



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

17th May 2020



Readings for this week: Acts 8:5-8,14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18 or 4:13-16
John 14:15-21 or 17:1-11



Readings for next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Language II

After Rome adopted Latin into its liturgy, a century after most of the provinces of the Christian Roman Empire was using Latin. Latin now became the unifying language in commerce, government and public worship. At the same time other cultures in Mesopotamia, Upper Nile, Ethiopia, Armenia, Persia began using local languages in their public liturgies. This remained the norm until the 16th century when new vernacular languages were developing in Western Europe. Also the Protestant Reformers were calling for the vernacular in worship. The Counter Reformation, in the Council of Trent stated it was not opportune but permitted the vernacular languages for sermons, pastoral instructions and short explanations during the liturgy.

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Looking at the Readings

Peace and Persecution seem contradictory terms. Yet the Apostles and followers of Christ experienced both in the first years of the Church. We hear that after the persecution of Christians and after Saul's conversion, they were at peace (Acts 9). Then Saul, now called Paul, was himself, persecuted many times (2 Corinthians 11:23-27) but endured and even flourished by it all for the sake of Lord. Today's first reading records a "severe persecution" in which many Christians fled Jerusalem. However the flight from the city led them to other regions where they proclaimed Christ, healed in his name and received many into the faith. The new converts were baptised but waited for the Apostles to come to lay hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit. They endured the persecution with the love of the Lord in their hearts and the peace of God in their spirits.

What are the commandments that Jesus urges his disciples to keep? There are many instructions of Christ in the Gospel: turn away from sin, feed the hungry, be servants to others, proclaim the Good News, follow me, forgive, baptise, love your enemies, love one another. John in today's Gospel links keeping his commandments with remaining in his love. We are reminded: "I give you a new commandment, love one another just as I have loved you (John 13:34) and the greeting: "Peace be with you: and with your spirit!"

Good Idea for the Week

Monday 21 May is the UN International Day for Cultural Diversity promoting dialogue among cultures and peoples, based on mutual understanding, respect and the equal dignity of all cultures. They are essential prerequisites for constructing social cohesion, reconciliation among peoples and peace among nations.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

During his Mass on Tuesday 12 May, International Nurses Day, Pope Francis prayed especially for nurses. Nursing is more than just a profession, it is a vocation, a calling that, especially in this time of pandemic, is marked by heroism – even to the point of giving one's life. He invited us to pray for nurses. In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on Jesus' words: "Peace I leave you; my peace I give you" (Jn 14:27). This peace is not "universal peace", the peace that comes from the absence of war, rather it is "peace in the heart, peace in our souls, the peace we all have within."

On the Lighter Side

When I went to get my flu vax the young nurse was very nervous; she told me that I was her very first patient. I said to her: "Give it your best shot."



EASING OF SOME RESTRICTIONS

With the first step in the easing of some COVID-19 Government restrictions, the Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting soon to determine how we might pave the way forward for the re-engagement of our Parish activities for both the short and long term.

We will continue to keep you informed through our bulletin, website and Facebook.

Happy Birthday



Special birthday wishes and congratulations to **Mary Fitzgerald** who is celebrating her 90th birthday.

ALONG THE TRACK - The Call of the Spirit

“... what will the Spirit call you to do today? What will the Spirit ask of you? How will the Spirit inspire you today? These are encouraging questions at the same time as being challenging.”

This is an extract from Jim Quillinan's latest 'Along the Track' article.

If you would like to read the **rest of this article**, it can be found on our Parish website at www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au under 'Other Information' on the Home page.

ONLINE FORUM 'Ecological Stewardship'

St Augustine's College invites parishioners to this online forum featuring Kylie Smith to be held on **Tuesday 19th May at 3.30pm**.

See the back page of this bulletin for further details.

REFLECTIONS

The 'Pray As You Go' website (<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>) now has 'Pray As You Stay' reflections. These reflections focus on facing up to the difficult things we face at the moment – Anxieties, Suffering, Death, Loneliness, Disappointment, Waiting, Decisions (what matters most).

Join them for another week of prayer during this difficult time.



To all our Parish Volunteers

Our heartfelt thanks and blessings for the amazing work you all do for our Parish community, even during this COVID-19 Crisis.

We are hearing of the amazing work you are doing in being Eucharist to others by your phone calls, checking in on one another, doing the small tasks and praying for each other.

Through your dedication and commitment, you are certainly changing communities and changing lives.

Until we can all worship together again, stay safe and be assured of the love and prayers of our parish community.

- Fr Jinjo and St Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council



MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Some options for you:

- **MASS AT ST KILIAN'S ON SUNDAY** - Mass will be celebrated at St Kilian's Church, Bendigo, this Sunday at 10.00am, livestreamed to the diocese's website: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/>
- **'MASS ON DEMAND'** every day from Our Lady of the Way Parish, Nth Sydney & Lavendar Bay Livestream or video archive: <https://cathnews.com/> (Scroll down) and **Facebook: 'Mass on Demand'**.
- **DAILY TV MASS** Livestream or video archive from the National Catholic Broadcasting Council of Canada: <https://dailytvmass.com/> and **Facebook: 'Daily TV Mass'**
- **MASS FOR YOU AT HOME** live streamed at 6.00 am every Sunday on Channel 10: <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Recently Deceased: Tony Marsicovetere

Anniversaries: -



(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. Please contact the parish office to renew for another month.)

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Alma Limbrick

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Parish Office – closed until further notice, however the Parish Office can still be contacted through its email address at:
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Parish Pastoral Council

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Peter 3:17)

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY'S WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER

To help everyone get their day started while working and studying from home, Sandhurst Youth Ministry is posting weekday Morning Prayer videos at 8:30am. A range of prayer styles offering young people the chance to pray in different ways each morning are being used.

Videos are posted on the Sandhurst Youth YouTube Channel.

SUNDAY READINGS AND FAMILY PRAYER

Liturgy Brisbane has again provided resources which we invite you to share in preparation for the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

The resources can be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website and will be updated each week -

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

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.

We will also endeavour to provide information that is as up-to-date as possible, however please be mindful that in the rapidly changing world we find ourselves in, that sometimes information contained in the bulletin may be outdated by the time you read it.

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.



Family Engagement Group

St Augustine's College

invites you to
an online forum
featuring Kylie Smith
Faith Formation, Spirituality and Sustainability
Catholic Education Office, Sandhurst

'Ecological Stewardship'

People everywhere are uniting in May 16-24 for 'Laudato Si Week' to take the next steps in our ground-breaking journey toward better care of God's creation.

You are called to join us.

This workshop aims to provide adults with an exploration of the Catholic Social Teaching principle: Stewardship. Kylie Smith will lead a faith formation experience for adults and explore various aspects of ecological conversion so that we might be better equipped to care for our common home.

Tuesday 19th May at 3.30pm
Estimated duration 60mins

Please contact kyliemorrissey@sakyabram.vic.edu.au if you wish to participate.



**LAUDATO SI'
WEEK 2020**