



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10 August 2025



Readings for
this week:

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48



Readings for
next Sunday:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53



Liturgical Jottings

The Crucifix

The General Instructions to the Roman Missal, 2011, (GIRM) never uses the word Crucifix but always the word Cross. There are several and significant references to the Altar or Sanctuary Cross, namely: "The cross adorned with a figure of Christ crucified, and carried in procession, may be placed next to the altar to serve as the altar cross, in which case it must be the only cross used; otherwise it is put away in a dignified place. 117, 122, 188.

The instruction number 308 repeats the earlier instructions and adds:

"Either on the altar or near it, there is to be a cross, with the figure of Christ crucified upon it, a cross clearly visible to the assembled people. It is desirable that such a cross should remain near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations, so as to call to mind for the faithful the saving Passion of the Lord.

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Looking at the Readings

The three readings today are linked by the themes of expectation and faith. The Reading from the Book of Wisdom recalls the covenant made to Moses at the first Passover meal on the eve of the Exodus. It tells of God's salvation for his people and the glory God shared with his people. The Second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews recalls the covenant made to Abraham and Sarah who awaited the arrival to their new homeland in great faith and expectation. As pilgrims they lived in tents awaiting the City of God. As Christians we come into to the City of God (St Augustine).

The missing verses in the second reading (Hebr 11:3-7, 20, 32) list many Old Testament persons who also gave us examples of faith along with Abraham and Sarah; they include Abel, Enoch, Noah, Isaac, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samsom, Jeththah, David, Samuel and the prophets. We may have a chance to look them up and read their stories. The Gospel contains three parables on waiting with expectation. Waiting demands faith, good conduct and service. Christ offer promise and reward to the faithful. His word gives hope and assurances.

The Book of Wisdom

It is one for the "deuterocanonical" books of the bible so called because they were added much later to the official list "canon" of biblical writings. They are not part of the Hebrew Bible and sometimes found in the Appendix of other bibles. It was written in Greek in the first century BC. Readings from this book appear in the Sunday Lectionary only eight times, in the Weekday Lectionary seven times and in the Readings for funerals twice.

Words of Pope Leo XIV

Do not hesitate to share the joy and the amazement born of your contemplation of the "seeds" that, in the words of St Augustine, "God has sown in the harmony of the universe." The more joy you share, the more joy you create, and in this way, through your pursuit of knowledge, each of you can contribute to building a more peaceful and just world. *Address to Summer School of Astrophysics 16 June*

Quote for the Day

Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. "I look at him and he looks at me": this is what a certain peasant of Ars used to say to his priest, the Curé of Ars, St John Vianney, about his prayer before the tabernacle. *From the Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 2715*

On the Lighter Side of Light

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle. Abraham Lincoln.

Dreaming is happiness. Waiting is life. Victor Hugo



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Fr Chris Riley, Ian Jensen

Anniversaries: Constantina Palma

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 17 August 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – A Shaw

Special Minister – J Stockdale

Sunday 24 August 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – K McGlade

Sunday 31 August 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – B Lyon

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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.

FR MICHAEL MORLEY JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Fr Michael Morley this year is celebrating his 50th Jubilee. You are invited to join Fr Micheal for dinner at the Kyabram Club on Saturday 23rd August at 6pm. Fr Michael will be there from 5pm for a catch up for those who cannot stay for dinner. Please RSVP for numbers to Parish Office on 5852 1026 or to Mary Zobec 0427 190282 or email kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au by Tuesday 19th August. Fr Michael will also celebrate Mass on Sunday 24th at 8.30am while Fr Uday is away on annual leave.

FR AWAY ON LEAVE

Fr Uday will be away on 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, Tongala will be having Liturgies each month.

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

The next ladies cuppa and chat will be held at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 13th August at 2pm. All ladies welcome.

CHILDRENS DRAWING ACTIVITIES

We now have available some clipboards with pictures and pencils for colouring in for the younger members of the church. These are located in the gathering space in the church. Please offer to our younger members.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 9th August - 5pm Mass

Sun 10th August - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 12th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 14th August - Foundation & Year 12 Liturgy

Sun 17th August - 8.30am Mass (Fr M Grace)

Weekly Masses

Tue 19th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 21st August - Year 3/4 & Year 9 & 10 Liturgy

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 Liturgy Tongala

Weekly Masses

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

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On the 15th of August Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Dear God, on this Feast of the Assumption, I seek Your grace and blessings. May the celebration of Mary's Assumption into Heaven inspire me to live a life of purity and devotion. Help me to embrace the virtues of humility and faith, reflecting the holiness of Mary in my actions. Guide me to walk in Your light and strengthen my commitment to follow Your will.

SANDHURST PILGRIMAGE TO AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF) MELBOURNE 2025:

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN! The Diocese of Sandhurst is taking 200 young pilgrims to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival — a vibrant journey of faith, music, prayer and encounter. The pilgrimage is a partnership between Catholic Education Sandhurst, parishes and schools, offering young people a chance to grow in faith and community, to be formed, inspired, and sent.

Support is available to make the journey possible — but the call is for commitment, curiosity, and courage. Talk to your parish and say 'yes' to be part of something that will shape the Church and your place in it.

When: 29 November - 3 December.

Travel: Return Coaches departing from Shepparton, Wangaratta & Bendigo, with 4 nights' accommodation at Queens College.

Cost: \$1450 package expense, with large upfront subsidies available to eligible year 10 & 11 students, and parishioners aged 18-25.

BISHOP APPOINTMENT

Bishop Shane will be installed as Archbishop of Brisbane at St Stephen's Cathedral on Thursday 11 September 2025. A farewell Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on Sunday 7 September 2025.

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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.

He who trusts himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things. - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

■ The word of the Lord.

Shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is

coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:32-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 12:32-48

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Breaking Open the Word

BE ALERT

Luke's audience consists of people who are wealthy and those who are poorer, from the lower rung of the social ladder. The evangelist's focus is frequently on those of comfortable and wealthy status. This is presumed in today's reading. This Gospel passage follows immediately from last Sunday's. Luke continues to reflect on the themes of wealth and the disciple's attentiveness to God. Jesus reminds Luke's audience that God wants to offer the Kingdom to all. It is not restrictive. But there is one barrier for its reception: wealth and greed—a theme noted last Sunday. Disciples are encouraged to be generous and respond tangibly to the needs of the poor, encouragement that is at the heart of Catholic social teaching.

A second theme emerges: besides generosity, disciples must also remember Jesus' *Parousia*, his coming at the end of time. This perspective is not to be forgotten, though perhaps some in the Lukan household had done so. The example are householders being alert to the master's eventual arrival after a wedding or to a burglar who might smash through the house's mud brick walls. Alertness is thus key. It will surface again later in the Gospel when the disciples are told in Gethsemane to 'keep awake!' Luke promises that such existential alertness will be substantially rewarded.

For ourselves, too, today's Gospel is a spiritually healthy reminder. As we gather around the Lord's Table, we are encouraged to an alertness for the Lord's coming at the end of time. The acclamation after the words of Institution in the Eucharistic Prayer echoes this.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

10 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy, whose God is the Lord, / the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance



given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been