



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 August 2023



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28



Readings for next Sunday:

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



Liturgical Jottings Kerygma

Generally speaking Kerygma is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus. Kerygma is the content and the activity and the task of the preacher. Writers express this concept in various ways: The Proclaimer, Jesus Christ, became the Proclaimed (R Bultmann), or the public proclamation of Christianity to the non-Christian world (C H Dodd) but also includes the teaching and training of the disciples and all believers. Kerygma is linked to the literary form of the Gospels. Mark presents Christ's words and works with mystery of the cross and the call to be disciples. Matthew by five great discourses revealing Christ's message for the community. Luke uses the journey motif to explain Jesus' death and resurrection and John by revealing Christ's glory by the seven signs and the events of crucifixion and resurrection.

Today's readings highlight the role of kerygma: to proclaim and preach salvation for all.

Looking at the Readings

The three readings and the psalm all mention foreigners and pagans and the call from God to them and the mission of the church towards them. The Gospel of Matthew was written for a church community comprised of Jewish converts to Christianity. The Gospel included many old testament references with which they would be familiar. But the Gospel particularly emphasises Jesus contacts with the gentiles (non-Jews). First three women are named in the family tree of Jesus, Tamar and Rahab Canaanites, and Ruth a Moabite (Matt 1:3,5). Matthew was the only Gospel to relate the wise men from the East coming to worship the Infant Jesus. A Roman Centurion asks Jesus to cure his servant (Matt 8:5-13) and the Canaanite (Syro-Phoenician) woman her daughter in today's Gospel. Jesus' initial response creates some speculation: Is he harsh or reluctant or discriminant or even humorous? He is also prophetic, like Isaiah, and educative to his listeners. He acknowledges the woman's deep and persistent faith and is compassionate to her and her daughter.

St Paul reveals his passion in his ministry and energy in his language and is definite in his arguments: for he brings the good news of salvation to the pagans. The Good News is the mercy and love of God for all.

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, may we have the courage to pray for our needs and the strength to accept your answer. In your name we pray. Amen.

The Quirky Calendar

Today the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time falls on the twentieth of August. Coincidentally the last concurrence was the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time on the twenty-first of August 2022. These concurrences have occurred 22 times this century!

Quote of the Day

It is important that it have two main goals. One is the development of the *kerygma*, the foundational experience of encounter with God through Christ's death and resurrection. The other is growth in *fraternal love*, community life and service. *Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Christus vivit (March 2019)*

On the Lighter Side

Josepha Byrne's "Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure and Preposterous Words" simply defines Kerygma as Christian preaching. Above the entry is keraunophobia: abnormal fear of thunder and lightning and kerdomeletia: excessive attention to material wealth. The last two words are not in my spellchecker!



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Fr Steve Bohan, Anne Dodd, Sam Peyton, Philip Bowman, Margaret Wade, Shane McDonell, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, John Zobec, Mary McNamara.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

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



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Mass Times

[Kyabram](#)

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am

[Tongala](#)

First Sunday of month 11.30am

[Merrigum](#)

Third Sunday of month 12 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of month at

5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

Mass of Anointing are held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 20th August - 8.30am – cuppa after Mass

Sun 20th August – 12pm - Merrigum

Tue 22th August - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 24th August – 9.15am – Year 5/6 & Year 10

Weekly Masses

Sat 26th August - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass – cuppa after Mass

Sun 27th August - 8.30am

Tue 29th August - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 31st August - 9.15am – no students

Weekly Masses

Sun 3rd September - 8.30am

Sun 3rd September - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 5th September - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 7th September - 10am – Anointing Mass

ROSTERS

Saturday 26th August at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 27th August at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister – M DiPetta

Sunday 30th August at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – A Brunt

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you always.

Last week's Collection is \$ 965.90

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 Finola Price on 03 5852 1310.

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 and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE'S

A school mass will be celebrated on Monday 28th August in the Brigidine Centre at 11.30am. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

The Parish will celebrate this Feast on the weekend of 26/27th August. There will be a cuppa after mass on Sunday 27th August. Please bring a plate to share.

CCR SANDHURST

Living in the Holy Spirit. *Guest Presenter:* Adrian Commadeur. Adrian is the author of several books, including 'The Spirit in the Church'. Saturday 2 September, 2023 at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's, Knight St, Shepparton. 9am cuppa - 4pm. Entry by Donation. Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. Contact: Brigita Hore - 0412 042 196, Mary Zobec - 0427 190 282, Denise Illot - 0407 506 813.

PARTNERSHIP LUNCHEON

On Thursday 24 August at 1pm the Parish will be hosting the partnership luncheon with student leadership of St Augustine's school. Parishioners are encouraged and welcome to come along, please rsvp to the office by Sunday 20 August.

DAFFODIL DAY

Help Stop cancer. On Thursday 31 August at 10am-1pm. Town Hall, 199 Allan Street Kyabram. Gold coin donation. Oncology stand, cancer speaker, leaflets, pens, mugs, stubby holders, available. Slices, sandwiches, scones and a cuppa, come and have a chat. RSVP Vanessa Cross 0407 055 732.

GRANDPARENTS MASS

On Thursday 24 August at 11am there will be a Mass for Grandparents at St Patrick's Tongala. All parishioners welcome.

HOME COMMUNION

The Parish offers home communion. If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish Office.

MEN'S CHOIR

The men's choir will be restarting on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please come at 8.00am to practice with Brendon.

SUGGESTION BOX

Did you know we have a suggestion box in the gathering space? Any ideas or suggestions are welcomed.

ANOINTING MASS

Did you know that the Anointing Mass is not only for the sickly and fragile but for anyone who is in need of healing of mind, body and spirit? Our next Anointing mass will be 7 September at 10am followed by a cuppa.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sunday 20th August 2pm @ Wesley (Kyabram Uniting Church Union Street). Favorite Hymns and Vocal items. There will be a freewill offering for the work of The Kyabram P-12 Chaplaincy.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project compassion concluded at the end of June. Nationally, Project Compassion 2023 raised \$9.7 million which is an increase of about 1.2% on 2022. Sandhurst Diocese can be very proud of its amazing \$512,591.73 which is an increase of 2.7%. **THANK YOU** for your particular part in this.

The theme of Project Compassion this year was **FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS** so thank you for helping change lives in many impoverished countries **FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS**.

Kyabram Parish raised \$1104 in donations via the parish and \$3530 in online donations.

Kyabram St Augustine's school raised \$2361.76.

This year, there is a column showing online donations. It's not completely accurate but the national office staff are doing a lot of work trying to ensure individual donors are linked to a parish.

A reminder of a number of up-coming Events

- **Social Justice Sunday 27th August:** with the Bishops' Statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*
- **World Day of Prayer for Creation 1st September:** Mass & Picnic at Notley Picnic Ground
- **Season of Creation 1st Sept to 4th Oct**
- **Season of World Day of Migrants & Refugees Sunday 24th September:** with the theme "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay".

ENNEAGRAM DAY

Saturday, 9 September, 9am – 4.30pm (in-person event). This one-day practical workshop offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Facilitated by our Program Director Dr Lynn Moresi, she will dwell into topics of discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch).

"Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son." *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

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The costs are: **Advert (5x6cm)**

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12 months (50 weeks) \$10.00 per week \$500

If you would like further details, please talk to Fr. John, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.

PIETY STORE

Have you checked out the piety store in the gathering space of the church? Do you have a family baptism, sacramental member? Why not grab a lovely gift?

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