



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

All Saints Day

Sunday 1st November 2020



Readings for this week:

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12



Readings for next Sunday

Wisdom 6: 12 – 16
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13



Liturgical Jottings

The Entrance Antiphon

“When the people are gathered, and as the Priest enters with the ministers, the Entrance Chant (or Antiphon or another approved hymn) begins. Its purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and the ministers. GIRM 47.

The Entrance Antiphon for the Second Mass for All Souls Day (2 Nov) is:

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.” 4 Esdras 2:34-35

Interestingly the text comes from an apocryphal book of the bible, 4 Esdras, which Pope Clement VIII (d. 1605) placed in an appendix to the Vulgate Bible lest the book be lost entirely. Only a few recent English translations include the book in the appendix.

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Looking at the Readings

The Book of the Apocalypse or Revelation poses a dilemma for the reader. Do John’s visions refer to the present or the future or the end of time? His visions also appear on earth, in the sky, in the heavens and in the Heaven of eternal life and sometimes the sites are interchangeable. We have scholars, artists and homilists to help interpret texts and inspire us to live here and now and for eternity.

The vision in the first reading expresses a great number of people who are called by God but then more, countless numbers, are gathered in the presence of the victorious Christ. The brother artists, Hubert and Jan Van Eyck, painted the 15th-century polyptych altarpiece in St Bavo’s Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium illustrating this very text. The text and Polyptych certainly inspire wonder, awe and inspiration for us today. We may hear the loud voices singing out: “Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.” (Rev 7:12)

The Gospel, dare I use the word, gives us a “roadmap” to walk in the way of Christ and the saints. Again we can proclaim: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven” to all our saints, unnamed and unknown who have gone before us and for us who hope to follow.

The Feast of All Saints

The martyrs were the first to be revered as saints for they suffered, died for their heroic witness to Christ and so brought into eternal life. Their names were listed in the “Martyrologies” the earliest from the sixth century, though the feast of All Saints was first celebrated in the fifth century and included non-martyrs and unnamed saints. Pope Gregory the Great (509-604) transferred the feast from the first Sunday after Pentecost to the first of November. We have known people who have shown sanctity though humility, charity, authenticity, heroic witness. We honour them as saints on this day. “[We rejoice] in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the Church through whom you, [Lord], give us, in our frailty, both strength and good example.” *Preface of All Saints, Roman Missal*

Quote of the week

Let us love those who love us, hasten to those who await us, and with our prayers come into the presence of those looking for us. *St Bernard of Clairvaux (d.1153) Homily 2 All Saints Day*

On the Lighter Side

Take a laptop computer for a run you could jog its memory.



FAREWELL FR JINJO

This weekend, we farewell Fr Jinjo. We pray for and extend our best wishes to Fr Jinjo, wishing him all the very best on his new adventure and thanking him for everything he has done for our Parish over the past 3½ years.

Next weekend we will welcome Fr John Paul Pasala to our Parish.

On behalf of the Parish, Joe Chant, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council, has written the following words:

It is with a touch of sorrow that we farewell Father Jinjo who is leaving us to take up pastoral duties in Bendigo. Father will act as a Chaplin to the two hospitals and the aged care homes.

Father became our parish priest when Father Morley retired and has served St Augustine's parish for three and a half years. During this time, he has worked tirelessly to advance the faith and stature of his many parishioners.

Father has supported and encouraged the various groups in the parish and was a great supporter of our first Sunday cuppa and the visit of the Dhurringile boys. He assisted the music

group in all their efforts and was a supporter of the men's choir. He assisted with the further development of our Lady of Peace Centre. We are all very grateful to Father for his tireless work in our parish.

Father will be especially missed by his flock at Merrigum and Tongala. Father Jinjo assured these small groups that he would always continue to celebrate the Eucharist with them no matter how large or small the congregation may become. He was at peace with his work in these small churches.

The Filipino members of the parish will all be very sad at his leaving; he really made sure they were all involved with running of the church.

Due to Covid restrictions, a small farewell was held at the Kyabram Club last Wednesday when the PPC presented Father Jinjo with a financial gift and two more small presents.

In conclusion we wish Father all of God's blessings and pray that he enjoys peace, happiness and a sense of achievement in his new appointment. Good luck and may God bless you.



FAREWELL DINNER

The Parish Pastoral Council enjoyed a farewell dinner with Fr Jinjo. During this dinner, Father was presented with gifts, both token and financial, on behalf of all parishioners.

We wish Fr Jinjo every blessing as he moves to the next step in his vocation.



COVID RESTRICTIONS

With the easing of some more COVID-19 restrictions in regional Victoria from 28th October, particularly regarding religious gatherings, we expect an announcement soon about Masses in our parish from Fr John Paul.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES DURING NOVEMBER

For those wishing to have deceased family and friends prayed for during November, we ask that November envelopes with names be dropped off into the mailbox at the presbytery front door for inclusion in November Masses (please note that these names will not be put on the bulletin).

At the end of November, the envelopes with deceased names will be burnt and the ashes scattered in St Aug's College Memorial garden.

CANCELLATION OF ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

It is with great sadness that due to Covid-19, the Annual Memorial Service usually held in November, by St Augustine's Parish together with the Kyabram District Nursing Service, has been cancelled for 2020.

We will continue to pray for all deceased family and friends and offer these words of comfort to you all.

"Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart."

PATHWAYS FOR FAMILIES 2021 is now available online

The Sandhurst Diocese 'Pathways for Families 2021' online resource contains a wide variety of live links to information, networks and resources to enrich, interest and support families in their continuing journeys in Faith, Prayer, Spirituality, connections to the wider community, and much more.

We hope you may enjoy exploring — via computer, smartphone or tablet.

Go to: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1747-pathways-for-families-2021>



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Sick:** Ruth Scown, Kady Mitchell
- Recently Deceased:** Marie Watt (nee Bowman, from Warrnambool), Eileen Paino
- Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Kilmartin, Michael Bowman

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



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

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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.

We 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.

Our peace and blessings to you all.

DISCERNING THE WAY TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal

During November, the Diocese will be reflecting on the first of six thematic papers for the Plenary Council, "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?" We invite everyone to pray and reflect on this theme and what it means for our Parishes, our Diocese and the Church in Australia.

The People of Sandhurst are invited to take part in an online reflection session using Zoom at 7:30pm on **Wednesday 18th November**. This online reflection will allow those attending to participate in some prayerful communal discernment around the thematic question of the month.

For further information and to register for the Zoom link, please email plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

For more Plenary Council information see: <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council>. Updates and further resources for the theme will be posted regularly on the Plenary Council Sandhurst Facebook Page.



2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2021 Columban Calendars are now available (\$9.00 each). Please contact Doreen Wood on 5853 2600 or drop a note to Mrs D Wood, 21 Lancaster Street, Kyabram 3620 or email a request to: dennis.wood1@bigpond.com.

KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE 2020 – SAFE CHURCH

Sheree Limbrick will conduct the Knox Public Lecture 2020 on Safe Church: Commitment, awareness & action for cultural change.

In May 2019 Catholic Professional Standards Ltd (CPSL) published the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. Since late 2019, CPSL has been working to expand the Standards to include protections for adults engaging with Church ministry. This lecture will explore some of the trends and findings emerging from CPSL's audit work, as well as the directions of the groundbreaking framework for the safeguarding of adults.

Date: Thursday 5 November, Time: 7pm - 8.30pm, Format: online.
Booking: Visit our website to book: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture.