

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

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd August 2020



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



Readings for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



Liturgical Jottings

Solemn Blessings

Every Mass concludes with the final blessing and dismissal. The Blessing may be simple or solemn. The Roman Missal contains solemn blessings for seasons, feasts and sacraments: Advent, Christmas, New Year, Epiphany, Passion time, Easter time, Ascension, Holy Spirit, Ordinary Time 1-6, Blessed Virgin Mary, Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, All Saints, Dedication of a Church, Confirmation, Ordination of Priests, Deacons and Bishops, Marriage, Blessing of Abbots, Abbesses, Virgins, Religious and Masses for the Dead. In Australia we have two more for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Australia Day. These may also be used in the Divine Office and Liturgies of the Word at the discretion of the celebrant.

Looking at the Readings

During the Season of Ordinary Time the first reading and the Gospel have a common theme or link or the first is the prophecy and the gospel is the fulfilment of the prophet's words. Today the link between the first reading and Gospel passage is the key: The Key of David and the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven are symbols of conferring authority. The one that holds the key is entrusted with the exercise of authority for the service of God's people. God does the conferral, Eliakim and Peter receive the authority to rule the earthly kingdom (Israel) and heavenly kingdom on earth (the Church) respectively.

Simon Peter is the Apostle who first speaks out: "You are the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus blesses Peter. As God confers the keys, God also reveals the mysteries to and endows Peter with faith, love and strength. This passage is important to understand the authority of the emergent church, which is both divine and human. Peter, which name means rock, is the rock on which Jesus will build the church and Peter will later lead. It is also a turning point in the life of the Apostles knowing Christ and for Jesus turning his focus on his impending suffering and death. The word "Church" occurs in the Gospels twice, both in direct speech of our Lord, here and in Matt 18:16. Jesus second question is addressed to all of us: "But who do you say that I am?"

Keys of the Kingdom

Keys are found only once in the Hebrew Scriptures, twice in the Gospels and twice in the book of Revelations. Each time they are used metaphorically and not as a physical device to unlock a door. Keys have been around for centuries, but certainly not common in Old Testament times. Pegs were precursor to keys, a primitive device to secure doors and gates. Prophet Isaiah also mentions a peg in today's reading as a securing device. In recent time keys are used symbolically at 21st birthdays, official welcome to a city, and as a token in the transfer of a car or a new home.

Quote of the week - What then is time? If no one asks me, I know what it is. If I wish to explain it to him who asks, I do not know. *Saint Augustine, Confessions Book XI Ch XIV*

On the Lighter Side

In searching for keys in the bible, my search program also found donkeys and monkeys. Donkeys are mentioned 162 times and even a talking donkey in Numbers 22:30-33. Monkeys are mentioned only twice but no turkeys were found.



CAN YOU HELP?

St Augustine's College continues to have a number of prayer cloths that need to be hemmed. They are mostly cotton fabric.

Anyone who is handy with a sewing machine is invited to contact our Pastoral Associate, Alma Limbrick, if they are able to help out.

Alma can be contacted on 0417 184 527.

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Parish Office – closed until further notice, however the Parish Office can still be contacted through its email address at: kyabram@cdos.org.au

Principals

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Katrina Johnson – Phone 5859 0371

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Jinjo, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Joe Chant (Chairperson), Alana Brennan, Maurie Finn, John Forde, Katrina Johnson, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Brayden Stone, Mary Zobec

OUR BULLETIN

We continue to provide our weekly on-line bulletin as we adjust to the impact of COVID-19 on our lives.

With none of the usual activities of Parish life at the moment, much that is contained in our bulletin is online links to other sites. We hope that these links will provide you with ways to celebrate your faith, find prayers and reflections, as well as activities to sustain you.

Fr Jinjo will continue to pray for our sick, our recently deceased and for anniversaries. If you would like a name included on the bulletin, please email to Kyabram@cdos.org.au.

Our peace and blessings to you all.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Una Donegan, Joan Childs,
Jacqui Rosendale, Fr Ted Harte

Recently Deceased: -

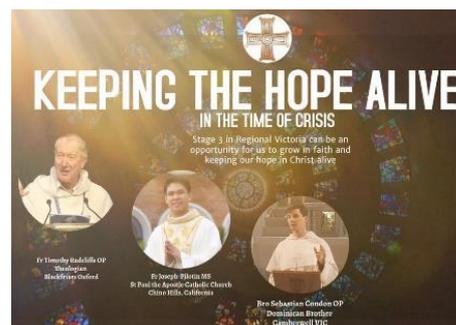
Anniversaries: -

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



KEEPING THE HOPE ALIVE

St Kilian's Parish continues with its six-week small reflections program through their Facebook page each **Thursday at 10.30am**, providing an opportunity for us to grow in faith and keep our hope in Christ alive.



ONLINE RESOURCES

- Mass still continues to be celebrated at St Kilian's Church, on Sundays at 10.00am, livestreamed to the diocese's website: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/>.
- Please see our Parish website for information about other options available for online Masses, as well as resources for Sunday readings and family prayer. (<https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/>)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” (Romans 11:35)

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.