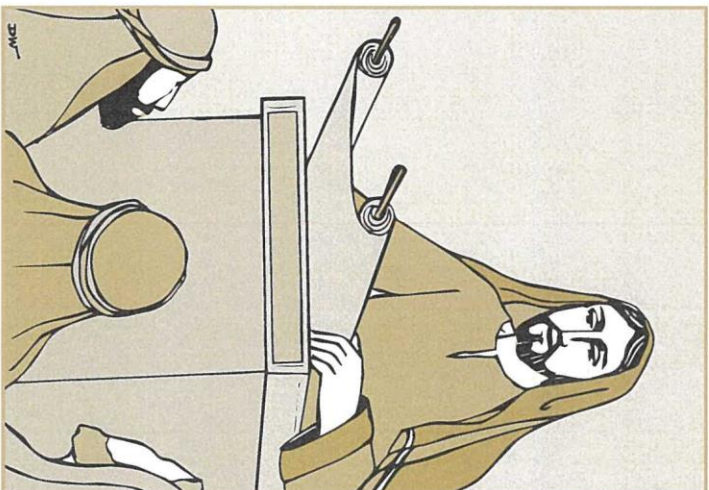
### SECOND READING

2 Cor 12: 7-10

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

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord



three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

■ The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4: 18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!