



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 31 August 2025



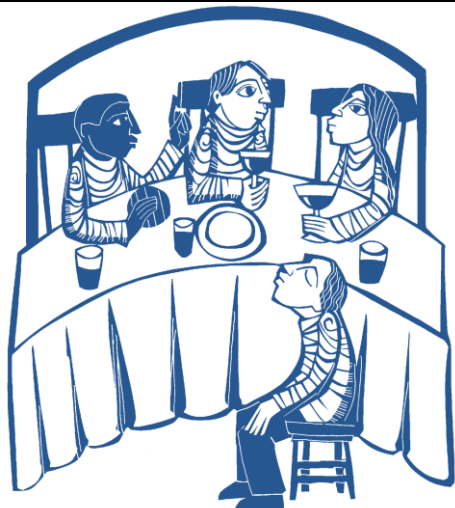
Readings for
this week:

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Readings for
next Sunday:

Wisdom 9:13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Charity III

In the course of the Liturgical year there are days we may focus the liturgy on Charity. At Holy Thursday Mass service and charity are symbolised by the washing of the feet and the collection of Project Compassion boxes. The Hymn "Where there is Charity and Love is often sung. The Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus is also the Mass for the Poor where people, especially children bring food and winter woollies for Vinnies to distribute to the needy. Advent is a time to bring gifts and food for the Giving Tree or Christmas hampers for those in need.

Within the Missal for Masses for various occasions there is a specific Mass for Charity (40) with scripture readings in the Lectionary.

Its Communion Antiphon is "So faith, hope and charity remain, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Cor 13: 13

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Looking at the Readings

In my youth I remember the song "Oh Lord it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way." by Mac Davis. It has a catchy tune and amusing paradox. Yet in Christ Jesus we see both a humble person and the Son of God, the sinless, perfect human.

The Book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) offers wisdom and instruction on life. Gentleness in a person is more valued than a lavish giver. Greatness should display humility. These "maxims" gathered by the author to guide others are echoed in Christ's teaching, the Beatitudes and in several parables and many examples of service.

In today's Gospel, Christ offers wisdom and instruction to his listeners while seated around the meal table. Avoid embarrassment, act humbly, show courtesy. Again, we see a paradox. The Humble are exalted, the Proud are humbled. This message is often repeated, even more so around the table at the Last Supper, Jesus said to the Apostles: "Kings who lord it over people, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. This must not happen with you. No; the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest, the leader as if he were the one who serves." (Luke 22:25-27) God gives us his grace and strength so that we may follow that example of Christ who serves.

Spring Ember Day / Season of Creation

Monday 1 September is the beginning of Spring and the start of the Season of Creation. The First Friday of Spring (5 Sept) is called an Ember Day. On ember days we offer prayers to God for the productivity of the earth, for human labour, for people in need and to give praise and thanks for creation.

Prayer for the Week

God and judge of all, you show us that the way to your kingdom is through humility and service. Keep us true to the path of justice and give us the reward promised to those who make a place for the rejected and the poor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Quote From the Saints

On every side the humility of the good master is being assiduously impressed upon us, seeing that our very salvation in Christ consists in the humility of Christ. There would have been no salvation for us, after all, if Christ had not been prepared to humble himself for our sakes. St Augustine, Sermon, 285.4

On the Lighter Side

Perfection is impossible without humility. Leo Tolstoy
Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. C. S. Lewis



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Clare Jenkins (Doollan), Annette Curtese.

Anniversaries: John Brennan, Les Karal, Andrew Cavicchiolo

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 7 September 8.30am

Commentator – Bernie Elliott

Lector – Maricel Tesoro

Special Minister – J Chant

Saturday 13 September at 5pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – S Carroll

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 14 September 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – N Livsey

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1082.05

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

PARISH SECRETARY

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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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

TODAY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY. In their 2025/2026 Social Justice Statement, "Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health", Australia's Bishops provides a picture of what life is like for people living in homelessness and mental ill-health and the difficulty in providing adequate support for them. The statement urges every Christian to offer service, as Jesus did, to our sisters and brothers created in the image of God. The Statement calls on us to go to the edge of society to befriend those living on our streets, who are often struggling with serious mental ill-health, to be signs of hope, to be the good news that God's unfailing love embraces everyone. Read the Statement & associated resources at

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

BISHOP SHANE'S FINAL MASS AS

BISHOP OF THE SANDHURST DIOCESE

You are all invited to celebrate the final Mass of Bishop Shane as Bishop of the Sandhurst Diocese at the Bendigo Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday September 7th at 11am. All parishioners welcome.

THANK YOU TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS

Today, Sunday 31 August and 7th September we welcome Fr Michael Grace to celebrate Mass for us. Many thanks for your time visiting us during Fr Uday's leave.

YOUTH PODCAST: CATCH THE FLAME:

Sandhurst Youth Ministry has just launched its first episode of a new podcast for young people to explore faith, share real stories, and journey together in discovering what it means to follow Jesus today. Come as you are — this is your space! Now streaming on Spotify and Apple Podcast: Catch the Flame: A Sandhurst Catholic Youth Podcast. Like and Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: Sandhurst Youth Ministry

FR UDAY AWAY ON LEAVE

Fr Uday will be away on annual leave from 11 August until 12 September.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

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 Tongala (Fr M Morley)

Weekly Masses

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

Thu 11th September – No Liturgy or Mass

Sat 13th September - 5pm Mass

Sun 14th September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 16th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 18th September - 9.15am Year 5/6 & Year 7 & 8

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. Your Donations (tax-deductible) are essential. 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.

SUPPORT PLEDGE FOR GAZA

Caritas Australia is calling on supporters to sign this urgent pledge, www.caritas.org.au/act/peace/peace-in-gaza which will be delivered to the Australian Foreign Minister's office on Monday 1st September. Coming into force are new restrictive conditions for international charities requiring them to breach the safety and security of their staff or face deregistration which will prevent them from providing critical, life-saving humanitarian assistance to Palestinians. Aid volumes will fall below a level that is already claiming innocent lives. The people of Gaza cannot eat less than they already are. We need to demonstrate strong public support for increased humanitarian aid access to Gaza

FR NOVELITO LIM AWAY ON LEAVE

During Fr Novi's leave of absence, Fr Michael Morley will celebrate Mass on 7 September, other Mass times in Tongala will be Liturgies each month during Fr Novi's absence.

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

CELEBRATION of SEASON OF CREATION

You're all invited to come and celebrate our Care for Creation at Huntly Streamside Reserve (from Huntly, turn west into Leans Rd then right at Reserve sign) on **Friday 5th September**, beginning with **Mass at 11am** celebrated by Fr Joe Taylor, blessing & commissioning with native plants for parish representatives followed by **Picnic Lunch**. BYO chairs encouraged although some seating available. Sausage sizzle provided or BYO lunch if preferred. BYO hot/cold drinks; BYO water bottles. **EVERYONE** is invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate in this beautiful bush setting. RSVP not essential but if you & friends are coming then texting 0408 579 904 would be helpful.

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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.

All of us can attain to Christian virtue and holiness, no matter in what condition of life we live and no matter what our life work may be. -Saint Francis de Sales

GOSPEL

Lk 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

MEAL-TEACHINGS

Today's opening Gospel verse sets the scene for what will unfold. It is a Sabbath, a day of rest when Israelites emulate the action of God in the creation story in Genesis 1. A meal now provides this for Jesus. What follows is in two parts.

The first is an analysis of social structure and hierarchy in Luke's day. Jesus notices how some presume to sit in the places of honour. They presume entitlement. We are in a world where one of the most important social dynamics concerns the importance of 'honour' and 'shame.' Honour is a publicly recognised value by which people are confirmed or grow in their social standing; shame is its antithesis. Honour is a limited commodity which is either inherited or acquired. Those who 'shame' another grow in honour. Luke's Jesus uses this social dynamic to reflect on self-exaltation and humility: 'Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted'.

The second part of today's Gospel further explores what happens at meals. The common expectation would be to host a meal with one's friends and people of similar social standing. Jesus upends such meal etiquette. Rather than inviting social equals he encourages meal invitees to be the poor and those from the lower echelons. Payment for such graciousness will occur in the time of resurrection. These meal-teachings from Luke's day, of humility and welcoming of the poor, continue to speak to us today.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

31 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, / they shall exult and dance for joy. / O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; / rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, / such is God in his holy place. / God gives the lonely a home to live in; / he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: / when your people were starved you gave them new life. / It was there that your people found a home, / prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you:
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!