



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Sunday 2 March 2025



Readings for
this week:

Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45



Readings for
next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



Liturgical Jottings

Holy Year: Reconciliation

The Jubilee year is a sign of reconciliation because it establishes a "favourable time" (cf 2 Cor 6:2) for conversion. We are called to put God at the centre of our lives, growing toward Him and acknowledging His primacy. Even the Biblical call for the restoration of social justice and respect for the earth stems from a theological reality: if God is the creator of the universe, He must be given priority over every reality and partisan interest. It is God who makes this year holy by bestowing on us His own holiness.

In practice reconciliation involves receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, rediscovering the value of confession and experiencing God's personal words of forgiveness. You can prepare yourself to receive the sacrament by following a guide.

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Looking at the Readings

The Scripture readings are short this Sunday. Only 13 verses in all; 26 last week and 26 next week. Pope Francis three times in two years urged priests to keep their homilies short: no more than 8-10 minutes. Most recent was at the papal audience on 6 December 2024.

We find great examples of short homilies in the Gospel. The Beatitudes and the parables are always short. Especially today we hear four mini parables: one blind man guiding another, removing the splinter in your brother's eye, a tree producing rotten or sound fruit; picking figs from thorns, grapes from brambles. From these homely everyday events in the lives of his listeners, Jesus teaches them about goodness from the store of goodness in one's heart.

These last three Sunday Gospel passages address the way of life for the Christian: the Beatitudes (6th), ethical ways (7th), and what it is to be and live as a disciple of Jesus (8th). Also, each gospel reveals the heart of God in very human ways.

Fourth Encyclical Letter (Excerpts)

It is only by starting from the heart that our communities will succeed in uniting and reconciling differing minds and wills, so that the Spirit can guide us in unity as brothers and sisters. Reconciliation and peace are also born of the heart. The heart of Christ is "ecstasy", openness, gift and encounter. In that heart, we learn to relate to one another in wholesome and happy ways, and to build up in this world God's kingdom of love and justice. Our hearts, united with the heart of Christ, are capable of working this social miracle. *Parag. 28 Pope Francis, Oct 2024.*

Reconciliation

At their meeting in November last year the French conference of bishops offered some points of orientation for confessors. Some points concern safeguarding protocols. Other points present an important perspective on its purpose. For example, *the sacrament of reconciliation allows the faithful to renew their baptismal life. So the confessor is watchful not to focus excessively on their confession but rather he reminds them of God's bounty and compassion ... The confessor invites the penitent to renew their faith in the action of the Holy Spirit.* It is not the priest's job to scrutinise hearts and souls. (from *Liturgy News*, Summer 2024, p14)

On the Lighter Side

Doctor, how much will it cost to have a splinter removed?
He said \$70. The patient replied: "\$70 for just a few seconds work? Doctor: "I can pull it out very slowly if you prefer."



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Rafareli Sicari

Anniversaries: Lee Chant

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 8 March at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 9 March 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – M Elliot

Sunday 16 March 8.30am

Commentator – A Shaw

Lector – C Goode

Special Minister – J Stockdale

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 813.75

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

PARISH DETAILS

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PRINCIPALS

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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.

PRAYER FOR THE POPE

Father in heaven, grant Francis, our Pope, comfort in his
suffering.

When he is afraid, give him courage,

When afflicted, give him patience,

When dejected, afford him hope,

And when alone assure him

Of the support of our holy people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Adapted from the Ritual of Anointing of the Sick

Fr Tony Hill, PP Echuca

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

World Day of Prayer this year will be held at St Andrew's
Anglican Church at 10am on Friday 7th March followed
by morning tea. Focus country this year will be Cook
Islands. All welcome.

HARVEST MASS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual
Harvest Mass especially the donations for St Vincent's
DePaul. God bless you all.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held
on Wednesday 5th March at 6pm.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are

obligatory days of fasting and abstinence.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed during lent before
mass on Saturdays 8th and 22nd March at 5.30pm, 12th
April (Palm Sunday) at 4.30pm and Good Friday at
2.30pm.

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.



MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 2nd March - 8.30am

Sun 2nd March - 11.30am Tongala

Weekly Masses

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

Wed 5th March - 6pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Thu 6th March - 10am Anointing Mass

Sat 8th March - 6pm

Sun 9th March - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

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

Thu 13th March - 9.15am Foundation and Year 12

Sun 16th March - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

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

Thu 20th March - 2pm St Patrick's day Mass Tongala

Thu 20th March - 9.15am Year 1/2 & 11- Liturgy

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SAFEGUARDING

Two years ago Diocese of Sandhurst implemented safeguarding training for all volunteers. Volunteers who completed their course online will be receiving an email to recomplete the training. All volunteers are required to repeat this training regularly. Volunteers who completed their training online will receive an email from support@saltcompliance.com.

Once completed please if able print your certificates, email them to kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au, drop into office or give to Mary Zobec or Annette Ryan. Volunteers who did a group training will be notified of a training session in the coming months.

The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all persons, especially children, young people and adults at risk and has a zero tolerance of abuse. The Diocese is committed to nationally established standards and protocols of the Catholic Church, as well as being compliant with all government legislation. For further inquiries please see Mary Zobec or Annette Ryan.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

On Sunday 5 April eastern daylight savings time ceases. Therefore Saturday night Masses will then move from 6pm to 5pm.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday

1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above to register with Kyabram Parish. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

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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"Look upon the poor with compassion and Jesus will look kindly upon you on your last day."
– St. Mary of the Cross (Jeanne Jugan)