

# Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022**



Readings for  
this week:

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24  
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Readings for  
next Sunday

Wisdom 9:13-18  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Luke 14:25-33



## Season of Creation

The Season of Creation begins on 1 Sept, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 Oct, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christians. Individuals and communities may participate through prayer, advocacy and sustainability projects.

For 2022, the theme is: "Listening to the voice of creation" with the symbol of the burning bush. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many have become familiar with the concept of being silenced. Many voices are silenced in the public discourse on climate change and the ethics of Earth conservation. They are voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. They are voices of people who possess ancestral wisdom about how to live with gratitude within the limits of Earth. It is the voice of the Earth. For more information:

<https://seasonofcreation.org> and  
<https://laudatosimovement.org>

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## Looking at the Readings

This Sunday we begin six Sundays of listening to parables of Jesus. Some are lengthy like the Prodigal Son and Dives & Lazarus and some are mini-parables or similes and maxims like the servant with two masters and the mustard seed. The parable today is addressed to the Pharisees concerning places at table. We can also heed the words of warning about seeking honour and praise or acting with modesty and humility. The first reading from the Old Testament prepares us for the virtue of humility and gaining an attentive ear in the next several weeks: "*The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.*" (Wis 3:29)

The second reading is the last of four excerpts over the four weeks from the Letter to the Hebrews. From chapter 11 we have a definition of faith: "Faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for and conviction about things we do not see" Abel, Abraham & Sarah, Isaac and Moses are examples of people with faith. Today, at the end of chapter 12, are words of exhortation for the faithful Christian and Jesus who makes all things new.

## Spring Ember Day / Season of Creation

Thursday 1 September is the beginning of Spring and the start of the Season of Creation. Closely following this day in time and theme is the Ember Day on the first Friday of Spring. On ember days we offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give God thanks for the creation and our salvation.

*(General Norms for the Liturgical Year Calendar 45)*

## Prayer for the Earth (part 1)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty. *(Pope Francis)*

## Quote of the Week

The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God. *John of Damascus*

## On the Lighter Side

Two nuclear technicians were getting married.

The bride was radiant, and the groom was glowing.

Why did the King of Hearts marry the Queen of Hearts?

They were perfectly suited to each other.



## MULTICULTURAL MASS

We welcome everyone this weekend as we celebrate the seventh (but would have been ninth) Multicultural Mass in our Parish. Each year we acknowledge all the different countries and cultural groups from which the people of our parish come:

60,000 years ago: the arrival of the First Australians;  
1788 Fleet: convicts, soldiers, free settlers – mainly from the British Isles;

Gold Rush: prospectors from all over the world, including Asia and the Americas;

Post-WW II: mainly Europe, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales;

1970-2022: Most countries are now represented in Australia.

Most families in the Parish will have ancestors from several different countries and cultures – from the First People of Australia to those who have migrated here since 1788.

We are delighted to celebrate the varied gifts we enjoy from the many lands represented in our Parish: America, Australia, Belgium, England, Germany, Holland, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Philippines, Scotland, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Wales. (If your country of origin has not been listed, please let the parish office know.)

Thank you for your presence and your contribution to our community. *Here's to our diversity!*

**We invite everyone to share our multicultural supper after the Saturday night Mass, to listen to each other's stories and to cherish the strength of our community.**

## ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 10.00am** in St Augustine's Church. All welcome.

Please note that on this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am:**

Commentator – V Fox, Lector – M Carver,  
Special Minister – A Ryan

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at Tongala at 11.30am**

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome  
**Benjamin Leigh Ciavarella**  
into our faith community.



Please keep Benjamin and his parents, Anthony and Rebecca, and godparents in your prayers.

## SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO – FEAST DAY (28<sup>th</sup> August)

**Saint Augustine of Hippo was a philosopher, theologian and the bishop of Hippo Regius in Numidia, North Africa. He was born in 354 in Algeria and died on August 28 430 at the age of 75 in Hippo Regius, Numidia (modern-day Annaba, Algeria). We celebrate his feast day on 28<sup>th</sup> August every year in the Catholic Church.**

St Augustine converted to Christianity at the age of 31 after he heard his friends reading about the life of St Antony the Great of the Desert. In the midst of his mental confusion about his conversion to Christianity and while agonizing in the garden, he heard a child's voice saying, "take up and read" and randomly, in the Bible, he opened and read the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. When he finished reading that scripture he says he felt no desire to read more. He instantly felt a peaceful light shine in his heart and all the darkness of doubt vanished.

St Augustine abandoned his teaching profession and started preaching. He was ordained as a priest at the age of 36 years. He became interested in using his rhetorical training to help the Christian Church discover and teach knowledgeably the different scriptures in the Bible. He became a renowned preacher for his eloquence and knowledge of the scripture and also his excellent manner of presentation.

At the age of 41 years, St Augustine was made the Bishop of Hippo where he remained as a bishop for 35 years till his death.

St Augustine has written more than 3,000 letters and homilies, as well as other 1,000 publications of importance in philosophy and theology.

[\(https://catholicreadings.org/saint-augustine-of-hippo/\)](https://catholicreadings.org/saint-augustine-of-hippo/)

**St Augustine is the Patron Saint of the Augustinians.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy

**Recently Deceased:** Angelo D'Aloia, Mary Ciavarella (Tatura)

**Anniversaries:** -

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	29 Aug	PPC, PFC & School Boards Meet and Greet
Tues	30 Aug	Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	31 Aug	-
Thurs	1 Sept	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	2 Sept	-
Sat	3 Sept	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	4 Sept	<i>Father's Day</i> Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Tongala
Mon	5 Sept	-
Tues	6 Sept	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm
Wed	7 Sept	-
Thurs	8 Sept	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 3 & 4)
Fri	9 Sept	-
Sat	10 Sept	Mass of Thanksgiving – Sacramental Children 6.00pm (cuppa after Mass)
Sun	11 Sept	Mass 8.30am

## WELCOME

Our parish extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners. Please register at the Parish Office or take a brochure available at the back of the church - we really want to get to know you!

## REMINDER

A reminder that there will be Mass at Tongala next weekend (4<sup>th</sup> September – **first** Sunday of the month) at 11.30am.

*Tuesday 30 August 2022, 1:30pm*  
Kyabram Sports and Entertainment Centre  
408 Allan St, Kyabram

*With performances by:*  
St Patrick's PS, Tongala; St Mary's PS, Rushworth;  
Sacred Heart PS, Tatura; St Francis' PS, Nathalia  
and St Augustine's College, Kyabram

*Free Tickets Limited* (max 4 per family)  
trybooking.com/CBDAY (or scan QR code)

## Parish Priest

Fr John Paul Pasala

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

### Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick (available in Parish Office on Thursdays, 8.30 to 5.00pm)

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

### Parish Office hours –

Tues/Wed/Fri – 8.30am to 12 noon

Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

Parish Office email address

**kyabram@cdos.org.au**

Parish Office website:

**www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au**

## Mass Times

### Kyabram

**Week Day Masses** (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

**Saturday** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month): 6.00pm

**Sunday:** 8.30am

### Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

### Merrigum

Fourth 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.

**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 on 0417 184 527.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

– As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land.

## GOSPEL

Lk 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## WONDER FOR GIFTS RECEIVED

It has been said that the only virtue you can't boast about! For some it is a sign of maturity, for others, it shows a lack of belief in oneself, or it can be a means of subtly advancing your own cause in a way that is socially acceptable, but self-serving.

As Jesus addresses the question of humility, he wisely takes it in stages. Firstly, using the example of the wedding feast, he leads the Pharisees to admit that a self-serving humility can result in a person being exalted. Having gained their attention, Jesus moves on to deal with the nature of authentic humility which expresses itself in care for those who are less fortunate.

Over the last few weeks, the passages taken from the letter to the Hebrews have been reflecting on various aspects of the life of faith. These passages have been both encouraging and challenging. As the reflection concludes there is a call to awe, gratitude and humility for the marvellous gifts every Christian has received. In the ancient world the firstborn son would enjoy the lion's share of the inheritance, and many Christians, as slaves, did not enjoy the status of citizenship. This meant that they had, at best, limited rights. As Christians, however, their status has been radically changed. The covenant in Jesus' blood makes us all 'firstborn sons', sharing the same dignity and status as citizens in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Christopher Monaghan CP



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

28 AUGUST 2022

## FIRST READING

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach

*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,

and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,

and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,

an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

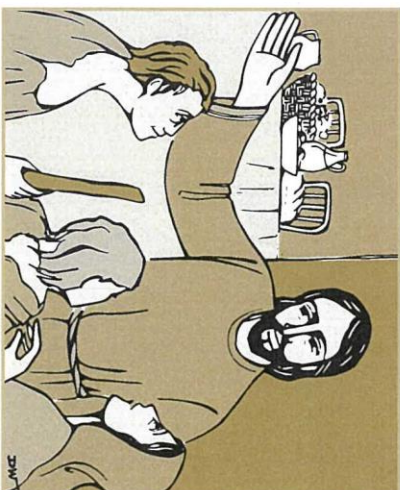
Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, / they shall exult and dance for joy; / O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; / rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, / such is God in his holy place. / God gives the lonely a home to live in; / he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: / when your people were starved you gave them new life. / It was there that your people found a home, / prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!