



# 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-third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021**



Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 35:4-7  
James 2:1-5  
Mark 7:31-37



Readings for next week:

Isaiah 50:5-9  
James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Senses

A month ago Australian residents completed their 2021 Census. This article is about the other Senses. The five senses are sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell. Through our senses we experience the world and with our intellect, enquiry, learning, spirit and faith we try to make "sense", or meaning of our world and ourselves.

The Scripture Readings for this 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday highlight the senses of hearing, sight and touch. Our liturgy, as in Jesus ministry, utilises the sense to engage our minds and effect the sacraments. Jesus touched to bring healing of the sense of hearing and gift of speech. The Church uses the senses are to convey meaning and celebrate the works of God: his creation and our salvation.

## Focus on the Readings

"Ephpheta" is the Aramaic / Hebrew word Jesus speaks in healing the deaf-mute. Mark thought that it was important to record the actual word of Jesus in his Greek Gospel. To his readers and us he adds the translation: εφφαθα "be opened" (7.34). Mark earlier records Jesus Aramaic words "Talitha kum", "Little girl, I say to you: arise!" at the healing of the synagogue official's daughter (5:41) and later in Jesus' prayer to the Father he says "Abba" (14:35-36). These four words are the only Aramaic words recorded in the Gospels and only in Mark. In the healing accounts the words have immediate effect: the girls gets up cured and the deaf-mute begins to speak clearly. The Aramaic "Ephpheta" quickly came to be used in the Baptismal rite and is still used as the title of the prayer over the ears and mouth. Centres for the deaf in Melbourne and around the world are also so named.

In healing Jesus often uses touch, symbols and words. He uses things from our natural world, arms, hands and fingers of his incarnate body and words from the vernacular language to convey meaning, healing and the announcement of the kingdom of God. The readings from Isaiah and Responsorial Psalm speak of the coming of the Day of the Lord that will be recognised by the blind seeing and the deaf hearing and the dumb singing for joy. Jesus fulfils the prophesies and teaches us about the power of symbol and word which we take up in our liturgy, evangelisation and promotion of justice and peace.

## Season of Creation Themed Notes

### Week 1: OIKONOME ~ A Just Home For All People

Oikos, the Greek word for 'home', is the root word for 'economy' which, at a global level, is about planetary house-keeping. How far have modern understandings of the importance of the economy drifted from the root meaning of creating a secure and just home for all. *2021 Celebration Guide A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God*

### Quote for the Day (2 Cor 2:15) St Ambrose Des Sacramentis I,1-3 (339-397)

The Bishop said "Ephpheta" and touched your ears so that they might open to the bishop's words and speech and the nostrils that you might receive the good odours of divine goodness, so that you might say, "For we are the aroma of Christ for God" as St Paul said.

## On the Lighter Side

If Woolworth's burns down what do you have left? Coals!  
If Myers is flooded what chance do you have? Buckley's and none!  
If all the Fast Food outlets are flattened by earthquakes how do you eat? With your Slow Cooker!



## FATHER'S DAY

Although we will not get to spend Father's Day as we all would like to, we do wish a very happy Father's Day to all of the special men out there.



*We pray:*

*God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like you are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen*

**FR JOHN** is available at all times in the case of an emergency or if a parishioner is not well at home or in hospital and in need of a priest.

Fr John can be contacted on 5824 1049 at Tatura. Alternatively, Kyabram Parish Office phone calls are sent to email and checked by staff working from home if you prefer to ring 5852 1026 at Kyabram.

Many blessings to all our parishioners and families - you are in our prayers.

*God Bless – Fr John*

## FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

To celebrate the feast of the birth of Our Lady, Fr John will celebrate Mass via zoom on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm**. Zoom will be opened from 5.30pm. Following Mass, there will be time for a catch up.

You can join with the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7652761030?pwd=aUErRURsQVJ4OFBrUDZPUnhUVnZMUT09> or

Meeting ID: 765 276 1030, Passcode: 4YRfmr

Please call Mary Zobec on 0427 190 282 if you need help joining prior to the Mass.

## THE 'SEASON OF CREATION' 1<sup>st</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>th</sup> OCT 2021 HAS BEGUN

- For the Sandhurst Diocese 'Care for Creation Statement' go to: [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/season-of-creation](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/season-of-creation).
- Google Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 for the Australian Bishops' 'Cry of the Earth. Cry of the Poor'.

## COVID LOCKDOWN

Just a reminder that whilst in lockdown, there will not be any Masses in our Parish, however our weekly Parish bulletin is available on our website. If you would like the bulletin emailed direct to you, please send us an email ([kyabram@cdos.org.au](mailto:kyabram@cdos.org.au)) requesting to receive the bulletin along with your email details, and we will add you to our email distribution list.

As part of the restrictions, the Parish office will be closed, however the parish can be contacted by email, or Fr John Paul Pasala can be contacted on 5824 1049.

Wishing you ongoing peace, good health and safety during these very difficult Covid times.

## OUTREACH VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

With the announcement of further extension of lockdown, it is decided to reintroduce our Virtual Morning tea. It is an opportunity to come together, share our experiences and reconnect. This will be on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am**. All welcome.

Zoom will be opened from 9.45am and can be joined with the following link:

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## CANCELLED - FESTIVAL MASS – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 2021

The Goulburn Valley Regional Council Festival Mass and Gathering which was to have been held on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September in St Augustine's church, Kyabram has at this stage been **cancelled**.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** Carmelina Pulsoni, Carmela Minicozzi, Fr Paul Purcell, Peter Walsh, Denise Woodman

## Anniversaries:

John Brennan, Andrew Cavicchiolo

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

