

# 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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022



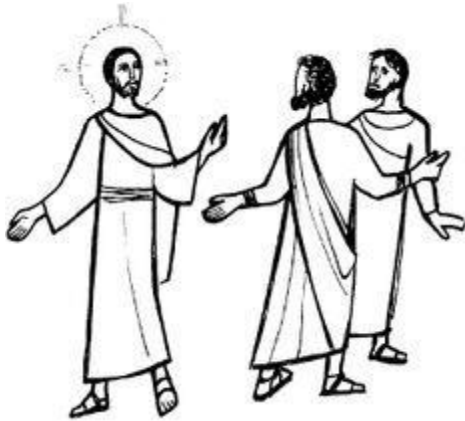
Readings for  
this week:

1 Kings 19:16,19-21  
Galatians 5:1,13-18  
Luke 9:51-62



Readings for  
next Sunday

Isaiah 66:10-14  
Galatians 6:14-18  
Luke 10:1-12,17-20



## Liturgical Jottings

### Gospel Sequence

Resuming the Season of Ordinary Season and the semi-continuous readings from the Gospel of Luke, we come to a significant turning point in Jesus' ministry. From chapter 9 (last week Luke 9:11-17, the passage 9:18-24, omitted this year), we hear today the end of the chapter where Jesus resolutely sets his face towards Jerusalem. And with next Sunday's gospel. Having being invited to follow Jesus and carrying one own cross, the disciples are then invited to share his mission in proclaiming that "the Kingdom of God is very near to you." They go into the towns and villages with mixed success: some reject them others welcome them and rejoice in hearing the Good News.

### Feasts this Week

27 St Cyril of Alexandria  
28 St Irenaeus, martyr  
29 Sts Peter & Paul  
30 First martyrs of Rome

## Looking at the Readings

Elijah the Prophet throws his cloak over Elisha as a sign of Elisha taking Elijah's role of the new prophet. It is the same cloak which Elijah had covered his face when he met the Lord God pass by the cave (1Kings 19:13). The cloak next appears in 2 Kings 2:14, when Elijah departed from this world in a fiery chariot and gave the cloak to Elisha. Elijah called Elisha to follow him. Jesus called his disciple to become his messengers, like Elisha, and also endure hardship and rejection: "to carry the cross", not a cloak. Some were uncertain of their safety away from home others gave excuses.

We may have empathy for those wanting to go home first, but Jesus takes their hesitation as the occasion to emphasise his point of accepting his call urgently and unconditionally. No ifs and buts. May we have the grace to hear his call, be wrapped in his cloak, to accept the cross and follow him.

## Prayer for the Day

*The last two verses of the Responsorial psalm are a prayerful response to the first reading and the gospel of the day:*

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay..  
You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

## Quote of the Week

"Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you." St. Teresa of Calcutta

## On the Lighter Side

No fear for this week: Triskadekaphobia is the fear of the number 13, not of week 13. But Dimanchophobia is the fear of Sundays, not on religious grounds, but the fear of a relaxed unstructured way of the day - not to be confused with the Sunday Scaries or Lunaediesophobia: the fear or anxiety of Mondays and return to the working week.



## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome

**Skye Heather Pearce**

and

**Lexie Busch**

into our faith community.



Please keep Skye and Lexie and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all the teachers, staff, students and families a safe and enjoyable break over the school holidays.

Our Parish Office hours will be limited over the school holidays so please contact the office with any bulletin notices or anniversary names well in advance.

## MASS TIMES

After consultation with our PPC and the Tatura Parish, **commencing from the first weekend in July** weekend Mass times will be as follows:

### Kyabram:

- Saturday Mass will be celebrated on alternate weekends – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at 6.00pm
- Sunday Mass every weekend at 8.30am.

**Tongala:** Second Sunday of the month at 11.30am.

**Merrigum:** Fourth Sunday of the month at 12 noon.

(Note that Sacred Heart Parish Tatura's Sunday Mass will change to 10.30am.)

## LEAVING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

With the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul on 29<sup>th</sup> June, **at Mass next weekend**, there will be a **leaving collection** in support of the Holy Father (known as Peter's Pence).

This appeal is supported by the Sandhurst Diocese, and 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.

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

This week, families will be placed at the centre of pastoral attention as the tenth **World Meeting of Families** (WMOF) takes place in Rome. With the theme "*Family Love: a vocation and a path to holiness*," the week aims to highlight family love as a vocation, focus our attention on the ways family members are called to holiness, and explore ways the Church community can support families in their mission.

Pope Francis has called for every parish of every Diocese to participate in this ecclesial event. The WMOF provides a great opportunity for Catholics at the local level, to renew their commitment to family ministry in solidarity with the Diocese of Rome and diocesan communities around the world. It is also part of the current synodal journey of the Church and aims to be a valuable experience of "participation, communion and mission" of and for families in their shared mission with ordained ministers to build up the fabric of the Church.

A simple means for those in your parish to participate in the activities of WMOF and to learn more about their gifts as children, parents, grandparents, Uncles, Aunts ... is to register as a digital participant and download the WMOF App. The app opens up a virtual experience of the WMOF events in Rome. To encourage virtual participation, anyone who follows 50% of the pathways offered in the App will receive a certificate of participation. We encourage you to download the app and share it with others, for many, this is the closest they will ever get to such significant events in Rome.

To download the App and find out more go to:

[Catecheses - #WMOF22 \(romefamily2022.com\)](https://www.romefamily2022.com).



## MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 8.30am:**

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – S Carroll;  
Special Minister – A Brunt

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy

**Recently Deceased:** Bernice Johns, Vin Carroll

**Anniversaries:** Pat Guinan, Nicola (Nick) Spina, Carmela DiPetta

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	27 June	School holidays begin
Tues	28 June	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Pat Guinan)
Wed	29 June	-
Thurs	30 June	Mass 9.15am
Fri	1 July	-
Sat	2 July	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	3 July	Mass 8.30am
Mon	4 July	-
Tues	5 July	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm
Wed	6 July	-
Thurs	7 July	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	8 July	-
Sat	9 July	Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass 6.00pm (and cuppa after Mass)
Sun	10 July	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Tongala

## ITALIAN MASS - TATURA

Fr John will celebrate Italian Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Tatura on **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June** at 5.00pm.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.”** (GALATIANS 5:13)

We like to celebrate that we are free to “live the good life.” We can do what we want, anytime we want, with no regard for laws. But, Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that by imitating Jesus we are freed from becoming a slave to our own self-interests and desires, so that we can serve one another. We are free to share our gifts and promote God’s work on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

## 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  
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### Principals

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### Parish Pastoral Council

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

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala, Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson), Leanne Beck, 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** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



Alléluia, alléluia!  
 Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;  
 you have the words of everlasting life.  
 Alléluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem.*

*I will follow you wherever you will go.*

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## THE CALL TO FOLLOW

When Paul wrote to the Christians of Galatia it was to his own converts, people he had evangelised and continued to guide in their journey of faith. As Gentile converts Paul had not required them to follow all the demands of the Jewish Law. Later, Jewish Christians arrived arguing that Paul was mistaken and this led to confusion and conflict among them. Paul's response is to remind the Galatians that they are called to freedom and that Gentile Christians had no need to follow all the requirements of the Jewish Law in order to be Christians. However, the freedom to which Christians are called cannot be confused with self-indulgence since Christians are all called to be faithful to the demands of the higher law of love.

The beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is the appropriate time to clarify the nature of discipleship and its demands. The disciples must learn that Jesus' road is one of peace and that they should move on quietly when they meet opposition. To the man that says he will follow him Jesus reminds him of the lack of security that lies ahead of disciples. To those who ask leave to bury their dead and say farewell to their parents, Jesus replies that even the demands of family relationships and responsibilities take second place to the call to follow him as disciples.

Christopher Monaghan CP



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

26 JUNE 2022

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his*

*servant.*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. cf. v. 5

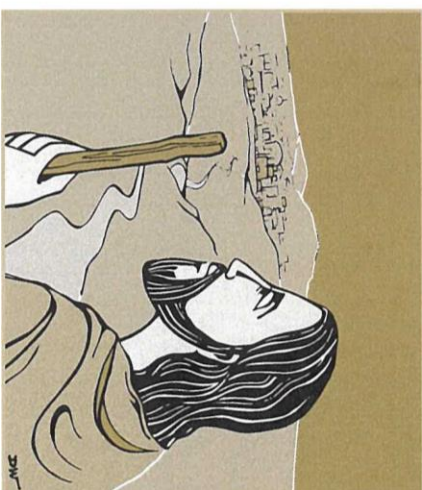
**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight; / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead; / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

Gal 5:1, 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

*My brothers, you were called to freedom.*

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

■ The word of the Lord.