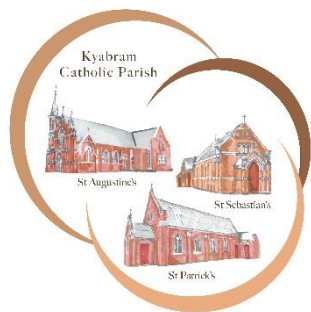




KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Sunday 26 January 2025



Readings for
this week:

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



Readings for
next Sunday:

Jeremiah 1:4-4, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30



Liturgical Jottings

Australia Day

The 2025 Ordo (the official calendar and guide for the celebration of the Liturgy) for Australia and New Zealand list both 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and Australia Day for Sunday 26 January. Obviously there is no vigil for this national day Australia Day is described as a “Day of Prayer” in the Lectionary and Missal with its own set of Readings namely:

Isaiah 32:15-18; Psalm 89:9-14;
1 Cor 12:4-11 or Romans 12:9-13;
Matthew 5:2-12 or Luke 12:22-32.

The Prayers for the Mass include the Collect, Prayer over the Gifts, Preface, Prayer after Communion and the Entrance and Communion antiphons and a Solemn Blessing:

‘May God who formed our southern land be for you a rock of strength.
May God who rules the great seas keep you safe in every storm.
May God who made the skies above turn your darkness into light.’

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Looking at the Readings

These reflections are based on the readings of the third Sunday in Ordinary Time (for the Saturday Vigil Mass on 25 January) and for local churches that may decide not to use the Australia Day texts on 26 January. Moving from “Cana Sunday” last week with its attention on married relationships and the third manifestation of Christ we enter the Ordinary Time sequence of readings starting with the beginning of Luke’s Gospel. The text emphasises the importance and the power of the Word of God. Firstly, we hear of Luke’s purpose and structure of his writing and skip three chapters to hear Jesus in the synagogue reading the scripture and its relevance for then and today: ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ (Luke 4:21)

This power of God’s word kept the faith and identity of the Hebrew people through thick and thin. The first reading from the book of Nehemiah recorded how Ezra reading the Law of the Lord to the Hebrew exiles who had returned to Jerusalem. Because the temple has been destroyed Ezra stood a wooden dais and read and translated the sacred texts to affirm their identity, to enliven their hearts and to celebrate God’s goodness. The people were exuberant! We need to treasure the Word of God and find in the Gospel a way of life, faith and joy.

Pope Francis instituted the “Word of God Sunday” on this Sunday, for the readings are so appropriate to rediscover power and love of scripture. In Australia, Word of God Sunday has been moved to the second Sunday of February (9 February 2025) due to the holidays in January.

Excerpts for the Synod 2024

In a synodal Church, priests are called to live their service in a spirit of proximity to their people, to be welcoming and prepared to listen to all, opening themselves up to a synodal style. Priests “constitute along with their Bishop one presbyterium” (LG 28) and collaborate with him in discerning charisms and in accompanying and guiding the local Church ... Priests also need to be accompanied and supported, especially in the early stages of their ministry as well as at times of weakness and fragility. (n. 72)

Quote for the Week

The great test of life is obedience to God. *Ezra Taft Benson*

On the Lighter Side

The boy’s name, Ezra, has increased in popularity in recent years. In 2021, 81 Ezra’s were registered in Victoria, increased to 95 (in both 2022 and 2023) and 406 Australia wide in 2023. No Nehemiah’s were registered.

Sources: www.bdm.vic.gov.au and <https://mccrindle.com.au>



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Betty Christy

Anniversaries:

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 2 February 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – A Snell

Special Minister – M Cocks

Saturday 8 February at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 9 February 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – M O'Shea

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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.



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.

ST SEBASTIAN'S MERRIGUM

It is with sadness that we announce the decision has been made and confirmed with the Bishops guidance, that St Sebastian's church Merrigum will be closed. The Bishop will be decommissioning the church on Sunday 2 February 2025 at 12 noon. Please share with others.

NO MASS IN FEBRUARY FOR TONGALA

As Father Novitelle Lim is not available there will be no Mass in Tongala on Sunday 2 February. As this is the date of the decommissioning Mass for Merrigum, we invite all parishioners attend this significant event.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 26th January - 8.30am

Tue 28th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 30th January - No Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 2nd February - 8.30am

Sun 2nd February - 12 noon Merrigum decommissioning Mass

Sun 2nd February – No Mass Tongala

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

Thu 6th February - No Mass

Sat 8th February - 6pm Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 9th February - 8.30am

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

Thu 13th February - No Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 16th February - 8.30am

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

CALENDARS

There are still calendars available in the gathering space. Columban calendars \$10 – Cane wall Calendars \$20

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 9 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 lan 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.

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

The next working bee will be on **Saturday 1 February at 9.30am.**



Celebrants: Bishop Shane Mackinlay & Fr Uday Marneni

Date: Sunday 2 February 2025

Time: 12 noon

Place: St Sebastian's Church, 78 Morrissey Street, Merrigum, VIC, 3618

A celebration gathering with lunch provided will be held after Mass at the Merrigum Bowling Club, Morrissey Street, Merrigum.

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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.

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"Do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God. Hope and have confidence in confession." – St. Isidore of Seville