



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

Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 7th November 2021



Readings for
this Sunday

1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44



Readings for
next week:

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32



Liturgy and Christian Life I - Background

In Christianity, Judaism and other faiths our liturgy and morality (way of life) have been distinctive but not separated. From the time of Moses and the ten commandments true worship and right morality were closely connected. The readings of last week bear this out. Christ deepened the relation between love of God and love of neighbour. Prayer without Care is worthless. The Prophets of the Old Testament, Sts Peter and Paul of the New and the Early Church Fathers have constantly recalled God's people to faith and justice. The Father's love for his Son and his Son's love for us are manifest at the last supper and in his death and resurrection. We celebrate these in our liturgy and sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Penance.

Focus on the Readings

The obvious link with the first reading and the Gospel is the plights of the poor widows. The Sidonian widow showed obedience to the prophet and generosity to him. In turn he provided for her and her son's needs. In the Gospel the widow in Jerusalem showed obedience to the law and generosity to the Temple. We may praise them for their faith and practice. They give great examples that preachers and planned giving counsellors have utilised over the years.

The readings also remind me of a poster bearing the image of Bishop Helder Camara and his well known quote: "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist." For we may ask a similar question, "Why are these widows starving and down to their last jar of meal and last penny?" Has society neglected them? Have the laws of the land created unjust burdens? Thankfully social security has been established and constantly improving. Also people's awareness and practical assistance have increased, become more structured but also allow for private initiatives to help others.

Christ's observation and instruction begins with "I tell you solemnly" and ends fairly abruptly. He wants us to consider his words carefully but leaves us to draw the conclusions and decide on our responses.

Prayer for the Day

Blessed are you. God the Father!
You reveal to the humble the mysteries of the kingdom.
Blessed are you. God the Father!
You choose those who have nothing, here they are rich in faith.
Blessed are you. God the Father! You lower proud looks, you save the lowly.

Words of Pope Francis Address to the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation, 25/5/13

We have forgotten and are still forgetting that over and above business, logic and the parameters of the market is the human being. Men and women are human beings by virtue of their profound dignity: to offer them the possibility of living a dignified life and of actively participating in the common good. All human activity, including economic activity, must be ethically structured and governed. We must return to the centrality of the human being, to a more ethical vision of activities and of human relationship without the fear of losing something."

On the Lighter Side

Tithing is not a common word in the Catholic Church. We normally speak of planned giving, pledges and collections. Nonetheless a bumper sticker had: "Tithe if you love Jesus! Any fool can honk!" Or "What is syntax: A tithe"



MASSES IN OUR PARISH

At this weekend's Mass we are trialling our process to have numbers capped at 100 with the requirement to check the vaccination status of all attending aged 16 years and above.

Our monthly Masses at both Merrigum and Tongala will remain capped at 30 without the need to book in or provide vaccination status.

Weekday Masses in St Augustine's Church will remain limited to 30 with no check of vaccination status. For those who are unvaccinated and unable to attend Mass this weekend, they are encouraged to attend our weekday Masses or the monthly Merrigum or Tongala Masses.

Please keep your eyes on our website and facebook page during the week for updated information about Masses next weekend.

PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on **Tuesday, 9th November** commencing at 5.30pm (following Mass).

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be available next **Saturday, 13th November** at 5.30pm before the 6.00pm Mass.

STUDENT EXAMS - We continue to ask all parishioners to pray for those students currently studying for and sitting exams.

FLYER – MASS TIMES

Available at our sign-in tables are A5 printed cards of our ongoing Mass Times, which you may like to take to keep in a prominent spot at home. Please feel free to take extras to pass on to others that may be interested.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The latest issue of Sandpiper e-News is now available online and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/2ae10ee0bd46/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-8697833>

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the bottom of the link page.)

NOVEMBER CEMETERY MASS

Our annual cemetery Mass to pray for our deceased members will be held on **Saturday 13th November 2021** at 9.00am at the Kyabram Cemetery. Please remember to bring a chair.

PAST STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

Past Students and Friends of St Augustine's Memorial Service will be held at 5.00pm in the school Memorial Garden on **Saturday 13th November**, followed by 6.00pm Mass. All welcome.

SERVICE TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES

St Augustine's Parish Bereavement Support Group together with the Kyabram District Nursing Service, invite all those in our community who are grieving to attend the –

Memorial Service
St Augustine's Church Kyabram
Thursday, 25th November 2021 at 7.00pm

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.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 13th November at 6.00pm:

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

Sunday 14th November at 8.30am:

Commentator – M DiPetta; Lector – S Carroll;
Special Minister – N Livsey

Sunday 14th November at Tongala at 11.30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Mary Ryan

Anniversaries: Michael Ryan

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	8 Nov	-
Tues	9 Nov	Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Protection of the Unborn) PPC meeting 5.30pm
Wed	10 Nov	-
Thurs	11 Nov	Mass 9.15am
Fri	12 Nov	-
Sat	13 Nov	Cemetery Mass 9.00am Past Students and Friends Memorial Service 5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass 6.00pm
Sun	14 Nov	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30 Tongala
Mon	15 Nov	-
Tues	16 Nov	No 5.00pm Mass St Aug's College Graduation Mass 6.00pm
Wed	17 Nov	-
Thurs	18 Nov	Mass 9.15am
Fri	19 Nov	-
Sat	20 Nov	No Mass
Sun	21 Nov	Mass 8.30am

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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
Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum
Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

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.

INVITATION FROM JACKSON SAUNDERS

Dear parishioners,

A brief note to thank you for your support with my seminary studies and to ask for your prayers as I prepare for my ordination as a deacon by Bishop Shane Mackinlay. The ordination will take place on Friday, November 19, at 6.00pm at the Cathedral in High Street, Bendigo. If you would like to attend, you are very welcome, but it is **ESSENTIAL TO BOOK** by Tuesday, November 16. This is so that we can plan logistics for the event and ensure that Government restrictions on numbers permitted are met.

As per Government regulations, you will need to show proof of double vaccination or an official certificate of exemption when you arrive. On your arrival you will be required to show your vaccination status via the Victoria Services App; a digital or printed certificate; or an eligible medical exemption certificate.

Please book online via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BVBYO> or ring Marie Flynn on 0419 554 642 or Pauline Rooke on 5447 8325 to RSVP.

God bless, Jackson

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

This poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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SELF-GIVING AND GENEROSITY

In many cultures, philanthropy and generosity can lead to a person being honoured and esteemed. The biblical world was no exception. As Sirach 31:23 observes: 'People bless the one who is liberal with food, and their testimony to his generosity is trustworthy.' Groups that were identified as being especially in need of such generosity were widows and orphans. God was identified as having special concern for them (Psalm 68:5). This was not all that the scriptures had to say on the matter. Deuteronomy 24:21 enjoined farmers to leave some of their crops for widows and orphans to harvest and so ensure their survival.

Given this tradition, it is remarkable that two of our readings today highlight the extraordinary generosity of two widows. In foreign territory, Elijah meets a widow and her son and asks to share in what they expect to be their last meal before they die. The widow's extraordinary generosity meets a most unexpected reward. As Jesus watches people contributing to the completion of the Temple, a widow's generosity catches his eye. Like Jeremiah before him, Jesus wanted the Temple to be a place of true worship. This woman's desire to honour God touched his heart – this is what true worship looks like.

Decades later the letter to the Hebrews reflected on Jesus' own self-giving as the perfect sacrifice that embodied and perfected all others. Not only did Jesus give what he had, he gave to the point of death itself. This act of love was the culmination of all Israel's sacrifices becoming the timeless model for ministry and priesthood.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her, 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug: I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

'Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth.'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 2

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry. / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down. / It is the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**



3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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