



# 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

**First Sunday of Advent ~ Cycle C**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**



Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Readings for next Sunday

Baruch 5:1-9  
Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6



## Liturgical Jottings Advent Devotions

Apart from the very rich liturgical celebrations provided by the Mass Prayers, the Lectionary Readings and the Office of the Hours. We have a rich tradition of Advent devotions, namely the Advent wreath originally designed for the home, the Jesse Tree, the Advent calendar and more recently small booklets of daily reading, reflection and prayer. Some are available on-line and printed copies may be ordered from several dioceses and religious publishers and bookshop. Some parishes have copies for sale.



## Focus on the Readings

There is a sense of urgency among the writers of our scripture texts this Sunday. Jeremiah preaches “The days are coming.” St Paul writes that “We be ready for when the Lord’s comes.” St Luke quotes Jesus: “Your liberation is near at hand”; “Stay awake!” “The day will spring on you suddenly like a trap.” The urgency come both from a sense of foreboding that all will take place in the hearers’ lifetime and from the need to live lives now with integrity, goodness and watchfulness.

The coming of the Lord in these early days of advent refers to the second or final coming of Christ the Lord and Saviour. The latter part of Advent focuses on the first coming of Jesus of Nazareth. In one way the prophets of old have one eye on the birth of the Saviour in the world and the other eye on the final day, the end of time when judgment and reward will come upon all the world.

The prophets are not prophets of doom and destruction essentially. While disasters may happen in our time and any time their messages are of liberation and redemption. Christ is very positive: “We are to stand erect, hold your heads high”, (v 28) and again “to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.” (v 36).

## Quote of the Day

Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent; one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other- things that are of no real consequence- the door is shut, and can be opened only from the outside." *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters from Prison - 21 November 1943*

## Pope Francis on Advent

Advent is the time to welcome Jesus’ coming, as He comes as a messenger of peace to show us the ways of God.” , Jesus urges us to “stay awake” for His coming. The image of staying awake does not mean keeping one’s eyes literally open at all times, but means having one’s heart “free and oriented in the right direction” by offering ourselves for the benefit of others in service.

*Angelus Message 1 December 2019*

## LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

**Commentator:** On this First Sunday of Advent we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of one to come as Saviour of the people.



Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the square, who show us a future we never anticipated.

We light the first candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what might be. **All: Come Lord Jesus renew our faith.** (*Light a purple candle.*)



Thank you to all those involved with the preparation of the children and the Sacramental Masses this weekend.

## WELCOME

This weekend we welcome parents, family and friends of the children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We congratulate the following children and ask that you please keep them in your prayers:

Tamara Brennan  
Lilly Camin  
Eden Cornwall  
Georgia Fitzallen  
Xavier Graetz  
Finn Guiney  
William Keirl  
Ethan McGlade  
Alyssa Morton  
Olive Morton  
Riley Nicholson  
Toby Parsons  
Stella Pegoraro  
Toby Powles  
Gemma Tomasini  
Milla Young

Ruby Brown  
Kate Carroll  
Ashton DePasquale  
Noreen Gallardo  
Caleb Greenshields  
Finn Hughes  
Marli Kent  
Toby McKiernan  
Lulu Morton  
Ted Morton  
Morgan Parsons  
Zavier Parsons  
Noah Phelan  
Isla Smith  
Zac Wakenshaw  
Eva Zobec

Ava Butcher  
Mia Clydesdale  
Lydia DePasquale  
James Goff-Quin  
Jasmin Grima  
Willow Hughes  
Meki Kurilic  
Aleyah Morton  
Myah Morton  
Daniel Napolitano  
Rhys Parsons  
Charlotte Pegoraro  
Chloe Powles  
Lachlan Sullivan  
Isla White

## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES THANK YOU

Special thanks to our **Bereavement Support Group** who have organised beautiful services along with **Kyabram District Nursing Service** for over 25 years in our church. We are most grateful for your care and dedication to remember those who are grieving the loss of a loved one in our community.

Thank you to all who helped arrange the **Cemetery Mass** to honour our lost loved ones. Setting up, packing up and your attendance is most appreciated.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen"*

## SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The latest issue of Sandpiper e-News is now available online. Issue 32 can be accessed through the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/97470d9a24c3/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-8703337>

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the bottom of the link page).

## ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am** in St Augustine's Church. All welcome. Covid restrictions apply – **face masks must be worn**.

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

## KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to an evening celebration with **Mass and a sausage sizzle** on the lawn outside the Church on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm for Mass**.

This an opportunity for us to give thanks and celebrate the end of a difficult and tiring and your continued support throughout the year.

Please bring your own chair and drinks.

## MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30am:**

Commentator – S Carroll; Lector – M DiPetta;  
Special Minister – A Ryan

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs  
**Recently Deceased:** Allan Baker, Herbert Ford, Lyn Dobbin, Kathleen Jessop, George Limbrick, Ken Colvin

**Anniversaries:** -

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



## DIARY DATES

|       |        |  |
|-------|--------|--|
| Mon   | 29 Nov | -  |
| Tues  | 30 Nov | Mass 5.00pm (vax unknown) (Intention – Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life) |
| Wed   | 1 Dec  | -  |
| Thurs | 2 Dec  | Anointing Mass 10.00am   |
| Fri   | 3 Dec  | -  |
| Sat   | 4 Dec  | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| Sun   | 5 Dec  | Mass 8.30am (fully vax)  |
| Mon   | 6 Dec  | -  |
| Tues  | 7 Dec  | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| Wed   | 8 Dec  | -  |
| Thurs | 9 Dec  | Mass 9.15am (vax unknown)  |
| Fri   | 10 Dec | -  |
| Sat   | 11 Dec | Reconciliation 5.30pm (fully vax)<br>Mass 6.00pm (fully vax)                       |
| Sun   | 12 Dec | Mass 8.30am (fully vax)<br>Mass 11.30am Tongala (fully vax)                        |

## Parish Administrator

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

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**Parish Office hours –**  
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Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), Maurie Finn, Jackie Stockdale, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, 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.

## ADVENT LEAFLETS FOR 2021

After we have coped with challenging COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, 'The Journey Onwards' is the theme of the Sandhurst Diocese Advent leaflets for 2021.

Printed sets of these leaflets are available at the back of the church, or the direct link is:

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2049-advent-leaflets-2021-news>

These simple resources for individual or small group reflection and prayer, draw upon Scripture readings for Advent, the insights of 'Fellow Travellers' from our faith tradition, and reflections on 'The Way', a movie about a famous pilgrimage - the Camino de Santiago.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly. Like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE

The Portuguese have a proverb that 'God writes straight with crooked lines.' We know that it is not always easy to discern what God is writing. Our world, indeed our own lives, can be marked by so many contradictions and tensions. Can there be faith in the midst of disappointment? Can there be hope in the face of suffering? The readings for today agree in proclaiming that the answer is 'yes' for the person of faith.

Jeremiah writes words of hope and promise in the midst of the massive upheaval and loss of faith that accompanied the people of Israel going into exile in 587BC. To speak words of faith in the face of such horror and disappointment would have required a great deal of faith indeed.

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians was written only some twenty years after the death of Jesus at a time when the earliest Christians believed that the Lord Jesus would return at any moment. Paul advises them about how best to prepare and encourages them to keep their vision and commitment while they are waiting.

Some twenty years later Luke's Christians ran the risk of being discouraged due to the delay in the return of the Lord. They found themselves fearful of that day when the Lord Jesus would return and needed encouragement and consolation. Luke reminds them of Jesus' words, to give them hope so that when he returns, he will find them confident and hopeful, ready and waiting.

Christopher Monaghan CP

First Sunday of Advent // C



# THE SAVING WORD

28 NOVEMBER 2021

Jer 33:14-16

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.* See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: 'The Lord-our-integrity.'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14, R. v. 1

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. R.

2. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray. / he guides the humble in the right path. / he teaches his way to the poor. R.

3. His ways are faithfulness and love / for those who keep his covenant and will. / The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; / to them he reveals his covenant. R.

## SECOND READING

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the



whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!