

Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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Parish Administrator – Fr John Paul Pasala

We come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land

The Baptism of the Lord – Year B – Sunday 10th January 2021

THANK YOU

Thank you to all for your support during what was a very difficult year in 2020.

A big thank you to all involved in coordinating our Christmas Liturgies and throughout the year (when Masses were able to be held, sometimes with rapidly changing restrictions); the support and input of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and Liturgy Group.

If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a lot of volunteer parishioners to sustain a Parish! To all who have given of their time or financially (or both) – a sincere thank you. Your dedication, generosity and support is most appreciated!

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The St Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank everyone who contributed to their Christmas collections. A total of \$1151.30 was raised.

This will help us to continue assisting those locally who are in need.

Thank you so much.

WEEK DAY MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

- Tuesday, 12th January: 6.00pm (Intention of Joseph Bowman)
- Thursday 14th January: 9.15am

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Michael Hogan, Kadyne Mitchell, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Geoff McGowan, Fr Frank Hart

Anniversaries: Joseph Bowman

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



RESUMPTION OF MASSES AT TONGALA AND MERRIGUM

As decided at the December PPC meeting, Masses will resume at Tongala and Merrigum as follows:

- Tongala - the second Sunday of the month at 11.00am (commencing Sunday, 14th February 2021)
- Merrigum - the fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am (commencing Sunday 28th January 2021)

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 16th January at 7.00pm:

- Commentator – S Carroll
- Lector – W Mulcahy
- Special Minister – K Guinan

Sunday 17th January at 8.00am:

- Commentator – M Finn
- Lector – I Paynter
- Special Minister – B Lyon

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Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

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Office hours – Limited office hours during School Holidays

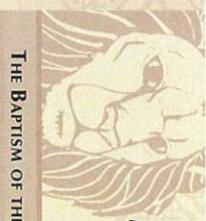
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Reflections on the Gospel

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD / B

THE SAVING WORD

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Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1:7-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved: my favour rests on you.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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SHARING GOD'S GIFT

One of the great recurring themes of the scriptures is that of God's irrepressible and unending desire to bring us into the fullness of life. The reading from Isaiah is filled with images of the life God wants to share with us: water, grain, wine and milk without cost, a life-giving and nourishing word that never returns without achieving its purpose. This life is offered freely – all we need do is seek the Lord to share in this banquet.

For Christians, baptism is a sign of the new life that we have been graciously given through the death and resurrection of Jesus. One of the problems facing John's community was that of how to deal with false teachings which were dividing and weakening the community and the baptismal promises they had made. John seeks to remind them of the life they share through their baptism and the call to bear witness to it by their love for God and for their sisters and brothers.

In the birth of Jesus God's life-giving and nourishing word becomes one with us. His baptism marks a moment of grace for him and us. The heavens are opened and God's empowering Spirit comes upon him as he begins his ministry. God bears testimony to the life that he is pleased to offer us in the Beloved Son. At Jesus' baptism the voice from heaven proclaims how a time of new life and growth is beginning. For those with eyes to see the rich harvest is already beginning, and the banquet prepared.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Come to the waters; listen to my words and you shall have life.

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way,

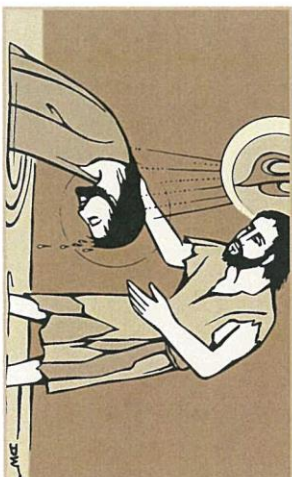
Let the evil man his thoughts, Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isa 12:2-6. R. v. 6

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, / I trust, I shall not fear. / For the Lord is my strength, my song, / he became my saviour: / With joy you will draw water / from the wells of salvation. **R.**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! / Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! / Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord / for he has done glorious deeds, / make them known to all the earth! / People of Zion, sing and shout for joy / for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of St John

The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world?