

Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th September 2022



Readings for
this week:

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13



Readings for
next Sunday

Amos 6:1, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31



Liturgical Jottings

Anointing of the Sick 3

Rite for Anointing outside Mass consists of a greeting, sprinkling of holy water, an instruction, a penitential rite, liturgy of the Word, litany, laying hands, prayer over the oil, Anointing of the forehead and hands accompanied by the words of anointing, prayer after anointing, the Lord's prayer and final blessing. The instruction is scripturally based and directed to the patient and the community:

"... Through the apostle James, the Lord has commanded us: 'Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.' Let us therefore commend our sick brother/sister to the grace and power of Christ, that he may save him/her and raise him/her up."

Rite of Anointing p84

Looking at the Readings

Amos was a fiery prophet called out of the sheep fields near Bethlehem eight centuries before Christ. His book was the earliest book of prophecy in the Hebrew scriptures. He delivered judgements and threat of disasters for the injustices towards the poor and neglect of duties towards God. He spoke in times of economic expansion and prosperity. The rich land-owners were getting richer, the poor farmers were getting poorer. Observance of the Sabbath had disappeared; trade had taken over and there was corruption in the courts. Sounds all very familiar 2,800 years later. Amos is not a radical or troublemaker but a voice calling for conversion and godliness.

The Parable in today's Gospel is woven by Jesus with snippets of debts, forgery, mismanagement and sackings that would be very familiar to his listeners in the marketplace. But he surprised them and us with the twist at the end when the dishonest steward is praised. However, with attentive ears Jesus continues with his message of trust and service overriding any commonplace economic practices. The final statement about two masters implies service. We are called to serve God wholehearted, with total engagement. "We give thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and to serve you." (cf. Eucharistic Prayer II) To serve or minister is to worship our God!

Prayer of the Earth (part 4)

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you! Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Quote of the Week

The rich man who gives to the poor does not bestow alms but pays a debt. *St Ambrose of Milan 340-397*

On the Lighter Side

A man died and was met by St Peter who led him down the golden streets. They passed stately mansions until they came in front of a rundown cabin. The man asked St Peter why he got a hut when there were so many mansions he could live in. St Peter replied, "I did the best with the money you sent us."



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POP UP SHOP AND GARAGE SALE

Thanks to one of our parishioners, all proceeds from a Pop Up Shop and Garage Sale will be donated to St Augustine's Parish.

The Pop up Shop and Garage Sale will be held **this weekend on Sunday, 18th September** from 9.00am to 4.00pm, at 8 Pettifer Street, Kyabram. Visits prior to the day are welcome by appointment by calling Mary on 0481 177 767.

Available for purchase will be - Ladies quality clothing, smart dress and casual, dresses, tops, skirts, jumpers, jewellery and accessories. Lots and lots of clothing. Also, orchids, assorted plants, kitchenware, sewing machine and more.

As a church community, we encourage all to get behind this and invite your friends.

ITALIAN MASS

Fr John will celebrate Italian Mass for the Feast of St Padre Pio on **Thursday 22nd September** at 10.30am in St Augustine's Church, followed by a cuppa. Please bring a plate.

Please note that on this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.

PARISH BULLETIN

Our Parish bulletin is currently emailed out to a number of parishioners each week. Not only does this save on photocopying costs, but it is also better for the environment.

If you would like to add your name to those already receiving our bulletin this way, simply contact the Parish Office and provide your name and email address.



MERRIGUM REUNION MASS

A Reunion Mass will be held at the Merrigum Church on **Sunday 16th October 2022** at 12noon, followed by lunch at the Kyabram Club.

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The latest issue of Sandpiper e-News is now available online at:

[Sandpiper e-News 48: 15 September 2022 \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:Sandpiper e-News 48: 15 September 2022 (mailchi.mp))

BULLETIN NOTICES

Due to the two public holidays next week, please get any bulletin notices or anniversary names into the office by 9.15am on Tuesday, 20th September.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 22nd September and Friday, 23rd September due to the public holidays.

SOUP, SANDWICH AND SLICE DAY

Henley Friends invite all to their Soup, Sandwich and Slice Day on **Thursday, 29th September** at 12.00 noon at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Lake Road, Kyabram.

Cost \$15. Raffle on the day. Lucky Door prize. Rainbow raffle.

Bookings essential to Win Crilly (0422 451 676).

ST VINCENT'S COLLEGE BENDIGO (1955 – 1977)

On Saturday 15th October 2022, the St Vincent's College Past Students are celebrating a Sports Hall of Fame/Reunion Dinner.

The function is at the Bendigo Club – if you would like to join us please contact Tim Coates 0407 403 574 or 5443 9129. Email timothycoates@gmail.com.

GRAND ORGAN MASTER SERIES Sunday 2nd October

All are invited to an afternoon of beautiful music performed by Paul Taylor on the Grand Organ at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo. Starting at 3pm on Sunday 2nd October.

Tickets \$30, Conc \$25, Under 18 free.

For more information, please go to www.grandorgan.com.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, 24th September at 6.00pm:

Commentator – M Radanov, Lector – W Mulcahy, Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday, 25th September at 8.30am:

Commentator – T Hehir, Lector – N Watt, Special Minister – M Elliott

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Steve Doherty, Philip Bowman, Trevor Price, Anne Dodd, Julie Shaw, Kady Mitchell-Treacy

Recently Deceased: Mary Fitzgerald, Glenn Jones, Queen Elizabeth II

Anniversaries: Isabel Slaughter

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	19 Sept	<i>School holidays begin</i>
Tues	20 Sept	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm - Intention – Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Wed	21 Sept	-
Thurs	22 Sept	<i>Public holiday – office closed</i> Italian Mass 10.30am (cuppa after Mass)
Fri	23 Sept	<i>Public holiday – office closed</i>
Sat	24 Sept	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	25 Sept	Mass 8.30am
Mon	26 Sept	-
Tues	27 Sept	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word 5.00pm
Wed	28 Sept	-
Thurs	29 Sept	No Mass
Fri	30 Sept	-
Sat	1 Oct	No Mass
Sun	2 Oct	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Tongala

POSITION - Diocesan Assistant Accountant

An exceptional opportunity exists to become an integral member of the Diocesan Finance Team. For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply go to the Employment Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst website <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/positions-vacant/assistant-accountant>.

Applications Close: 5.00pm, 26th September 2022.

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 on 0417 184 527.

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

Parish Priest

Fr John Paul Pasala

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Alma Limbrick (available in Parish Office on Thursdays, 8.30 to 5.00pm)

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Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

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Veronica Fox, Brendon Lane,

Finola Price, Jackie Stockdale,

Jay Sutton

Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

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Peter Ryan, Terry O'Sullivan, Angela Shaw,

Mary Zobec

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

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
 to make you rich out of his poverty.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:10-13

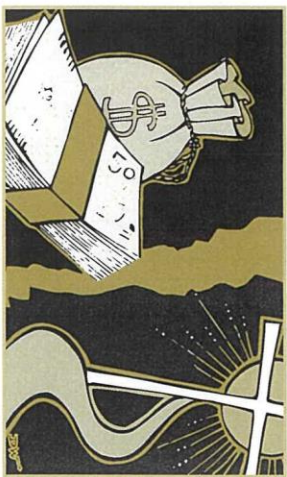
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Longer form Lk 16:1-13

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Breaking Open the Word

NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS

How are we to live in the world and yet remain faithful to the living God? What attitudes to wealth and material goods are appropriate for the person of faith? How are we Christians to balance the demands of the world and those of our faith? Each of us has to address these complex questions and today's readings provide us with some useful orientations.

Amos had the courage to call some of his contemporaries to account because they had come to see their poor brothers and sisters as an opportunity for personal gain. They are reminded that while they have forgotten their responsibilities, God has not. Jesus' statement that none of us can be the servant of two masters goes straight to the heart of the matter. We are called to use material goods astutely but to always remember that these have been entrusted to us.

A regular part of civic life in the ancient world was the worship of the gods of the city and empire. But how were Christians to resolve this dilemma? Timothy's community members are encouraged to live their Christian lives in peace by making it known that they prayed to their own God for their rulers and authorities.

It is made clear to them that this is not a case of having divided loyalties. God is the ultimate authority and God's plan is that all be saved through Jesus. By means of this creative response, these Christians were able to remain faithful to the demands of faith and their rulers.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

18 SEPTEMBER 2022

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country;

you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn,
 and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?'

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money,
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,
 and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,

'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

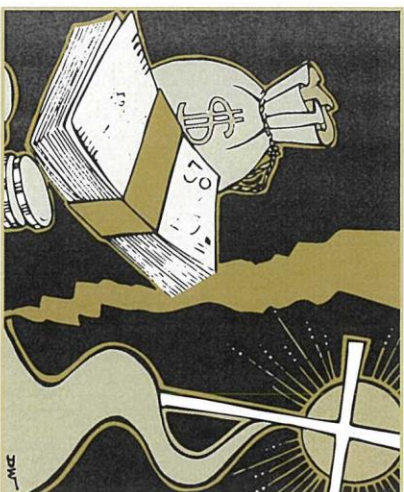
RESP PSALM Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf. vv. 1, 7

R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor;
(or Alleluia)

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, / praise the name of the Lord! / May the name of the Lord be blessed / both now and for evermore! **R.**

2. High above all nations is the Lord, / above the heavens his glory. / Who is like the Lord, our God, / who has risen on high to his throne / yet stoops from the heights to look down, / to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, / from the dungheap he raises the poor / to set him in the company of princes, / yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Tim 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul

to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

■ **The word of the Lord.**