



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5 February 2023



Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16



Readings for next week: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37



Liturgical Jottings

Second Readings

During the Season of Ordinary Time the first reading and the gospel are connected by a common theme. The second readings are not as they are mainly semi-continuous readings from the letters of St Paul. However this cycle A, by chance or design the second readings of 2nd, 4th, 5th & 6th Sundays also relate to the first reading and the Gospel as detailed here:

- 2nd Sunday – God chooses. In 1 Cor 1:1-3 St Paul is chosen by the Lord.
- 4th Sunday - God chooses the poor. In 1 Cor 1:26-31 God chooses the weak.
- 5th Sunday - Salt of the earth, Light of the world. In 1 Cor 2:1-5 Proclaim the crucified Christ to the world.
- 6th Sunday – A new law in continuity with the old. In 1 Cor 2:6-10 God's wisdom reveals this ways for our glory.

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Focus on the Readings

This Sunday's Gospel (Matt 5:13-16) immediately follows last Sunday's (Matt 5:1-2) as part of Our Lord's sermon on the mount. He reveals ways of life that show we are blessed and happy. Now Jesus leads our lives from the state of being to the state of action: "Be the salt of the earth and the light of the world!" Our blessed nature also prompts us to give witness to others. The reading from Isaiah (first reading) prepares the listener to move from being to action. Through the prophet God presents his faithful people with actions of social duties towards the poor.

The second reading from St Paul offers the listener to God's word another way to be light to the world, not only in witness and charity but also by encounter. In encountering the crucified and risen Lord in our lives we become light to the world in encouraging others to encounter the crucified and risen Lord in the dark moments of their lives. We let the light enter into their world and "lighten" their burdens.

"Be Salt of the Earth" is an original and unique saying of Christ. The metaphor is applied to his followers and their innate goodness.

Quote of the Day

The Family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society. *Pope Francis*

People don't enjoy salt. They enjoy what is salted. We are the salt of the earth. We do not exist for ourselves. *John Piper*

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, you have called your Church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Give us vigorous faith and a love that is genuine, so that all may see our works and give you the glory. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11 Feb

It is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick. For this year's message visit:

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick.html

On the Lighter Side:

Salt is mentioned 39 times in the bible mostly in a negative sense. Yet several times we read that salt gives flavour, purifies persons and land, preserves food and traded for other goods. Also when shared it is the sign of friendship (Lev 2:13) and therefore used as a metaphor for goodness and activating faith.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Lee Chant, Sam Peyton, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Shane McDonell, Samantha Kurilic, Joe Durso

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Fred Slaughter, Merv Ryan

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



FORTNIGHT TIME TABLE

Mon	06 Feb
Tues	07 Feb - Rosary 4.45pm; Liturgy of the word 5.00pm.
Wed	08 Feb -
Thurs	09 Feb - School Liturgy 9.15am Grade 3/4 & Year 10
Fri	10 Feb -
Weekend Masses	
Sat	11 Feb - No Mass.
Sun	12 Feb - Mass 8:30am.
Mon	13 Feb -
Tues	14 Feb - Rosary 4:45pm; Liturgy of the word 5.00pm PPC Meeting 5.45
Wed	15 Feb -
Thurs	16 Feb - School Mass Year 7
Fri	17 Feb -
Weekend Masses	
Sat	18 Feb - No Mass
Sun	19 Feb - Mass 8:30am. (No Mass at Merrigum during February)

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Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,
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James Harris (Deputy Chair)
John Zobec, Naomi Hehir, 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

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon

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.

ALTAR SERVERS

Thank you to Marg Cocks for training up our new altar Servers. We thank them for their commitment and willingness to help. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please see Marg Cocks or call her on 0428 522 330.

POSITIONS VACANT

A number of positions are currently Vacant on **Parish Finance Council** and **Parish maintenance Person**, please consider helping out in these areas of need and be part of a team in forming the future of our Parish. Please contact Fr. John Paul.

Home Communion

The Parish offers home communion.
If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish Office (5852 1026) please leave message or Mary Zobec- 0427 190 282



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 58521310.

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 together and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS

Sunday 12th February

Commentator – V Fox
Lector – T Hehir
Special Minister – J Chant

Sunday 19th February

Commentator – M Carver
Lector – N Watt
Special Minister – N Livsey

Sunday 26th February at 8.30am:

Commentator – T Hehir
Lector – V Fox
Special Minister- M Cocks

Welcome to Fr Michael Grace who is celebrating mass for us while Fr John is away.

A reminder that there are no Saturday night masses during the month of February and no mass at Merrigum.

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

PPC MEETING

A reminder that next PPC Meeting will be on Tuesday 14th February at 5.45 in Parish Meeting Room.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you always.
Last week's Collection is \$ 1553.65

RCIA UPDATE

The RCIA team has been busy journeying with Ivy Davidson for the past couple of years. We look forward to receiving Ivy into our faith community at the Easter season.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER

GROUP. Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer group meets 1st Monday of month in the church at 7pm. Next Meeting is 6th February. And 3rd Monday of month via zoom. Enquiries to Mary 0427190282

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We are once again considering if any business would be interested in advertising in our Parish bulletin, website.

The costs are

Ad (5x6cm)

3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200
6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

When the people of Israel returned from exile it was a time of great hope and rejoicing. God's promises had proved true and their persistence in faith had been rewarded. Now was the time to rebuild and people set about re-establishing their lives, homes and businesses. During the exile, they had been united in their suffering but now there was the danger of people looking after themselves at the cost of others. Isaiah was concerned to nip this in the bud showing that the best foundation on which to rebuild was their concern for others, especially the poor and the disadvantaged. In this way, their lives would be a shining example. In the gospel, Jesus calls each of us to examine the quality of our care for our brothers and sisters. It is by means of our practical concern that we can be salt for the earth and light for our world.

Paul was concerned that the faith of some of the Corinthian Christians was not built on a firm foundation. They had been overly impressed by the quality of the preaching and rhetoric of the various preachers who had worked among them. He knew that while their response was understandable, it was nonetheless misguided. At the end of the day, he knew that rhetoric and philosophy would never build a foundation that could challenge the one built on the self-giving love of Jesus. With their eyes fixed on the crucified one, they could learn true wisdom and the meaning of love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Isa 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor; clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then your light will shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say: 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (or Alleluia!)

1. He is light in the darkness for the upright: / he is generous, merciful and just. / The good man takes pity and lends, / he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**
2. The just man will never waver: / he will be remembered for ever. / He has no fear of evil news; / with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; / open-handed, he gives to the poor; / his justice stands firm for ever. / His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

THE SAVING WORD

5 FEBRUARY 2023



SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

■ The word of the Lord.