

# 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

**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**27<sup>th</sup> September 2020**



*Readings for this week:*

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32



*Readings for next Sunday:*

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Philippians 4:6-9  
Matthew 21:33-43



## Liturgical Jottings

### Gospel Sequence

For the last two Sundays the Gospel of Matthew gave us two parables addressed to the disciples. This Sunday and the next two have three parables addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday: the two sons; 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday: the wicked tenants; and 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday: the wedding banquet. The religious and civil leaders, especially, must cooperate with God, be true to His Word and be faithful in word and action. Promises can be empty if not put into practice. We are encouraged to attune ourselves to way of the Lord.

### Feast of the Feasts

- 29 Sept: Archangels Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
- 30 Sept St Jerome
- 1 Oct St Therese of Lisieux
- 2 Oct Guardian Angels

## Looking at the Readings

We have heard Jesus warning *“I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you”* to the chief priests, elders, scribes and Pharisees several time in various passages and over numerous occasions in private reading and public liturgy. So, the shock factor for us has been greatly diminished. But the leaders and elders of the community, hearing it for the first time, would really be shocked and so react with plots of retaliation. How dare he make the most despicable traitors and grossly immoral people not only comparable to them but precede before of them! Several elders recognised John the Baptist as a holy man. But did they recognise, acknowledge and rejoice in those persons who repented through John’s baptism of conversion?

Matthew includes this parable in his Gospel for the nascent church community of his day. Faults in human nature, erroneous teachings and bad practices tend to re-emerge from time to time in society and church. Also, John the Baptist, Christ, apostles and prophets, preachers and teachers, spiritual writers and proverb-smiths repeat similar warnings and the need for conversion of heart and personal integrity.

Our first response to the Gospel is “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!” may our actions be our enduring response and say “Thanks be to God” for our conversion and the conversion of our brothers and sisters.

### Prayer for the Week

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.  
*Psalms 24:4-5*

### Season of Creation 4

**GREETING:** Today, we celebrate the grace of God loving us into existence and giving Earth as our home. As we come to worship, we ask forgiveness for the times we have failed to forgive the people around us.

**REFLECTION:** Believers remember the loving kindness of God as they use material things in prayerful actions to convey sacred mysteries - signs and symbols. The water of baptism and oils of anointing; bread and wine bringing spiritual nourishment: these are all gifts of Earth and work of human hands.

### On the Lighter Side

I have been inundated with “walks into a bar” jokes from various readers. So please be patient and amused with more. A hyphenated word and a non-hyphenated word walk into a bar. The barman nearly chokes on the irony.



## REFUGEE & MIGRANT SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate with the universal church, Refugee & Migrant Sunday.

On this occasion, Pope Francis says "In the light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this message to embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalisation and rejection as a result of COVID-19... This is not a time for self-centredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons. To preserve our common home and make it conform more and more to God's original plan, we must commit ourselves to ensuring international cooperation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded."

We give thanks for the variety of gifts with which our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters have enriched the tapestry of Australian life.

We pray that Australians will work together to "welcome the stranger".

## MARIAN FESTIVAL GOES ONLINE 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

For the last 45 years, the Marian Festival has been celebrated every year in the Bendigo area as a special day of prayers and devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

It has taken place at different Churches in the Bendigo area over the years but, in the 1990s, became an annual event at Sacred Heart Cathedral and, in 2001, it was made an official event of the Sandhurst Diocese by Bishop Joseph Grech.

Since then, the festival has always included a procession around the Cathedral, praying of the Rosary and the crowning of the statue of Our Lady. The festival has grown in size over time and, in recent years, hundreds have come from all over the Sandhurst Diocese, as well as from Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong.

This year, because of the lockdown restrictions, the festival will be celebrated at St Liborius' Church, Eaglehawk and streamed online so people can participate at home.

For more information and to participate in the Online Festival please go to [bendigofatima.com](http://bendigofatima.com).

## KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH LADIES VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Thank you to all those ladies who joined our first virtual morning tea. It was lovely to see so many and enjoying our time together.



Our next virtual morning tea will be **next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.30am.

Continue to bring your special cup, and this week could you also bring a special ornament that you treasure.

Please call Mary on 0427 190282 if you need help joining in.

You can join with the information below:

Mary Zobec and Alana Brennan are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7652761030?pwd=AUERURsQVJ4OFBrUDZPUhUVnZMUT09>

OR via zoom app

Meeting ID: 765 276 1030

Passcode: 4YRfmr

*Happy Birthday*



**Special birthday wishes**  
and congratulations to:

**Hilde Baumann** who is  
celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
and

**Ruth McGowan** who is celebrating her  
80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Our prayers and blessings are with you both!*

## INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DEAF Theme: Sign Language Rights for All

The aim of this annual celebration in September is to promote human rights of deaf people, provide a platform for them to tell their stories and have their voices heard.

Holy God, Open our ears to the deaf and hard of hearing. Open our communities to be sacred listening places where all are heard. Amen.

## QUOTE

Today, may you be filled with love, peace, patience, strength, and courage to face the day.

Make it GREAT! – *Unknown*

[www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in](http://www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in)

## 106TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

This year, Pope Francis' WDMR message focuses on the pastoral care of internally displaced people (IDPs), who number over 41 million worldwide.

The title of his message is 'Forced like Jesus to Flee', the essence of this year's WDMR message originates in the experience of the young Jesus and his family as displaced persons and refugees. This experience provides a specific Christological grounding for the Christian action of welcome or hospitality.

The message concludes with the following prayer.

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.

Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.

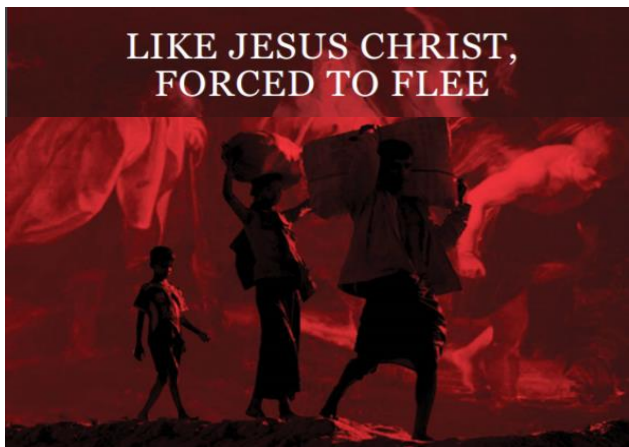
Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.

Grant to those who welcome them, some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away, and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom she loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will.

Amen.



## SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub has morphed into Spirituality on the Sofa - SOS!



Sydney's Paddington SIP group have invited us to join them online for SOS on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** from 7.30 to 9.00pm.

Two notable speakers - **Geraldine Doogue** AO, well-known Australian journalist & broadcaster and **Dr Fr Michael Whelan sm** PP of St Patrick's Parish, The Rocks, Sydney & Director of the Aquinas Academy, will address the topic **20/20 Vision – the 2020 Plenary Council**. Both Geraldine & Michael are founding members of *Catalyst for Renewal* – the parent body for Spirituality in the Pub.

You are all very welcome to join them - [Click here to join Zoom meeting](#) or email [kmstone@bigpond.net.au](mailto:kmstone@bigpond.net.au) to receive the Zoom link.

## ONLINE RETREATS & RESOURCES FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Online retreats and resources for personal spiritual journeys are being offered from within Australia and beyond. As indicated below, there are many ways to connect. Also, in the Sandhurst Diocese there are qualified, fully accredited and experienced Spiritual Directors willing to support others on their spiritual journey.

- **Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (JISA) – Champion:** 3 to 8 Day Online Individually Guided Retreats - During Isolation: Skype, Zoom, FaceTime or telephone: 5– 12 October 2020; 9–16 November 2020; 7–14 December 2020. Contact: 1300 EXAMEN (1300-392-636) or [info@jisa.org.au](mailto:info@jisa.org.au)
- **Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow** (search for the centre online)
- **St Beuno's Spirituality Centre, Wales UK** (search for the centre online)
- **Sandhurst Diocese Spiritual Directors in your region:** Email: [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Una Donegan, Joan Childs, Jacqui Rosendale, Fr Ted Harte

**Recently Deceased:** Peg Wingate, Julian Pasala (in India – brother of Fr John Paul in Tatura)

**Anniversaries:** –

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



## Parish Priest

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### Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

**Parish Office** – closed until further notice, however the Parish Office can still be contacted through its email address at: [kyabram@cdos.org.au](mailto:kyabram@cdos.org.au)

### Principals

St Augustine's College

Brayden Stone – Phone 5851 3000

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### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Jinjo, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Joe Chant (Chairperson), Alana Brennan, Maurie Finn, John Forde, Katrina Johnson, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Brayden Stone, Mary Zobec

## OUR BULLETIN

We continue to provide our weekly bulletin as we adjust to the impact of COVID-19 on our lives.

With none of the usual activities of Parish life at the moment, much that is contained in our bulletin is online links to other sites. We hope that these links will provide you with ways to celebrate your faith, find prayers and reflections, as well as activities to sustain you.

Fr Jinjo will continue to pray for our sick, our recently deceased and for anniversaries. If you would like a name included on the bulletin, please email to [Kyabram@cdos.org.au](mailto:Kyabram@cdos.org.au).

Our peace and blessings to you all.

## SEEKING PARISH CONTACTS and change makers

Diocesan Disability Contact Coordinator, Mary Pianta, is excited to help Sandhurst parishes to learn from each other and other dioceses, about ways in which we can all foster the full participation of people living with disability in parish life. To do this, Mary is seeking people from each parish to act as disability contacts, so we can share our stories and work together to implement positive change.

Although delayed due to COVID restrictions, Mary still intends to gather information about current practices and facilities, including some existing initiatives which could be shared and scaled up to deanery or diocesan level; with these details informing us for parish improvements and policies to support people with disabilities and their families.

Every congregation in every parish will have similar needs but different responses. After speaking directly with parishioners with disabilities to learn of their unique needs and preferences, we can aim to make it possible for them to be involved, to feel welcome and to achieve their expectations.

As was stated last time, the Bishops' Commission still calls us to be communities "where we can use and celebrate the gifts of people living with disability". To accomplish this, it needs the willingness of interested people to act as disability contacts for their area.

If you feel you could help with this new project, please contact Fr Jinjo so he can pass on your details.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..."** (Philippians 2:3)

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put into our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends, and those who make you angry.