



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Sunday 9 February 2025



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



Readings for
next Sunday:

Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Luke 6:17,20-26



Liturgical Jottings

Holy Year 2025

A Holy Year is also called a “Jubilee”, the name given to a particular year; Jubilee comes from the instrument the yobel, the ram's horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This day occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, (cf Leviticus 25:8-13) to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

The Gospel of Luke describes Jesus' mission thus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord,” (Luke 4:18-19; Isaiah 61:1-2).

Looking at the Readings

“Put out into the deep” has become a catchphrase since it was popularised in the Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II ‘At the Beginning of the New Millennium’ (6 Jan 2001). He wrote: “the experiences we have had should *inspire in us new energy* and impel us to invest in concrete initiatives the enthusiasm which we have felt. ... Let us go forward in hope!” It was a brave move for St Peter and his friends to go out into deep water. The call is still heard today: “Be brave and hopeful”.

From time to time, we all have dreams of trying something different in the work we do or in our personal lives. We dream of taking risks, of launching out into the deep or the unknown and untried. Daring to live the Gospel involves similar risks and experimentation. But then we think of possible problems and end up doing little or nothing. Yet we take heart. See how patient, positive and gentle Jesus responded to Peter's hesitancy and unworthiness. And how God responded to Isaiah's feelings of hesitancy and wretchedness in the first reading.

Let us not merely keep our boats moored to the pier! “Put out into the deep” is the Christian response to many of life's opportunities.

Peter's Boat

Peter's Boat is a physical parable. Jesus used his boat to preach the Word of God to the crowds on the shore, The boat was used for work (Matt 4:21; Mark 6:47; Luke 5:7, transport (Matt 15:39; Luke 8:22), place to sleep (Luke 8:23), place of safety (Matt 14: Mark 3:9), place of danger (Matt 14:24; Mark 4:37); place of worship (Matt 14:33), and even recreation when Peter said “I'm going fishing” (John 21:3). Often called the barque of Peter in Art and Literature it symbolises the church and its tribulations and its forward progress through human history.

Quote of the Day

Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there, wondering, fearing, doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before. *Edgar Allan Poe*

On the Lighter Side

What do you call an android that was designed specifically to move a small wooden boat around? A row-bot.

Watch out for Bluetooth icebergs? Any ship that goes near them will sync.

What causes some boats to become party boats? Pier pressure.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Norris Bell, Olive McElroy, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Frances Corso, Philip Bowman, Ron Florence, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Paul Genio, Eddie Shortis, Jesse Wareham

Anniversaries: Fred Slaughter, Merv Ryan, Patricia Hehir

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 16 February 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – A Ryan

Saturday 22 February at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – S Carroll

Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 23 February 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – M DiPetta

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1831.85

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

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 of month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing Mass: Held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

THANK YOU FROM FR UDAY

Fr Uday would like to thank all those who contributed, supported and attended the Decommissioning Mass for St Sebastian's Merrigum. A special thanks to the committee members who planned and worked together for the smooth running of this special event. Your support and attendance was very much appreciated. God bless and keep you all in His bosom.

DECOMMISSIONING BOOKLETS

If any parishioners would like a copy of the booklet from the St Sebastian's decommissioning Mass, extra copies are now available in the gathering space.

GATHERING TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS FOR THE HARVEST

A parish gathering to celebrate and give thanks for the harvest will be held next Sunday 16th February. In Jesus' day, the Jewish people celebrated the "Feast of Ingathering" or the "Feast of Tabernacles". Everyone shared from their harvest, and goods were collected for the poor. St Augustine's Parish will again celebrate the harvest with the same sense of joy and sharing. We invite all farmers, crops growers, orchardists, winegrowers, home gardeners and cooks, to bring from their produce on that day – for the produce swapping table. Let us also share abundance with those in need; we encourage people to bring a non-perishable item in a can, jar or packet, of something produced in our area. On the day, donors can bring these items to the altar in the entry procession for the St Vincent DePaul Society baskets. We also ask people to bring a plate to share following Mass.

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

To the St Augustine's Community, Kyabram. On behalf of all at St Vincent de Paul Conference, Kyabram, we would like to thank the community for their generous giving this Christmas. Your generosity has enabled us to provide support to our local families in need this Christmas. We are most grateful. Many thanks, St Vincent de Paul conference. Thank you for sharing the "Gift of Giving".

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 9th February - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 11th February - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 13th February - No Mass

Sun 16th February - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 18th February - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 20th February - 10am Opening school Mass
Tongala

Sat 22nd February - 6pm

Sun 23rd February - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 25th February - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 12th February at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822754.



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? The next anointing mass will be held on **Thursday 6th March** at 10am, followed by a cuppa.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Fr Uday would like to thank all the Parish Pastoral Council team for their contributions, the parish appreciates your commitment and support. There are now vacancies so we are calling for nominations of those interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council. There are nomination forms in the gathering space and they can then be given to Fr Uday or placed in the mailbox at the presbytery or handed into the office. Forms need to be received on or before Sunday 16 February.

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

Monthly working bees are being held on the 1st Saturday of the month to do some general cleaning in the church e.g., dusting, cleaning glass doors, cobwebs, sweeping steps, etc. If you are able to help, we would love to see you. The next working bee will be on **1st March 2025**.



THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR RENE

An invitation to join in farewelling Fr Rene as he returns to St Mel's Parish as Bishop Rene, accompanied by Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Priests from the Sandhurst Diocese and the Congregation of the Rogationists. Sunday 9th February at 5pm at St Mel's Church 18-22 Hamilton St Shepparton. Following Mass you are welcome to stay for a picnic style BYO dinner on the Church lawn or order from the food trucks on site.

PARKING

Father would like to ask parishioners assistance in leaving the driveway area as parking for those with disabilities or walker. Please be thoughtful of others.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT SACRAMENTALS ARE?

Sacramentals are powerful & blessed objects that can be a means to express your faith in God and are instruments of grace that God uses to draw us closer to Him and to work through our lives to protect and sanctify us. Sacramentals come in different forms like rosaries, medals, pictures, statues of saints, scapulars, crucifixes, incense, salt, water, oil etc. When a Sacramental is blessed, they have the power to bring down God's graces upon the user, they protect us and have power to bring a soul to conversion and lead them to the sacraments. Sacramentals can bring spiritual healing to a soul, give you grace to fight temptations and deliver you from many dangers. (www.scapulars-au.com)

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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 Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.

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.

"Jesus Christ is all my riches; he alone is sufficient for me." – St. Louis of Toulouse