



Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

St Augustine's – Kyabram, 69 Church Street, PO Box 341, Kyabram Vic, 3620

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Parish Priest – Fr John Paul Pasala

We come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Sunday 13th February 2022



Readings for
this week:

Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Luke 6:17,20-26



Readings for
next Sunday

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38



Liturgical Jottings

The Colour Green

The Prophet Jeremiah compares the trusting person with a tree planted by the flowing waters. "Come heat or drought its foliage remains **green**" (Jer 17:8). Again in the Responsorial Psalm we see this tree's leaves shall never fade. Green symbolises life, growth and hope (Today's response Ps 39:5). Green vestments are worn at the Masses in Ordinary Time (except feasts and funerals). Green plants, banners and candles may also decorate the sanctuary. Green is descriptive of good ecology, clean environment and sustainable energy. This year the green season started the day after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and goes until Shrove Tuesday. After Lent and Easter it resumes on the Monday after Pentecost and goes through to the eve of Advent.

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Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah, in his emblematic and prophetic way, proclaims God's curse and blessing: curse on the wicked and blessing on the faithful and fruitful. The four verses, two with the curse, two with the blessing are symmetrical and sounds like a saying from the Wisdom literature. It's sentiment is one that is often repeated in the prophets and the wisdom books, in prayer and psalms. Luke uses this customary literary device in his rendition of the Beatitudes in today's Gospel passage.

There are striking differences between Matthew's popular version and Luke's version. It is not difficult for the reader to compare and recognise the variations. But by the juxtaposition of Jeremiah's prophecy and Luke's "Sermon on the Plain" the lectionary highlights Luke's addition of the four opposing "Alas" expressions often called "maledictions" but they are not so much curses but warnings urging conversion. Each so-called malediction begin with good but worldly values: wealth, plenty, pleasure and honour. Jesus is introducing to his disciples that the way to God includes the cross and persecution.

This gospel does not call for suffering but reminds us that God is with us in the difficulties of life and Christ gives us an example of overcoming these difficulties with faith in the resurrection.

Prayer for the Day

Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that save me. For the honour of your name, lead and guide me. (*Entrance Antiphon*)

St Valentine's Day 14 February

This feast rejoices in romantic love and marriage. St Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time of Emperor Claudius II. Who decreed that all weddings be suspended so as to encourage single men to serve in combat. St Valentine allegedly performed secret weddings in defiance of the Emperor. He was beheaded on 14 February 269. He is the patron saint of engaged couples, happy marriages, love and lovers. Jesus Christ invites us to join him in an everlasting covenant; an eternal love union that is reflected in the love of each and every dedicated married couple. www.catholic.org/saints

On the Lighter Side

Sam came home with a bloody nose, black eye, and torn clothing. It was obvious he'd been in a fight. While his father was patching him up, he asked what happened. "Well, Dad I challenged Tom to a duel. And I gave him his choice of weapons." "Uh-huh," said the father, "that seems fair." "I know, but I never thought he'd choose his big sister!"



THANK YOU

Our Parish wishes to give a big thank you to **Fr Pompeyo** for all his support and saying Mass at Tongala over the past year. We know all the parishioners at Tongala will miss his care for them and his happy ways.

We wish Fr Pompeyo all the best for his journey to join his family in America, while he continues his service to God.

PPC MEETING PARISH REPORT

Key points from the February Meeting of the PPC:

- We were pleased to welcome new St Augustine's College Principal Jay Sutton to our meeting via zoom. We are looking forward to continuing our successful partnership between Parish & School.
- We planned Fr John's installation and Parish BBQ to be held at 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 26th February. A copy of the invitation will be advertised in school newsletter, bulletins, Facebook and on our Website. All parishioners are invited to help celebrate this special event.
- Over the next month or so we will be revisiting our Parish strategic plan and the PPC look forward to input from Parishioners.
- The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council are in the process of planning a meet and greet meeting between the two groups to get know one another and to discuss the strategic way forward for the Parish.
- PPC would like to recruit some new members; if you feel you can contribute to the Parish via the PPC please contact Alana or any member of the PPC for further information. Please pray for a fruitful recruitment.
- The parish is on the lookout for volunteers to help with various ministries.

Hospitality we are looking for interested parishioners to help set up the monthly cuppa after Mass on the second Saturday and third Sunday. This involves minimal preparation; just to ensure the urn is on, cups and tea & coffee is set up. Please put your hand up to assist.

ITALIAN MASS

Fr John will celebrate Italian Mass on **Thursday, 17th February** at 10.30am followed by a cuppa.

WEEKLY ROSARY

Rosary will now be recited at 4.45pm before the 5.00pm Mass each Tuesday.

Kyabram Catholic Parish Pastoral Council

extends a warm invitation to

All Parishioners

to help celebrate the

Installation of Fr John Paul Pasala as Parish Priest of

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

by

Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay Bishop of Sandhurst Diocese

Saturday 26th February 2022

6.00pm Mass

St Augustine's Church

Followed by free Parish BBQ, please BYO chair

RSVP: Wed. 23rd February to Parish Office
5852 1026 (leave message if unattended)
to assist with catering

MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 20th February at 8.30am:

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – M Finn;
Special Minister – N Livsey

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Craig Rosendale, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: Bill Limbrick

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	14 Feb	-
Tues	15 Feb	No Mass
Wed	16 Feb	-
Thurs	17 Feb	Mass 9.15am Italian Mass 10.30am
Fri	18 Feb	-
Sat	19 Feb	No Mass
Sun	20 Feb	Mass 8.30am
Mon	21 Feb	-
Tues	22 Feb	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm
Wed	23 Feb	-
Thurs	24 Feb	Mass 9.15am
Fri	25 Feb	-
Sat	26 Feb	Mass 6.00pm and Installation of Fr John as Parish Priest
Sun	27 Feb	<i>Project Compassion Sunday</i> Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Merrigum

NEW PRIESTS IN DIOCESE

Bishop Shane is very pleased to advise that two priests from the India Province of the Holy Spirit Fathers (ALCP/OSS) have arrived in Australia to begin ministry in the Diocese of Sandhurst.

Father Jophin Joy ALCP/OSS was ordained in 2009 in Kerala, India. He has served in three parishes in India, including over ten years as parish priest, and has also visited Germany and Tanzania. Fr Jophin's brother and his wife live in New Zealand, which gives him a closer connection to this part of the world.

Father Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS was ordained in 2011 in Nalgonda, India, after completing theological studies in Calabria, Italy. He has served in three parishes in India, including over seven years as parish priest. He has also served as Rector of a minor seminary.

Initially, Fr Jophin and Fr Uday will be based at St Kilian's Parish, Bendigo, before taking up a parish appointment around the end of February.

Parish Administrator

Fr John Paul Pasala
Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026
Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

Pastoral Associate

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

Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

Parish Office hours –

Tues/Wed/Fri – 8.30am to 12 noon
Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

Parish Office email address

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Parish Office website:

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Principals

St Augustine's College

Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary

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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), Maurie Finn, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,
Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),
Leanne Beck, Kathy Gill, James Harris,
Naomi Hehir, Peter Ryan,
Terry O'Sullivan, Angela Shaw,
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

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

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.

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now; you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now; you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich; you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now; you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now; you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

FAITH IN OUR RESURRECTION

All of us search for the path that leads to life and this search calls us to make decisions. Which path should we choose? Where are we to find the wellsprings that will give us living water? Jeremiah places the two paths before us by contrasting the shrub that dies in the desert with the tree that is planted by water. In a similar fashion, Jesus places two options before his listeners in the beatitudes and the woes. God's ways are often not ours and the path that leads to the living God may be marked by difficulty and persecution.

As far as Paul was concerned some of the Corinthian Christians had taken the wrong path because they did not understand that bodily resurrection is an essential element of Christian belief. Some of them had come to the mistaken belief that a consequence of their baptism was that they were already in their glorified bodies. Paul sets out to shock the Corinthians by showing them the consequences and inherent dangers of their point of view. He knew that our present body must be changed into a glorified one at the resurrection of the dead. How could he bring them to see the error of their point of view? He bases his argument upon the fact that just as Jesus' body was glorified at his resurrection, so it will be with those who follow him. Jesus is to be seen as the first fruits of a harvest that is to come at the fullness of time.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

13 FEBRUARY 2022

FIRST READING

Jer 17: 5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,

who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands; if good comes, he has no eyes for it,

he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,

a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,

with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream;

when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green;

it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 1: 1-4. R. Ps 39: 5

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man / who follows not the counsel of the wicked; / nor lingers in the way of sinners / nor sits in the company of scorners, / but whose delight is the law of the Lord / and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

2. He is like a tree that is planted / beside the flowing waters, / that yields its fruit in due season / and whose leaves shall never fade; / and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! / For they like winnowed chaff / shall be driven away by the wind. / For the Lord guards the way of the just / but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6: 23

Allclutia, allclutia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Allclutia!