

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-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 10th October 2021



Readings for
this Sunday
Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30



Readings for
next week:
Isaiah 53:10-11
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45



Liturgical Jottings

The Senses - Taste

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord” (Psalm 33:9) is the response in three consecutive Sundays (19, 20 & 21) in Year B that accompany the Gospel of Jesus teaching on the body of Christ (John 6). This psalm response occurs another 17 times during the three years. The verse is a metaphor for experiencing our God. We taste the elements of bread and wine in the Eucharist and received the goodness of the body and blood of Christ.

The taste of salt has been mostly dropped from our liturgies. Salt placed on the tongue was once used in our Catechumenate and Baptism rites to signify healing, preservation and the seasoning of wisdom. Salt is now an option in blessing of holy water. The salt is blessed and signifies purification of water (Elisha - 2 Kings 2:21) and to preserve the people from attack of the enemy. (2011 Roman Missal, appendix II)

Focus on the Readings

To understand the wisdom of God and to see the futility of riches are two activities that highlight the dichotomy we face in life about earthly and heavenly things. The three readings today are rich in imagery to bring insights in our relationship with God. God's wisdom is priceless in comparison with gold and silver that are like sand and mud. God's wisdom and love are our riches (Wis 7:11).

A camel passing through the eye of the needle is ludicrously displayed in many internet image searches. Hopefully the cartoonist may help us reflect on the meaning of Jesus words. He disassociates wealth from blessing and even proposes it as a hindrance to attain eternal life. His teaching disappoints the first man when Jesus asks him to replace earthly treasure with heavenly treasure. He also confuses the disciples who must ask him for an explanation.

Both the man seeking the way to eternal life and the disciples questioning their own futures speak up for us today because we carry in our hearts the query about the meaning of our life and our destiny. Thomas asked Jesus where he is going and how can we get there and received the answer: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.” We join the disciples on the road to Jerusalem following Christ. The journey to Jerusalem began with Christ's predication of his death and he reminds his disciples the cost of following him includes persecution.

Prayer for Today (Opening Prayer 28th Sunday ICEL 1995)

God of wisdom, whose word probes the motives of our hearts, with you all things are possible. Let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus who looks on us with love. Free us to leave all things and follow him. Amen.

Psalm Response

Fill us with your love, O Lord and we will sing for joy. (Ps 89:14)

Memorial of the Week - Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli (St John XXIII) was born 25 November 1881 in a village in Lombardy to a sharecropper family. Ordained a priest he was a scholar, diplomat and pope (elected 1958). He convened the Second Vatican Council on 11 October 1962 and died 3 June 1963. Pope Francis canonised him in 2014. His feast day is taken from the date of the opening of the Council.

On the Lighter Side

When Pope John XXIII was patriarch of Venice he was talking with a wealthy resident and told him, "We have one thing in common: money. You have a lot and I have none of it. The difference is I don't care about it."

PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on **Tuesday, 12th October** commencing at 5.30pm (following Mass).

BISHOPS VIDEO MESSAGE TO YEAR 12S FOR 2021

Year 12 is a challenging year, add in two years of Covid-19 and our current year 12s have undergone great stress and uncertainty.

Bishop Shane's message for the year 12 students of 2021 is just over 3 minutes long and full of words of encouragement. He has also included encouragement for students to get vaccinated.

The video message is available for anyone to watch on the Sandhurst Youth Ministry YouTube Channel at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GB5B8WCk464>

FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE

This organisation was established in the Parish in 1999 and its purpose is to foster and support spiritual development. Ruth McGowan is the leader in our parish. Mary McCormick, a former parishioner, has written a history of this group: "Friends of St Augustine – An Appreciation".

This history book of 136 pages, landscape formatted, in colour, with wire binding seeks to chronicle and offer appreciation for the years since 1999 to 2021 when the Augustinian lay movement Friends of St Augustine (formerly known as Augustinian Friends) has been of benefit and in existence.

The book seeks to appreciate and honour all that Augustinian Friends, and in more recent times, Friends of St Augustine, has meant for lay people within the Augustinian family as they have sought to develop their faith and their role within church. From within its pages comes both challenge and invitation.

All proceeds from the sale of this book will go to the Augustinian Vietnam Mission Fund.

A copy of the book may be purchased from Mary McCormick. The cost is \$30.00 plus \$11.00 for postage. Mary can be contacted via email at: mary_mccormick@bigpond.com.

SANDHURST WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday 20th November 2021 from 1pm-8pm
at St Kilian's Bendigo
For ages 15-30 year old
Theme: Stand Up! (Acts 26:16)

Numbers of those able to attend physically in Bendigo will be capped, however much of the day will be livestreamed to YouTube and there will be active Social Media engagement on the day for those unable to attend.

A few key points about the physical event:

- *Anyone attending physically must be fully vaccinated in line with Victorian Roadmap, those that are not will be able to access most of the event online.*
- *Online registrations open 1 month prior (approx 22nd Oct).*
- *The day will include Workshops, a Rally, Mass celebrated by Bishop Shane.*
- *The event will be held almost entirely outdoors. BYO food, drink, picnic rug or chair.*

MASS BOOKINGS

As per the Victorian Government Covid restrictions, currently Mass numbers will be limited to 20 people, plus those necessary to conduct the service.

Bookings for weekend Masses only can be made through the Trybooking links on our website or ringing the Parish Office and leaving a message. **Bookings do not need to be made for weekday Masses.**

ALONG THE TRACK

Along the Track are a series of reflections by Jim Quillinan of Warragul produced by the Catholic Diocese of Sale.

These regular newsletters are very insightful and can be viewed by visiting our Parish website (<https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au>) or can be received via email if you wish to contact the parish office with your email details.

MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 17th October at 8.30am:

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – M Finn;
(No Special Minister required).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Nita Martin (Guiney)

Anniversaries: -

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	11 Oct	-
Tues	12 Oct	Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Vocations to Religious Life) PPC meeting 5.30pm
Wed	13 Oct	-
Thurs	14 Oct	Mass 9.15am
Fri	15 Oct	-
Sat	16 Oct	No Mass
Sun	17 Oct	Mass 8.30am
Mon	18 Oct	-
Tues	19 Oct	Mass 5.00pm Parish Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm
Wed	20 Oct	-
Thurs	21 Oct	Mass 9.15am
Fri	22 Oct	-
Sat	23 Oct	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	24 Oct	<i>World Mission Day</i> Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Merrigum

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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

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine’s Church.

All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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TRUE WISDOM

Wisdom is a gift that many of us aspire to but it is found not only by desiring it but choosing it in the midst of the complexity and richness of our daily lives. The writer of the book of Wisdom speaks as one who longs for understanding, who sees it as the true and lasting source of wealth in a human life. This openness and longing for wisdom find concrete expression in the Gospel where the rich man, who has been faithful to the commandments, is still unsatisfied and searching for more. He is wise enough to recognise in Jesus someone who is a true teacher. That his face falls at the words of Jesus shows he is also aware that he has not yet arrived at the point where he has the inner freedom to take the next step.

The letter to the Hebrews speaks of the word of God as a two-edged sword, able to cut in both directions and uncover what lies deep within us. For the rich man, Jesus' word challenges him not on what he has already done but on what he is yet to do. He is well intentioned but is not yet as free as Jesus wants him to be. As the Gospel proceeds it is clear that while his contemporaries and the disciples saw wealth as a sign of God's blessing Jesus was more concerned about the ways in which our possessions can hold us back from a whole hearted commitment to the gospel message.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,

and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light,

since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:12-17. R. v. 14

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**

2. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Give us joy to balance our affliction / for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**

3. Show forth your work to your servants: / let your glory shine on their children. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

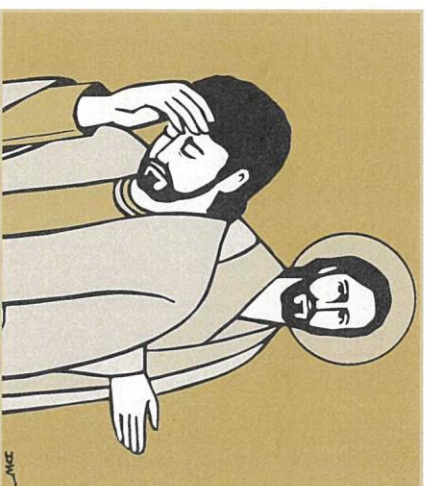
SECOND READING

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more



finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

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

GOSPEL

Mk 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Mark.

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness;