



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 July 2023



Readings for this week:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16  
Romans 6:3-4,8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42



Readings for next Sunday:

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Romans 8:9,11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30



## Liturgical Jottings

### Letter to the Romans (2)

The main topic of this letter is salvation through faith (Rom 1:16-11:36). A solemn declaration serves as a preamble to chapters one to eleven: the same salvation through faith is offered to all human beings, Jews or Pagans (Rom 1:16-17), The theme is then developed in four steps: 1. The whole of humankind, submerged in sin, is saved by the grace God grants in Jesus Christ (Rom 1:18-5:23). 2. Humankind is one in the death caused by Adam's sin; it is one also in the salvation that the risen Christ, who is the second Adam, gains for all. 3. Formerly slaves of the Law and unable to fulfil it, believers are freed by the gift of the Spirit, who makes of them children of God (Rom 7:1-8:39). 4. Since salvation through faith in Jesus extends to all human beings, Israel, now separated from the Lord, will be one day integrated into his risen body (Rom 9:1-11:32). The letter was delivered to the Roman by Phoebe, a follower of St Paul and a deaconess at Cenchræe (Rom 16:1).

## Looking at the Readings

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering. © Dianne Bergant CSA.

## Quote of the Week

Hospitality means we take people into the space that is our lives and our minds and our hearts and our work and our efforts. Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step towards dismantling the barriers of the world. Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time.

Joan D. Chittister

## Prayer for the Day:

Father, your incarnate Word commands our obedience and offers us true life. Make our ears attentive to the voice of your Son and our hearts generous in answering his call, that we may take up the cross with trust in his promises.

## On the Lighter Side

Some more humour from the Roman archives: What did the Latin teacher say to the student who was having a lot of trouble finishing his astronomy project? "Ad astra per aspera."



What happens to Latin teachers when they retire? They just decline.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Fr Steve Bowhan, Cheryl Pearce (Baker), Anne Dodd, Sam Peyton, Philip Bowman, Shane McDonnell, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Samantha Kurilic, Trevor Peterson.

**Recently Deceased:** Kath Geisler, Ruth Ker

**Anniversaries:**

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



## Parish Priest

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**Mass Times**

[Kyabram](#)

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month): 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am

[Tongala](#)

First Sunday of month 11.30am

[Merrigum](#)

Third Sunday of month 12 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of month at

5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

Mass of Anointing are held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

## FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

### Weekly Masses

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 8.30am

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 6<sup>th</sup> July - 10am – Anointing Mass

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July – 5.30pm – Reconciliation before Mass  
6pm – Cuppa after Mass

### Weekly Masses

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July - 8.30am

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> July - 9.15am – Students not attending

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July - 8.30am – cuppa after Mass

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July – 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> July - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> July - 9.15am – Year 3/4 & Year 9

### Weekend Masses

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 6pm

## ROSTERS

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – W Mulchay

Special Minister – A O'Meara

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – F Turner

### Sunday 16<sup>nd</sup> July at 8.30am

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – P Hehir

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish.  
May God bless you always.

**Last week's Collection is \$ 949.95**

## CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults.

If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child safety officer Finola Price on 03 5852 1310.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Wishing all the student and staff of St Augustine's a wonderful and safe school holiday break.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A reminder that the PPC's next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 July at 5.45pm.

## FORMATION

Today there is a Formation Day, facilitated by Angela Finn, for Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee and the Liturgy Group. So, what is Formation? Formation examines people's beliefs, values, behaviours and day to day decisions and actions and reflect a continuing journey towards being Jesus in the world today for all whom they encounter.

The sessions will involve looking at our Parish and the Parish Plan which was disrupted by COVID. The Members of these three groups are the Servants of our parish brothers and sisters. All of our concerns are aimed at the spiritual transformation of our parish community. Please pray for those attending the Formation Day.

## RETIREMENT

Fr Steve Bohan will retire as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart parish, Yarrawonga, on Wednesday, 5 July.

I expect to appoint a new parish priest later in the year. Until that time, Fr Vijay Bandanadam ALCP/OSS has agreed to act as Parish Administrator, in addition to his duties as Parish Priest of St Joseph's Parish, Benalla. Fr Mick Morley, who resides in Yarrawonga, has generously agreed to be the principal supply priest for Masses and other sacramental needs. I am grateful to Fr Vijay and Fr Mick for their willingness to assist with providing leadership and care for Sacred Heart Parish over the coming months.

Yours sincerely, +*Shane Mackinlay*

## SAFEGUARDING

In line with our Safeguarding policy for children and adults at risk, information can be found on the notice board in the gathering space. Please make yourselves familiar with the information provided. If you have any concerns, please contact Finola Price 03 58521310 or Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.

## SEA SUNDAY

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information, visit: [www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)

## GRIEF AND LOSS GROUP

The Grief and Loss Group, which was planned and disrupted by COVID, is now attempting to re-commence. The Group to be formed is non-denominational and will be facilitated by a Counsellor from Community Health, Kyabram District Health Service.

Who are the people who would benefit from this group? Anyone who is experiencing a sense of loss or bereavement. You may have lost a loved one - spouse, child, grandchild, parent or good friend. You may have lost your job and finding it hard to cope. There are many reasons for people to feel a sense of loss and abandonment. It is an opportunity to get support for what you are experiencing. Learn strategies in a non-judgmental, confidential and friendly environment to help you on your journey of loss and grief.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this group, please pass on the information. At the back of the Church are forms that you can complete, place in an envelope marked Grief and Loss Group. This envelope will be given to Community Health which will then contact the people directly and provide more information including time, date and venue.

When completing the form the main boxes to fill in are your name and contact details and at the bottom of the first page, under Grief and Loss Group, please mark Kyabram.

Please contact Alana Brennan on 0427658563 for more information.

## SUGGESTION BOX

Did you know we have a suggestion box in the gathering space?

Any ideas or suggestions are welcomed.

## SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

The ACT Government intends to forcibly acquire Calvary Catholic Hospital, Canberra. Catholic hospitals have faithfully served the Australian community for 170 years. The actions by the ACT government are an abuse of property rights and religious freedom. For information and to sign a petition in support, visit [www.savecalvary.com.au](http://www.savecalvary.com.au)

## PIETY STORE

*Have you checked out the piety store in the gathering space of the church? Do you have a family baptism, sacramental member? Why not grab a lovely gift.* Would you like to volunteer to help with the store? There is clipboard for you to put your name down to be included on the roster.

***“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.” St Gianna Molla***

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