

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

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 24th October 2021



Readings for this Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52



Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28-34



Liturgical Jottings

Emotions in the Liturgy

Dr Robert Plutchik (1927-2006), an American psychologist, identified eight primary emotions: namely anger, sadness, surprise, disgust, fear, anticipation, trust and joy. From these other emotions and feelings emerge. The prayers, readings and hymns of our liturgies mention all but one of these in the course of the year. For our liturgies engage the whole person: in the physical, intellectual, spiritual, emotional, occupational, social and environmental: called the seven dimensions of well-being. The Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World (1965) opens with line: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ."

Focus on the Readings

Bartimaeus, the blind beggar of Jericho, had insight into the person of Christ and recognised him and called out to him by his Messianic title "Son of David" and by his personal name "Jesus". Bartimaeus raised the ire of the crowd and the compassion of Christ.

Was Bartimaeus familiar with the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah? We hear Jeremiah today quoting the Lord: "See I will bring them back, all of them: the blind and the lame, the women with child, ... I will comfort them." The Psalm Response repeats the great action of the Lord bringing people home and delivering them from bondage. We readily understand physical repression and burdens. But we are moved to recognise the spiritual bondage caused by sin and infidelity, injustice and disorder.

Bartimaeus gives us a prayer: "Jesus, have pity on me." Jesus restores sight to Bartimaeus. His prayer is accompanied by action: he gets up and follows Christ on the road. Christ is leaving Jericho on his way to Jerusalem and to his rejection, passion and death. Bartimaeus follows him.

Names and Titles of Our Lord

In the four gospels Jesus is directly addressed by others with various titles and in order of quantity they are Lord (39 times), Son of God (21), Teacher (18), Rabbi (15), Master (9), Messiah (5), Jesus (4), Son of David (2), Christ (once by Peter), Rabbuni (Mary of Magdala) and the famous affirmation of faith by Thomas: "My Lord and My God." Indirectly he is referred over 600 times by Jesus and then the Lord. Only four times in the gospels do others call him by his personal name: "Jesus". They are the ten lepers, the Gadarene demoniac, Bartimaeus, and the good thief on the cross and only twice as the "Son of David" by Bartimaeus and the Canaanite woman seeking her daughter's cure. The count may vary with translations; this count is taken using the NRSV.

On the Lighter Side

Bartimaeus (Greek origin, meaning honourable son) is not a popular name. US Social Security Administration that keeps records of all names has listed none from 1900. One occurrence is the UK fictional character in Bartimaeus Trilogy by Jonathon Shroud, 2003-2005. His master is Nathaniel. Last year 2874 Nathaniel's were born in USA. Australian figures are harder to gather: about 300 Nathaniel's in the past four years. Nate is 4 to 5 times more popular.



ROSARY

Rosary will be recited at 4.30pm before the 5.00pm Mass on **Tuesday 26th October**.

All welcome.

MEETING IN THE SPIRIT

The next meeting of coming together to reflect and share our experiences on the Word of God will be on **Tuesday 26th October** at 7pm via Zoom with the link below. Theme for this month is God's complete knowledge and care. Scripture reflection is Psalm 139. Led by Fr John. Please bring you bibles. All Welcomed.

Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7652761030?pwd=aUErRURsQVJ4OFBrUDZPUhUVnZMUT09>

Or Meeting ID: 765 276 1030, Passcode: 4YRfmr

If you need help logging in, please call Mary on 0427190282. Zoom will be open from 6.45pm.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT TWO WEEKENDS

With next weekend being a fifth Saturday of the month, there will be two weekends in a row of only the Sunday Mass as below.

Sunday 31st October at 8.30am:

Commentator – M Carver; Lector – T Hehir;
(No Special Minister required).

Sunday 7th November at 8.30am:

Commentator – M Finn; Lector – N Watt;
(No Special Minister required).

NOVEMBER CEMETRY MASS

The November Cemetery Mass will be held on **Saturday 13th November 2021** at 9.00am.

RECONCILIATION

Starting next month (November), Reconciliation will be available on the second Saturday of the month at 5.30pm before the 6.00pm Mass.

VACCINE MANDATE FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

Directions issued from the Victorian Government state that all “who work at or in connection with a place of worship” are subject to the vaccine mandate, whether they are paid or unpaid. As well as Clergy, Pastoral Associates and Parish Staff, this includes volunteers who perform an ongoing volunteer role at Mass, in church grounds or the parish community.

Providing proof of vaccination

All parish workers and volunteers in our Parish fulfilling an ongoing role are required to have had the COVID-19 vaccination and provide a copy of their COVID Vaccination Certificate to the Parish Office. Please be assured the Parish will hold this information in confidence and not disclose it to any person except as required by law. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

NO NOVEMBER MERRIGUM MASS

Due to the Sacraments on the weekend of 27th and 28th November 2021, there will not be a Mass at Merrigum in November.

WORLD MISSION DAY

Our second collection at all Masses this weekend will support the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal.

Envelopes are also available at the back of the church.

For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**
ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Bruce Barron, John Phyland

Anniversaries: -

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	25 Oct	-
Tues	26 Oct	Rosary 4.30pm Mass 5.00pm Meeting in the Spirit 7.00pm
Wed	27 Oct	-
Thurs	28 Oct	Mass 9.15am
Fri	29 Oct	-
Sat	30 Oct	No Mass
Sun	31 Oct	Mass 8.30am
Mon	1 Nov	-
Tues	2 Nov	<i>Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup</i> No Mass
Wed	3 Nov	-
Thurs	4 Nov	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	5 Nov	-
Sat	6 Nov	No Mass
Sun	7 Nov	Mass 8.30am

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Fr John Paul Pasala

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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

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church.

COPING WITH COVID & LOCKDOWNS

"A challenge or an opportunity? Whilst Covid has certainly been a huge challenge for all of us, it has given us the opportunity to think outside the square and think of others (eg – doctors and nurses on the front line nursing Covid patients, Brett Sutton, Ben Cowie, contact tracers).

Each week our family makes phone calls and sends emails asking people if they are ok (R-U-OK), do they need medical help, or someone to do shopping etc. Covid has given us the opportunity to think of others. A phone call or email does not take much time; try it – the reward is fulfilling.

Finola Price"

This is an initiative of our Parish PPC.

2021-2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Pope Francis recently launched the 2021-2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome, and last Sunday was the launch of the Synod in local Churches around the world. The theme of the Synod is: Communion, Participation, Mission. The Synod's aims and processes are very close to the Plenary Council process already underway in Australia. You can find more information about the Synod at these websites: Vatican Synod Website (<https://www.synod.va/en.html>) or ACBC Synod Website (<https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>).

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man, 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go: your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

HEALING POWER OF FAITH

The exile was a brutal experience for the people of Israel. It was a moment of powerlessness, shame, and disgrace for them. Feeling abandoned by God and bearing the scars of the bitter siege which had preceded their defeat, they huddled together trying to understand how their world, and God's promise, had been turned upside down. Jeremiah who had warned the people of their impending fate can now finally proclaim a word of comfort and hope. They will be brought back to their land. Furthermore, the path God is making for them is not one just for the strong. The vulnerable, the blind and lame, and those in labour will be able to tread this path.

As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem a blind man calls out for his help. For others on the road, this man is an intrusion and obstacle. But he is the one who demonstrates what it means to have faith in Jesus. As Jesus bravely and compassionately journeys to his death and resurrection it is the blind man who ironically has the eyes to see what is really happening – and the courage and faith to follow.

The compassion of Jesus for the blind man is in keeping with how the letter to the Hebrews sees Jesus' high priesthood. He is the one who offers sacrifices on our behalf, the one who heals our wounds and brings us back into relationship with God and with others. He deals with us gently and with sympathy knowing our vulnerability and weakness.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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FIRST READING

Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,

by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

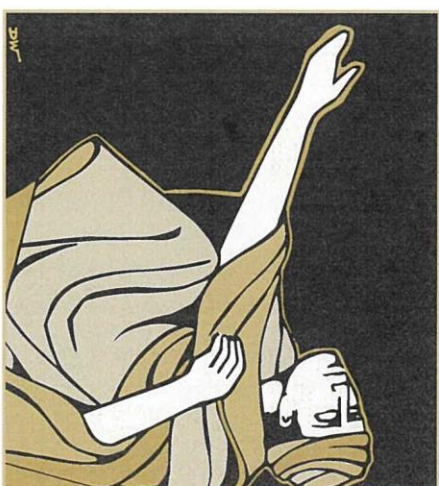
Ps 125. R. v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was
our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips
there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels / the Lord worked for them!' / What
marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we
were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as
streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in
tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**



4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, /
carrying seed for the sowing: / they come back,
they come back, full of song, / carrying their
sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

■ The word of the Lord.