



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-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th September 2021



Readings for
this Sunday

Isaiah 50:5-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35



Readings for
next week:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37



Liturgical Jottings

The Senses - Sight

Christian Faith and Catholic Liturgy are very dependent on the use of signs and symbols. We see symbols all around us especially in the liturgy and sacraments: the Altar, Lectern, Cross, font, candles, chair, icons, cloths, vestments, water, oil, bread and wine, statues, banners and many decorative works. Signs and symbols speak in silence, with no words, but reveal meanings to the observer and participant.

Our eyes see the altar and evokes the meaning of a meal, a sacrifice, a gathering. We see the candle: it calls to mind Christ as the light of the world, his resurrection, our baptism, prayer and memories.

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Focus on the Readings

Proof of Identity is a significant element in 21st century living (and dying). Many times we need to produce 100 points to verify our identity and progress onto the next stage of the business at hand. The readings today present us with hidden identities and mysteries of faith. Who is the Suffering Servant in the Song of Isaiah? He is a servant of God, perhaps Isaiah himself or another prophet-many of them suffered. We now come to understand the Messianic nature of the four servant songs and recognise Christ. We do not ask for 100 points but to enter the mystery of Christ and nourish our relationship with him.

Christ Jesus confronts the apostles and asks the two questions, the second is: "Who do you say I am?" It is a deeper question than merely identity. Their faith in him is challenged. We are invited to enter the mystery of his identity, his destiny and our salvation. Peter reveals part of his identity and told to keep it secret and then Jesus reveals his destiny to suffer, die and rise. Peter finds it hard to accept this part of his identity.

We are invited to take up our cross. Tuesday the mystery of the Cross is celebrated with its own Feast: "The Exaltation of the Cross".

Season of Creation Themed notes

Week 2: OIKOS is the root word for 'ecology', the science of relationships of organisms (including us) to each other and their surroundings. The First reading speaks of Wisdom of God accessed both through study of nature, God's world, and of scripture, God's word. Psalm 19 outlines God's 'two books': nature (vs.1-6) and scripture (vs.7-11). How can we ensure we gain wisdom by studying both of these means of God's self-revelation? *2021 Celebration Guide A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God*

Feast of the Week

Of all the feasts this week one is of particular note: St Hildegard of Bingen, Friday 17 September. Her memorial was inserted into the calendar this year, but only after the 2021 calendars were printed. Hildegard (1098-1179) a Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, mystic and visionary and founder of the scientific natural history was declared a doctor of the Church in 2012.

Quote of the Week

The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity. This Word manifests itself in every creature. Hildegard of Bingen

On the Lighter Side

Two windmills are on a wind farm, one asks, "What's your favourite type of music?" The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."





SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

This weekend the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and laypeople in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday.

A FEW REMINDERS

As we find our way out of Covid lockdown again, just a few reminders:

- New Mass times in our Parish have now commenced as follows: **Kyabram:** Saturday Mass will be celebrated on alternate weekends – 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 6.00pm; Sunday Mass every weekend at 8.30am. **Tongala:** Second Sunday of the month at 11.30am. **Merrigum:** Fourth Sunday of the month at 11.30am.
- As per the Victorian Government Covid restrictions, currently Mass numbers will be limited to 20 people, plus those necessary to conduct the service. Bookings can be made through Trybooking on our website (www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au) or ringing the Parish Office and leaving a message.
- Please remember that you must use the QR recording (or forms for recording written contact details) and hand sanitiser when entering the church. Please comply with all current Covid restrictions, including wearing of masks and social distancing rules (please leave at least 1-2 chairs between people when seated, unless from the same household), and if unwell, please stay home.

THANK YOU

Nancy Taylor would like to express a sincere thank you to all who have prayed for her in recent times. The caring and support of parishioners has been very much appreciated.

MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 19th September at 8.30am:

Commentator – M Carver; Lector – T Hehir;
(No Special Minister required).

To those on our rosters, please know that your role in the Mass is very much appreciated, but we also understand during these Covid times that some people may not feel they are able to attend Mass. If so, please contact the Parish Office, or speak to one of our Sacristans or Fr John and we will temporarily take you off the rosters.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Dorothy Mays, Margo Costello, Carmelina Pulsoni, Carmela Minicozzi, Fr Paul Purcell

Anniversaries: -

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



CANCELLATION OF SACRAMENTS

Due to the limited numbers allowed for Mass because of Covid restrictions (maximum 20), we have to once again postpone the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist that were planned for the weekend of 18th and 19th September. At this stage there is not an alternative date, however it is possible that it will be left to either November this year or early next year.