

Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6 November 2022



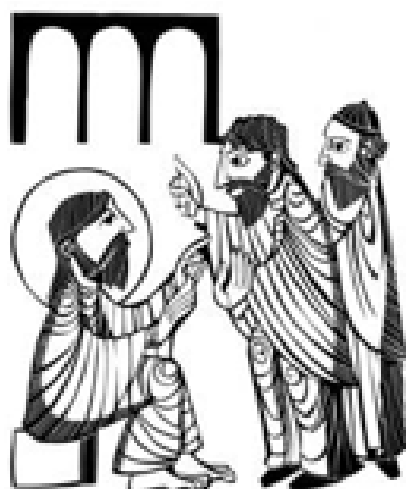
Readings for
this week:

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38



Readings for
next Sunday

Malachi 3:19-20
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19



Liturgical Jottings

Wonder

Wonder is an essential part of the liturgical act because it is the way that those who know they are engaged in the particularity of symbolic gestures look at things. It is the marvelling of those who experience the power of symbol, which does not consist in referring to some abstract concept but rather in containing and expressing in its very concreteness what it signifies. Therefore, the basic question is this: how do we recover the capacity to live completely the liturgical action? This was the objective of the Council's reform. The challenge is very demanding because modern people - not in all cultures to the same degree - have lost the capacity to engage with symbolic action, which is an essential trait of the liturgical act.

Desiderio Desideravi nn 26-27
Pope Francis 19/6/22

Looking at the Readings

The Three Readings in the liturgy today express the power of God to save his people from eternal death. The frightening story from Second Maccabees of the seven brother presents the reader a doctrine of life after death; a doctrine that the Sadducees in the Gospel reject. Jesus teaches that our God, our ever faithful God gives life, eternal life to his people. He is the God of the living, in this world and the next.

St Paul responds to the Thessalonian Christians who are anxious about those who have already died and about the imminent second coming of Christ and who will be saved. Paul reassures them that he second coming is not so imminent but you should lead good and holy lives.

True witness to faith in the resurrection consists neither in an elaborate philosophical or theological argument with those who do not believe in it. The only witness that is truly in accord with the good news is that of men and women who live for God here and now. Such people can say, with remarkable assurance and simplicity, like Therese of Lisieux at the hour of death, "I am not dying, I am beginning to live."

Prayer for the Week

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full. (Ps 16:1,15)

The Two Books of Maccabees

The books contain independent accounts of events that accompanied the attempted suppression of Judaism in Palestine in the second century BC. The people of Israel have been specially chosen by the one true God as covenant-partner, and they alone are privileged to know and worship God. The people, in turn, must worship the Lord alone and observe the laws given to them. The rededication of the Jerusalem Temple (see 2 Mc 10:1-8) is the origin of the Jewish feast of Hanukkah. 1&2 Maccabees, though regarded by Jews and Protestants as apocryphal, i.e., not inspired Scripture, have always been accepted by the Catholic Church as inspired and are called "deuterocanonical" to indicate that they are canonical even though disputed by some.

On the Lighter Side

The Sadducees were a powerful group and in conflict with the Pharisees. They were more known for what they did not believe in than what they did. Sadducees rejected angels and resurrection. That is why they are called "Sad-You Sees!"



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES DURING NOVEMBER

For those wishing to have deceased family and friends prayed for during November, a basket will be available in front of the Font to place the names and remembrance envelopes for our deceased loved ones. November offering envelopes are available at the back of the church. Alternatively, for those unable to attend Mass, November envelopes with names can also be dropped off into the mailbox at the presbytery front door.

FUNDRAISER FOR St Augustine

There are few more wood scroll Calendars 2023 available at the back of the church. , after the weekend Masses. \$20 each and 5 different calendars, **Divine mercy, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Anthony, Sacred Heart and our Lady of Perpetual Help.** All money raised will go to St Augustine Parish. Please contact **Veronica Fox.**



. VICTORIAN FLOOD APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. A poster and related publicity are being prepared and should be available early next week, but if parishioners or schools are enquiring before then,

contributions can be made by:

- **Call 13 18 12**
- visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>. You can also • make a monetary donation through any one of our Vinnies Shops at point of purchase
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods

CCR RENEWAL DAY

Living a life in the Power of the Holy Spirit
“A journey of faith, fellowship and discovery”
Guest speaker: Adrian Commadeur Sat 19th Nov, 2022 at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan’s Shepparton at 9.30 Cuppa - 4.00pm
Lunch: Please bring a plate to share
Contact: **Brigita Hoare 0412 042 196**
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MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 12th at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – Ratcliffe

Special Minister- L Moran

Sunday 13th November at 8.30am:

Commentator – V Fox

Lector –M Carver

Special Minister – J Chant

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Advent Reconciliation

Thursday 15th December at 6pm –followed by social gathering

Christmas Eve

Saturday 24th December

Carols commencing at 6:00pm,

Mass at 6:30pm

Christmas Morning

Sunday 25th December

Mass at 8:30am

New Year Morning

Mass at 8.30am

CEMETERY MASS SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Mass will be held

On Saturday, 26th November at 9.00 am
at the Kyabram Cemetery.

Please bring a chair, and if you like flowers.

MESSA AL CIMITERO

La Santa Messa per i nostri Defunti sara celebrata Sabato 26 Novembre alle ore 9am nel cimitero di kyabram per piacere portatevi la sedia
la sedia

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes are now available to be picked up from the back of the church. Thank you and God Bless You.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Amy Nicholson, Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Concetta Barbagallo,

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: Rebecca Baric, Elizabeth Kilmartin, Michael Bowman, Anthony Bowman.

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



WEEKLY TIME TABLE

Mon	7 Nov	-
Tues	8 Nov	Rosary 4:45pm, Mass 5:00pm.
Wed	9 Nov	-
Thurs	10 Nov	Mass 9:15am (Grade 3 & 4, Year 10)
Fri	11 Nov	-
Sat	12 Nov	Baptism 5 pm (Maddison Woods) Reconciliation 5.30pm, Mass 6pm (Cuppa after the Mass)
Sun	13 Nov	Mass 8.30am
Mon	14 Nov	-
Tues	15 Nov	Rosary 4,45pm, Mass 5pm.
Wed	16 Nov	-
Thurs	17 Nov	Mass 9.15am, Prayer Service at Warramanda @10.30am, (2022 Graduation Mass 6pm)
Fri	18 Nov	-
Sat	19 Nov	No Mass
Sun	20 Nov	Mass 8:30am Mass 12.00 noon (Merrigum)

PRIEST RETIREMENT FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SANDHURST SUPPORT

You will find envelopes at the back of the church for the support of the Priest Retirement Foundation, please collect after the Mass. There will be special collection the weekend of **12 & 13 November**.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we join together and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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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

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third 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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Apoc 1:5, 6
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL
A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.
Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all the seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all are in fact alive.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

6 NOVEMBER 2022

FIRST READING
2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14
A reading from the second book of
Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig’s flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, ‘What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.’

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, ‘Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.’

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, ‘It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.’ The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man’s courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, ‘Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men’s hands, yet relying on God’s promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM
Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v. 15

R. Lord, when your glory appears,

my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, / pay heed to my cry. / Turn your ear to my prayer: / no deceit is on my lips. **R.**



2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths; / there was no faltering in my steps. / I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. / Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R.**

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. / Hide me in the shadow of your wings. / As for me, in my justice I shall see your face / and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Thess 2:16-3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord’s message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.

ENDURANCE AND STEADFASTNESS OF CHRIST

While we may take belief in the resurrection for granted, it was not always so for the people of Israel. For most of their history the people of Israel did not believe in an afterlife, and if they did, it was the shadowy afterlife of Sheol where even God was not praised (Psalms 6:5; Isaiah 38:18). Both the first reading and today’s Gospel give us a glimpse into the development of Jewish belief in the resurrection. In the second century BC, the martyrs of the Maccabean revolt found the strength to endure torture and death because they trusted that the living God would give their lives back to them at the resurrection. In Jesus’ time, this belief was still not widespread. The Sadducees were one group who found the idea of the resurrection to be ludicrous. The Pharisees, however, believed in the resurrection, angels and spirits (Acts 23:8).

As a preacher of the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul knew better than most how difficult it could be to convince people of the truth of the Christian message. We hear the voice of experience when he observes that faith is not given to everyone. Misunderstanding and opposition were ever-present realities in his ministry of proclaiming the Good News. The Christians of Thessalonika are encouraged to remain steadfast in their faith, certain that the Lord is with them to guide, console and strengthen. Furthermore, they are called to support Paul’s ministry using their prayers.

Christopher Monaghan CP