



# 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

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**



Readings for this week:

Genesis 18:20-32  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13



Readings for next Sunday

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23  
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11  
Luke 12:13-21



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Sanctus

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy Holy) finds its inspiration from the prophet Isaiah and likely became part of Christian liturgy from the Jewish synagogue. Pope Sixtus I (530) gave instruction that all the people and clergy sing the Sanctus together thus joining with the angelic choir a hymn unifying earth and heaven. The second half of the hymn, "The Benedictus" is a later addition with New Testament origins (Apoc 5:16) and not always united with the Sanctus but sung as a response during the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, as we see in the Eucharistic Prayer for Children no. 2.

"The acclamation, by which the whole congregation, joining with the heavenly powers, sings the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy). This acclamation, which constitutes part of the Eucharistic Prayer itself, is pronounced by all the people with the Priest." GIRM 79b.

## Looking at the Readings

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged. © Dianne Bergant CSA.

## Prayer for the Day

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door. In our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Quotes for the Week

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts. *Mother Teresa*

Pray, and let God worry. *Martin Luther*

## On the Lighter Side

Knock, knock. Who's there? Doris. Doris who?

Doris locked, that's why I'm knocking.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Alex. Alex who?

Alexplain everything once you open the door.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Theodore. Theodore who?

Theodore is stuck and won't open.



## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome  
**Dustin Blair Kellow**  
into our faith community.



Please keep Dustin and  
his parents,  
Brett and Maxine, and  
godparents in your prayers.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The children preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be presented with the 'Our Father' at the Saturday evening Mass this weekend.

*We ask that you keep the children  
and their families in your prayers.*



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN FELLOWSHIP DAY

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm at the Salvation  
Army Church**

Australian Church Women Inc. seeks to unite Christian women across denominational boundaries and to promote peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It supports Christian outreach to migrants, refugees, and the peoples of the Pacific and South-east Asia.

This service is open to women and men, and gives local Christian groups a chance to show ecumenical solidarity.

**We encourage people to make an effort on behalf of St Augustine's Parish. The service is simple, not too long and is followed by afternoon tea and chat. Make a group and come along.**

Enquiries: Maria 0427 194 885.

## PARISH FINANCES

A member of our Parish Finance Committee will be giving a presentation at both Kyabram Masses this weekend regarding the finances of our Parish.

The enclosed report will be referred to during this presentation.

## PPC REPORT JULY MEETING *(repeat)*

- As part of our meeting and listening to Parishioners consultation phase of our Strategic Plan, this month PPC members will meet with students at St Patrick's School Tongala and Parents of our Parish Sacramental Program.
- Project Recovery, a joint project between PPC & PFC, is going along nicely.
- New Screens that were donated are now functioning well. Thanks to Frank Zobec and Brendon Lane for removing the old screens, one of which will be used in the Parish room for use at Parish meetings.

## MERRIGUM CHURCH LAWNS

Thank you to those who have given of their time and energy in the past to mow the lawns of the Merrigum Church yard.

We are now calling for a volunteer or volunteers who would be willing to continue the tradition of caring for the Merrigum church by taking on the role of mowing the Merrigum church lawns.

Please talk to Fr John or contact the Parish office (5852 1026).

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm (5<sup>th</sup> Saturday):**

Commentator – M Radanov; Lector – W Mulcahy;  
Special Minister – L Busch

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 8.30am:**

Commentator – V Fox; Lector – M Carver;  
Special Minister – B Lyon

## 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.

Children leaving the Church during Mass are to be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Recently Deceased:** -

**Anniversaries:** Giuseppe DeMaio, Frank DeMaio, Fr Frank Shortis

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	25 July	-
Tues	26 July	Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	27 July	Australian Church Women Fellowship Day 2.00pm
Thurs	28 July	Mass 9.15am (St Aug's Years 7 & 8)
Fri	29 July	<i>Office closed</i>
Sat	30 July	Mass 6.00pm (fifth Saturday) – Baptism during Mass
Sun	31 July	Mass 8.30am
Mon	1 Aug	Sacramental – 'The Shape of the Eucharist and celebrating Confirmation' Parents Formation Night with children 7.00pm
Tues	2 Aug	Rosary 4.45pm - Parish Meeting Room Mass 5.00pm - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	3 Aug	-
Thurs	4 Aug	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	5 Aug	-
Sat	6 Aug	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	7 Aug	Mass 8.30am (and presentation of Creed to Sacramental Children)

## CCR SANDHURST - RENEWAL DAY

### "Let Him Work in Us"

Guest speaker: Fr Varghese Vithayathil. Praise and Worship, Mass, talk and healing prayer. **Saturday 30th July**, 9.30am cuppa - 3.00pm at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's, Knight Street, Shepparton. Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. Contact: Mary Zobec 0427 190282.

## ST DONATO FESTA

The feast of St Donato will be celebrated Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August at Sacred Heart Church Tatura at 10.00am. Mass will be followed by lunch and entertainment at 12noon at Tatura Italian Social Club. Cost \$50 for adults and \$20 for youth (between 5-12). Entertainment by Mick Tenace. Bookings essential for lunch.

Contact Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989, Frank DePalma 0427 552 686, Mary Zobec 0427190282, Nick Lagozzino 0412 726 481, Anthony Lagozzino 0408 553 931, Pino Lagozzino 0427 677 943. Everyone welcome.

## Parish Administrator

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

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### Principals

St Augustine's College

Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary

Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala, Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson), Leanne Beck, James Harris, Naomi Hehir, Peter Ryan, Terry O'Sullivan, Angela Shaw, Mary Zobec

## 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.

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

24 July 2022

**GOSPEL** Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy; your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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**FOUNDATION OF PRAYER**

Like the disciples we find ourselves asking, 'Lord, teach us to pray'. All people of faith are called to pray but how are we to pray? What attitudes are appropriate? Should we be fearful of the living God or trusting and open? The readings for today provide us with some useful orientations. Abraham's pleading for Sodom and Gomorrah is not simply a theoretical concern. Abraham is pleading for the survival of Lot and his family, though he does not mention them specifically. He is prepared to push God's mercy to the limit to save his relatives. His trust in God and his courageous persistence in prayer are rewarded. Similarly, Jesus teaches the disciples that such persistence is the very stuff of the life of faith. Those who seek will find, to those who knock the door will be opened. Abraham knew that the living God was a God of justice and mercy; Jesus goes further to show that the living God is also to be seen as a loving parent, a tireless provider, to be addressed as our Father.

Paul knew that we can have this sort of confidence in God because of what had come about through Jesus' death. Our baptism enables us to share in his saving death and resurrection. On the cross, Jesus has already graciously paid the debt our sin would normally require us to pay. Because of this gift, we can approach God with confidence and trust because the burden of our past has already been taken up by Jesus.



Christopher Monaghan CP

**FIRST READING** Gen 18:20-32

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*  
The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty' there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 137:1-3, 6-8, R. v. 3

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Though I walk in the midst of affliction / you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me. / your hand will do all things for me. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Col 2:12-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!