



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24 August 2025



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30



Readings for
next Sunday:

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Liturgical Jottings

The Crucifix

Liturgy and Charity II

The Faithful, form a holy people, should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration.

General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM 95).

Charity is mentioned 10 times in the GIRM, 12 times in the rubrics and 195 times in the prayers of the Mass. The word charity is often preceded by various adjectives such as admirable, ardent, boundless, burning, divine, eternal, fervent, fraternal, fruitful, joyful, lasting, loving, outstanding, perfect, steadfast, true, wonderful, unflinching and untiring.

This wonderful array of descriptors for charity provides insights on how to live the command of Christ: "To love God and your neighbour with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind." (Luke 10:27)

Looking at the Readings

The response for the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116): "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News" is sourced not from the psalm itself but from Mark 16:15. This response very concisely sums up the readings for today. I remember this line written in the visitors' book at the mission house at Kanabea, Gulf Province PNG. It was written by Cardinal James Knox then Archbishop of Melbourne over fifty years ago. I added my simple entry just below. But the words still ring loud and true. Isaiah prophesied that God's word would be carried by emissaries to far off lands so that peoples may give glory to God.

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem continues in the Gospel today. The journey started in Luke 9:51 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time). Jesus went through towns and villages teaching. Along the way he is meeting people who asks questions. His replies are challenging, inviting people to discipleship which entails some hard decisions to follow the narrow path, to knock at the right door, to enter the banquet hall. While the message goes out to the whole world, some choose to accept, some choose to reject.

One pertinent question asked by a traveller: "Will only a few be saved?" is relevant today as it was then. We need to take to heart the real invitation to take up the cross, to follow Jesus along his path. Thirst for power, wealth and position has become obstacles on the path; yet the heavenly banquet has expandable space, there are many rooms in the Father's house.

Prayer for the Day

God of goodness and kindness, you invite all peoples to the banquet and offer them a feast beyond compare. Give us your saving grace to keep unstained the robe of our baptism until that day when you welcome us to heaven's joyful table. Amen.

Words of Pope Leo

St Peter is called to serve the faith of his brothers and sisters, and to walk alongside them, for all of us are "living stones" (1 Pet 2:5), called through our baptism to build God's house in fraternal communion, in the harmony of the Spirit, in the coexistence of diversity. In the words of St Augustine: "The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbour" (Serm. 359,9). *Homily Pope Leo XIV, 18 May 2025*

On the Lighter Side

There is no traffic congestion on the straight and narrow path. Thomas Dewar, 1st Baron Dewar.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Carmen Quattrocchi, Olive McElroy, Frances Corso, Philip Bowman, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Annette Curtese,

Anniversaries: Les Karral, John Bowman, Debbie Bento.

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 31 August 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – B Lyon

Sunday 7 September 8.30am

Commentator – **Help Required**

Lector – **Help Required**

Special Minister – J Chant

Saturday 13 September at 5pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – S Carroll

Special Minister – L Busch

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 664.10

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PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

MARGARET BINION 90th BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday wishes go out to Margaret Binion who celebrates her 90th birthday this month. Happiest of birthdays to you Margaret. Parishioners please remember to wish her a happy birthday when you see her.

THANK YOU TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS

This weekend we welcome and thank Fr Michael Morley for coming to celebrate Mass for us. On Sunday 31 August and 7th September we will welcome Fr Michael Grace once again. Many thanks to these priests for their time visiting us during Fr Uday's leave.

COLLEGE FEAST OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

All parishioners are invited to the Feast of Saint Augustine of Hippo. Thursday 28 August 2025 Celebration Mass commencing at 11.30am Brigidine Centre

At the conclusion of the Mass our 2026 College Captain applicants will share their speeches. A light luncheon will follow. RSVP by Tuesday 26th August to courtneybutlet@sakyabram.vic.edu.au or call 5851 3000

COLLEGE LONE PINE CEREMONY

All parishioners are invited to the Lone Pine Ceremony. Wednesday 3 September commencing at 10am. Followed by morning tea. RSVP by Wednesday 27th August to courtneybutlet@sakyabram.vic.edu.au or call 5851 3000

FR UDAY AWAY ON LEAVE

Fr Uday will be away on annual leave from 11 August until 12 September. There will be no Mass on Saturday 23 August during his absence.

FR NOVELITO LIM AWAY ON LEAVE

During Fr Novi's leave of absence, Fr Michael Morley will celebrate Mass on 7 September, other Mass times in Tongala will be Liturgies each month during Fr Novi's absence.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 23rd August - No Mass

Sun 24th August - 8.30am Mass (Fr M Morley)

Weekly Masses

Tue 26th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 28th August - 11.30am St Augustines Feast Day
School Mass

Sun 31st August - 8.30am Mass (Fr M Grace)

Weekly Masses

Tue 2nd September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 4th September - 9am School Liturgy Beaut
Blokes

Sun 7th September - 8.30am Mass (Fr M Grace)

Sun 7th September - 11.30am Tongala (Fr M Morley)

Weekly Masses

Tue 9th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 11th September – No Liturgy or Mass

Sat 13th September - 5pm Mass

Sun 14th September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 16th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE

On Thursday 28 August we celebrate Feast of St Augustine our patron saint. *Renew in your Church, we pray, O Lord, that spirit with which you endowed your Bishop Saint Augustine that, filled with the same spirit, we may thirst for you, the sole fount of true wisdom, and seek you, the author of heavenly love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen*

SUPPORT PLEDGE FOR GAZA

Caritas Australia is calling on supporters to sign this urgent pledge, www.caritas.org.au/act/peace/peace-in-gaza which will be delivered to the Australian Foreign Minister's office on Monday 1st September. Coming into force are new restrictive conditions for international charities requiring them to breach the safety and security of their staff or face deregistration which will prevent them from providing critical, life-saving humanitarian assistance to Palestinians. Aid volumes will fall below a level that is already claiming innocent lives. The people of Gaza cannot eat less than they already are. We need to demonstrate strong public support for increased humanitarian aid access to Gaza

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

2025/2026 Social Justice Statement, "Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health", Australia's Bishops provides a picture of what life is like for people living in homelessness and mental ill-health and the difficulty in providing adequate support for them. The statement urges every Christian to offer service, as Jesus did, to our sisters and brothers created in the image of God. Many Australians find it embarrassing, uncomfortable or even confronting to see homeless people on the streets; but we encourage all who are baptised to, instead, offer loving friendship to people on the edge of society. Instead of walking by and not noticing the plight of our neighbours, pay attention to them and their plight, listen to their stories, and serve them with the love we learn from Jesus. In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis reminded us, as Christians, of our "fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope." We appeal to all Christians to join us in going to the edge of society to befriend our fellow Australians who are living on the streets, who are often struggling with serious mental ill-health, to be signs of hope, to be the good news that God's unfailing love embraces everyone.

CCR PILGRIMS OF HOPE RENEWAL DAY

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst are holding a **Pilgrims of Hope Renewal Day** (Jeremiah 29:11-14). Come along for a time of praise and worship, fellowship, faith formation, understanding gifts of the Holy Spirit. The day includes celebration of Charismatic Mass with Fr Arun Korlakanti, the Spiritual Chaplain for CCR. Saturday 6th September 2025 from 9.30am to 3pm. St Brendan's Knight St. Shepparton at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre. Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. *All are welcome!* Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196 Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282 Denise Illot: 0407 506 813

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 one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annette Ryan 0408 502 858.

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 honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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"I pray God may preserve your health and life many years." Junipero Serra

GOSPEL

Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets," but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

AT THE FEAST IN THE KINGDOM

In this Sunday's Gospel we are still in that section of Luke that concerns the journey of Jesus and his disciples on their way to Jerusalem. This section of the Gospel, Luke 9-19, is long. It is also important as the evangelist seeks to contemporise the teaching of Jesus, for a later time and culture. The evangelist also provides us in this 'journey narrative' with a window into what some of the issues were with which Jesus' followers were dealing.

One of them here concerned salvation and ultimate communion with God. Someone enquires about the number of those 'saved'? Will it be a few? The question allows Jesus in Luke's Gospel to address a key presumption circulating within the Gospel audience. There were some who presumed that simply being a member of the Gospel household, participating in a meal (the Eucharist?) or listening to the teaching of the Master guaranteed admittance into the Kingdom.

Jesus reminds Luke's audience to be careful about such presumptive and elitist behaviour. This attitude, of being better than others because of one's spiritual heritage or conduct, does not guarantee automatic admission into the Kingdom. It needs to be checked. Rather than a restrictive or exclusive view of Kingdom admission – only those with the right 'credentials' will be admitted – ultimate communion with God is open ended and available to all, as people 'from east and west, from north and south will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. A spirit of openness, hospitality and inclusivity must characterise Jesus' disciples.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

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24 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Isa 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

R. Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News (or Alleluia!)

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, / acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**
2. Strong is his love for us; / he is faithful for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did



not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!