



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 21 September 2025



Readings for
this week:

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13



Readings for
next Sunday:

Amos 6:1, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Justice III

Those who participate in liturgy are called to integrate Faith and Life so as to live out their faith through acts of service, charity, and advocacy for the marginalised. Yet there are some difficulties that emerge for example: **divergent priorities**—some Catholics focus more on liturgical practices, while others prioritize social justice, sometimes leading to tensions and divisions. Also **balancing liturgy and action**—tension may arise between ensuring a reverent liturgy and actively working for social justice. The Church offers this prayer.

Prayer for Peace & Justice

O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Roman Missal, Mass for civil needs #30.

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Looking at the Readings

In today's first reading, Amos's description of the attitudes, dishonest business practices, and abuse of the poor is classic. People in every generation can recognize it. Today one of its strategies even has a new name in some parts of the world. "Lowering the bushel" (8:5) is now called **shrinkflation**. But in the context of the Season of Creation, Amos's description of the dishonesty and abuse of the poor must be expanded to include the arguments and political policies that give the growth of "the economy" priority over more urgent and wise care of Creation.

In the gospel, the steward is praised for his prudence because he recognizes that his future will not be secured by gathering up his commissions (or more), his part of the rich man's wealth. He uses the wealth to make friends who will welcome him and support him in the future. Jesus taught – and Catholic social teaching has long emphasized – that the successful human life is not measured by the accumulation of wealth or power. The "good life" is the fruit of strong and loving relationships, bonds of friendship and justice, and commitment to community wellbeing.

"Mammon" means "what we trust in." Jesus is uncompromising: we cannot put our trust in both God and money. The severe socioecological crisis in these times makes very clear how pursuing and valuing a practical idolatry of wealth above all else threatens and destroys God's gifts in Creation. It betrays our sacred mission to care for Creation and share it in gratitude and love.

Paul reminds Timothy to pray for everyone because God wills everyone to be saved and come to know the Truth.

From Peace with Creation by James E Hug SJ.

Pope Leo on Creation

The Lord, in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, chose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter. He comes not from above, but from within; he comes that we might find him in this world of ours" (Laudato Si', 236). ... St Augustine, in his Confessions, brought together creation and humanity in a cosmic hymn of praise: Lord, "your works praise you, that we may love you; may we love you, that your works may praise you" (XIII, 33, 48). May this be the harmony that we spread throughout the world.

Pope Leo XIV, Homily on 9 July 2025

On the Lighter Side

Breaking News: Cartons of eggs now contain only 10 blue eggs: much smaller robin eggs! Shrinkflation has even hit cowboy hats. Now instead of 10 gallons hats, they're only 7!"



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Milly Perry, Matt Carver, Olive McElroy, Frances Corso, Philip Bowman, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Fr Alex Lim

Anniversaries: Isabel Slaughter, Virginia Spina

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 27 September at 5pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 28 September 8.30am

Commentator – R Chapman

Lector – M Tesoro

Special Minister – M O'Shea

Sunday 5 October 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – A Ryan

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1050.65

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 (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.

COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS ELECTED VERY REV. DR BRIAN BOYLE EV AS DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

Fr Brian, Administrator of the Cathedral Cluster of parishes, will serve in this new role until the installation of the ninth bishop of Sandhurst, exercising the administrative authority of a bishop guided by the principle: "While the see is vacant, no innovation is to be made" (Canon 428 §1).

Having worked closely with Archbishop Shane Mackinlay for over twenty years in the Diocese of Sandhurst and at Catholic Theological College, Fr Brian is well-placed to "... remain faithful to the direction set by the former bishop", ensuring continuity across several key diocesan initiatives, including:

- The implementation of the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Goals
- The development of Cathedral Square
- The Formation Support Plan
- The diocesan pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Fr Brian brings a wealth of relevant experience to his new role – as a priest, an academic, an educator and fraternal leader. He holds a Licentiate and Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and served as Dean of Studies at Corpus Christi College, Carlton from 2015 to 2020. In Sandhurst, he has served as Episcopal Vicar for Education since 2014 and is a Member of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd. Fr Brian has been a pastoral leader to Sandhurst Clergy, having served as Director of Clergy Life and Ministry from 2017 to 2023. He was a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart before being incardinated into the Diocese of Sandhurst in 2012.



MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 21st September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 23rd September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 25th September - No Mass

Sat 27th September - 5pm Mass

Sun 28th September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 30th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 2nd October – 10am Anointing Mass

Sun 5th October - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 7th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 9th October -

Sat 11th October - 6pm Mass

Sun 12th October - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 14th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

RCIA INQUIRY EVENINGS

Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will begin on Monday 6th October at 5.30pm in the presbytery. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a process of Christian formation by which those who are seeking full communion with the Church. The RCIA is a process, not a program. It is a process which responds to Christ's invitation to unbaptised (catechumens), and to candidates (those who have received Baptism in other Christian denominations), to come and see how the Catholic community live, pray and worship. The process supports those seeking to deepen their personal relationship with Christ through developing familiarity with the Gospel teachings, deepening the personal experience of prayer and worship and help discern the movement of the Holy Spirit. For further information please contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427190282

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRINGS CHANGE

As daylight saving begins on Sunday 5 October, our Saturday Masses beginning on Saturday 11 October will change to 6pm.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

For retired Priests of Sandhurst. We have 12 retired Priests. Fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese. A special collection will be taken on the weekend of 20th/21st of September and is the major fundraiser of the year. We will be doing a collection again on 28th September. This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication, and to pray for our priests, active and retired. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10 are to please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

DIOCESAN FORMATION GATHERING

Be part of **Building Communities of Belonging** at the Diocesan Formation Gathering on Saturday, 11 October at Notre Dame College, Shepparton; a day to learn, connect, and explore how we can strengthen and grow communities of belonging in our parishes. Keynote presentations will reflect on the place of community and belonging in a Catholic parish:

- Why does belonging matter in today's culture?
- How does it shape the mission of our parish and the wider Church?
- What can we do, together, to strengthen it?

With six practical workshops to choose from, the day offers insights and tools to help parishes grow a deeper sense of welcome and connection among parishioners and beyond.

There'll also be opportunities to share ideas and experiences through:

- Round Robin dialogues between parishes
- Plenary conversations with shared reflections
- Parish group discussions

Registrations close 30 September - secure your place now and be part of shaping the future of our parish communities! Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1394762>

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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 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.

To love God as He ought to be loved, we must be detached from all temporal love. We must love nothing but Him, or if we love anything else, we must love it only for His sake. -Saint Peter Claver



Congratulations to our Sacramental children

We, the Kyabram parish community pray that the Holy Spirit fill you with His gifts and wish that you continually cherish to live according to His Word. God bless you all.

**Emilie Arnold, Ayla Cornwell, Mason Davis, Alby De Pasquale, Taelan Harding,
Patrick Hauser, Katelyn Hehir- Laurie, Amani Lagana, Addison McGlade,
Aaliyah O'Brien, Lachlan O'Shea, Harry Pyke, Jarryd Tomasini, Joshua Wright.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:10-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 16:1-13



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Breaking Open the Word

RELEASE OF DEBT

Today's Gospel returns us to a favourite repetitive Lukan theme. It is about the disciples' attitudes to wealth and possessions. The teaching takes the form of a story from Jesus. The main character is a rich landowner – a character with which some in Luke's Gospel community could well identify with given that they, too, were property owners.

There's a problem which the owner identifies. He presumes that his manager has been 'wasteful with his [the owner's] property'. We are not sure what 'wasteful' means in this case and we can superimpose our expectations from our Western ideas on to what might be going on. But there could be another agenda at play from Luke's world. Wealth came about through other people becoming poorer. The evangelist wants the wealthy to reconsider their responsibility to poorer Gospel members. The manager could be acting to redistribute wealth in a way that the property owner considers 'wasteful.' The manager's 'redistribution program' might also be operating later when he considers what he will do after he has been fired from his position because of the greed of his landowner.

The release of debt that the manager brings about from those in debt (a key petition in the 'Lord's Prayer') is a release from greater poverty. The wisdom that emerges from the story and is explicated in the final lines of the Gospel is about the use of wealth. It is, for the faith community, the building up of friendship and, for the disciple, to be free. This is being released from being possessed by possessions. Today's Gospel is a timely reminder for us in a world of wealth, bitcoins and foreign exchange.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf. vv. 1, 7

R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.
(or Alleluia!)

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, / praise the name of the Lord! / May the name of the Lord be blessed / both now and for evermore! **R.**

2. High above all nations is the Lord, / above the heavens his glory. / Who is like the Lord, our God, / who has risen on high to his throne / yet stoops from the heights to look down, / to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, / from the dunghill he raises the poor / to set him in the company of princes, / yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Tim 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

■ The word of the Lord.