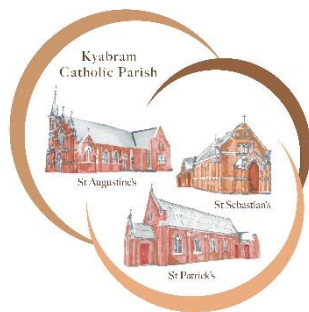




KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Sunday 19 January 2025



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11



Readings for
next Sunday:

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



Liturgical Jottings

Sunday Cycle Year C

The liturgical cycle of readings in Year C is characterized by the Gospel according to Luke. It is used for some Sundays of Advent and the Sunday in the Ordinary Season – about 60% of Luke. Two sections are not. They are the chapters on the birth of Christ (read over Advent and Christmas days) and the passion and death of Christ (read on Palm Sunday and Easter). Luke is also read on the weekdays from 21st to 34th in Ordinary time. Luke, the evangelist describes his Gospel as a narrative (Luke 1:3). We embark on a journey with Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. Luke is also attentive to the poor. From the poor shepherds who are the first witnesses of Jesus' birth to many miracles of healing of the sick and poor, He emphasises God's mercy in many parables, especially the Prodigal Son. He often mentions foreigners that are welcomed by Christ.

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Looking at the Readings

The Wedding Feast of Cana, noted for the miracle of changing water into wine, is called the first of the signs given by Jesus to let his glory be seen. The Eastern Churches call it the third epiphany in which the Christ Messiah is revealed. In some places the Feasts of Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord and the Wedding Feast of Cana are celebrated on the same day.

The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah presents a double emphasis: that the glory of the Lord is seen and that the wedding of bride and groom serve as a metaphor of God's covenant. We may celebrate "Cana Sunday" as another manifestation or revelation of God in Christ and the blessing that Christ gives to marrying couples. He will not let them down, even in having a great wedding feast with plenty of food and good wine. His blessing is both abundant – 120-180 gallons of wine and very rich – the steward was surprised at the excellent quality of the wine.

Traditionally this Gospel, (according to John) displaces a reading from Luke for the second Sunday. We begin an eight-week semi-continuous reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians that focuses on a variety of gifts of the Spirit to build up the Church as the body of Christ.

Prayer for Today

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
We praise you with all creation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
He did the first of his signs at the wedding at Cana;
In the water become wine he shows us your power to save.
He gives us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and reveals himself to be the messiah whom you have sent.
Therefore, we praise you full of joy and join heaven and earth
In proclaiming your glory. (*Preface of Cana Sunday*)

Pope Francis on the Miracle of Cana

Water is necessary for life, but wine expresses the abundance of a banquet and the joy of a feast. This wedding feast was short of wine; Just imagine ending a wedding feast drinking tea. By transforming into wine the water of the jars used "for the Jewish ablutions rite" (Jn 2:6), Jesus performs an eloquent sign: he transforms the Law of Moses into the Gospel, bearer of joy. As John states: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (1:17). *General Audience 2016*

On the Lighter Side

Behold the rain which descends from heaven upon our vineyards; there it enters the roots of the vines, to be changed into wine; a constant proof that God loves us, and loves to see us happy. Benjamin Franklin.



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: Fr Bernhard Bendel OSS, Elisa Cavicchiolo

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 25 January at 6pm

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 26 January 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – J Chant

Sunday 2 February 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – A Snell

Special Minister – M Cocks

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1174.25

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

MERRIGUM: Third Sunday of month 12 noon

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.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

A couple of special birthday wishes. A happy 85th birthday to George Flaimer and a happy 80th birthday to Linda Nisbet. Happiest of birthdays to you both. Parishioners please wish them a happy birthday when you see them.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

A special anniversary this weeked for Fr Bernhard Bendel, Founder of Opus Spiritus Sancti, Fr Uday's congregation, who passed on 19 January 1980.

RCIA RITE OF WELCOME

This weekend we celebrate the Rite of Welcome for Brett Crilly and Ricki Waters, who over the past couple of months have been enquiring about our Catholic faith. Brett and Ricki have committed themselves to preparing for full initiation into our Catholic faith this coming Easter. We ask parishioners to keep them and their sponsors and families in their prayers.

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.

CALENDARS

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

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 19th January - 8.30am

Sun 19th January - 12 noon Merrigum

Tue 21st January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 23rd January - No Mass

Sat 25th January - 6pm Mass

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

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.

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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