



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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2020



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23 or 1-9



Readings for next Sunday:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43



Liturgical Jottings

Length of Scripture Texts

A *via media* is followed in regard to the length of texts. A distinction has been made between narratives, which require reading a fairly long passage but which usually hold the people's attention, and texts that should not be lengthy because of the profundity of their teaching. In the case of certain rather long texts, longer and shorter versions are provided to suit different situations. The editing of the shorter version has been carried out with great caution. (General Introduction to the Lectionary n 75)

Today's Gospel has such a shorter version comprising of the parable of the Sower and the Seed. The longer version (about two-thirds) contains the purpose of parables and then an allegorical meaning of this parable.

Looking at the Gospel

This Sunday we begin Matthew's collection of parables of Jesus contained in Chapter 13 which we read over three weeks. Matthew carefully arranges the discourse with an introduction and conclusion, reason for telling parables, he places longer ones first and shorter ones last. He includes two explanations of the parables. We have the first in today's gospel: the parable of the Sower and the seed.

The First Reading and Responsorial Psalm set the scene of a fruitful earth where plants flourish and animals thrive. Isaiah prophesies that these natural images are sign of God's plentiful and effective word.

The Parable of the sower introduces to the listener blockages and distractions to God's providence and bounty. Jesus warns how God's word is stolen, choked or withered way but in turn offers us grace and power to hear his Word and be productive disciples.

When I visit farming communities and this Gospel is proclaimed, I ask the wheat growers after Mass what yield should we expect? Is Jesus prospects of thirty, sixty or hundredfold realistic. It certainly was unheard 2000 years ago. Answers to my questions are allusive. They speak of all the variables to be considered: soil, sun, rain, seed, timing etc. But all agree that a hundredfold would be miraculous. And that it what we should expect: The miracle of God's Word planted with our spirits.

Prayer for the week

God of the heavens, God of the earth, all creation awaits your gift of new life. Prepare our hearts to receive the word of your Son, that his gospel may grow within us and yield a harvest that is a hundredfold. Amen.

Quote for the Week

"Since happiness is nothing else than the enjoyment of the Supreme Good, and the Supreme Good is above us, no one can enjoy happiness unless he rises above himself." *St Bonaventure, The Journey of the Mind into God. (Died 15.7.1274, Feast day 15 July)*

On the Lighter Side

A group of neutrons walk into a bar and order drinks and sit down. The leading neutron asks the barman, "How much do we owe you?" The barman replies, "For neutrons, no charge!" Charles Dickens walks into a bar and orders a martini. The barman asks, "Olive or Twist?" The barman says, "We don't serve time travellers in here." A time traveller walks into a bar.



SEA SUNDAY



Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

Today's Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health.

To support this ministry, please send your donations to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia.

For further information, visit the website: www.aos-australia.org.

'WHEEL OF PRAYER DAY' 2020

(Saturday 8th August 2020)

Sandhurst Diocese 'Wheel of Prayer Day' 2020 Saturday 8th August 2020 10.00 am – 3.15 pm. Live via Zoom (diocesan website video available later) including: Prayer of the Church led by Bishop Shane Mackinlay; Family Prayer, Anthony & Rosey Kilmartin; Taize Prayer, Ruth Lawlor; Devotional Prayer, Fr Stephen Bolling; Praying with Scripture, Lyn Breen. Go to TryBooking to register and leave your email address for Zoom meeting link to be sent to you. <https://www.trybooking.com/BJUOP>.

To learn more, go to 'News & Events' at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



Recently Deceased: Robin (Red) Cussen, Marie Stack, Keith Dickens

Anniversaries: -

(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

Principals
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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



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

There is no cost and the event program is available from 15th August 2020. For further information or to register go to:

www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

SUNDAY MASS

Until restrictions or circumstances change, Mass will be celebrated each Sunday at St Augustine's church in Kyabram at 9.30am for a maximum of 20 people. Parishioners wishing to attend Mass must book in prior to each Sunday by registering online through TryBooking. Please see the Parish website for full details and to access the TryBooking link.

[\(https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/\)](https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/).