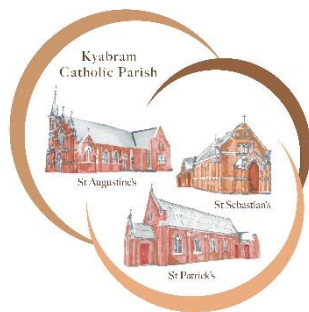




KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Third Sunday of Advent ~ Cycle C

Sunday 15 December 2024



Readings for
this week:

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18



Readings for
next Sunday:

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44



Liturgical Jottings

Springtime of the Liturgy IV

The sources of liturgy from the first five centuries offer the student and the participant a great service for those “who are tired of drinking their water from the pitcher of routine and prefer to drink from the fountain of tradition. It is from this fountain that flows, like spring water, in its original freshness. The journey back to the sources is a marvellous one for knowledge of the past brings the promise of youth and newness for the future. Under the action of the Holy Spirit, says, Irenaeus of Lyons, ‘the faith we have received from the Church, like a priceless perfume that has been kept in a superb vessel, constantly rejuvenates and communicates its own youthfulness to the vessel that contains it.’” Lucien Deiss, *Springtime of the Liturgy*, 1979, (intro).

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Focus on the Readings

The Gospels of the two middle Sundays of Advent focus on John the Baptist. His message last week was: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” and his ministry and this week: repentance, baptism and to point to the Messiah and his mission. John speaks words of advice and encouragement to the poor, the rich, the sinner, the tax collector, and even the Roman soldiers.

In his preaching there is an element of the “apocalyptic” the messiah will come with the winnowing-fan and fire. But there are words of hope and encouragement for the Day of the Lord. These themes are also expressed by the Prophet Zechariah: The Lord is in your midst, he will bring his joy, renewal and love.

St Paul exhorts the Christians of Philippi not to worry. How many times do we hear that same advice, and how many times do we tell others not to worry. It seems to be a human trait, an occupational hazard, an attempt to bring calmness in our hectic lives. We also need to heed Paul’s other words of comfort: ‘Be happy! Be joyful!’

Excerpts from the Synod 2024

The synodal journey of the Church led us to rediscover the root of the varieties of charisms, vocations and ministries: “we were all baptised into one body and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” (1 Cor 12:13). Baptism is the foundation of Christian life. It introduces everyone to the greatest gift, to be children of God, that is, to share in Jesus’ relationship to the Father in the Spirit. There is nothing higher than this baptismal dignity, equally bestowed upon each person, through which we are invited to clothe ourselves with Christ and be grafted onto Him like branches of the one vine. (n.21)



Advent Prayer

The Collect (Opening Prayer) today contains two key words: **Nativity** and **Salvation**. Underling these words is the mystery of the incarnation: the divine one taking flesh and living as fully human. The primary unpacking of the incarnation is that the saviour must be born to be of one flesh with us. From this flows the prayer’s understanding of the ‘nativity’. The term seeks to focus our attention on the full humanity of Jesus who comes to give us life to the full.

Quote for the Week

I am determined to enjoy each day to the fullest. I don't want to wish away Christmas. I want to enjoy these last moments of Advent and look forward to Jesus's birth with anticipation. *Shelley Shepard Gray*

On the Lighter Side

“Happiness depends upon ourselves.” - Aristotle



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Finola Price, Kaye Fairchild

Anniversaries: Trevor Price, Frank Reid

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 21 December at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 22 December 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – M Elliot

Sunday 29 December 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – J Stockdale

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection: \$ 994.95

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday 21 December – 6pm

Sunday 22 December – 8.30am

Tuesday 24 December – 7.30pm Carols,
- 8pm Mass (Church)

Wednesday 25 December – 8.30am



CHARITY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize \$100 Three620

2nd Prize \$50 Open House

3rd Prize \$20 Open House.

Tickets 3 for \$5. Drawn: Christmas Day

ST VINNIES LEAVING COLLECTION

A leaving collection for St Vinnies will be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

CHRISTMAS TREE

This year we are invited to donate toys and toiletries for distribution locally by St Vincent de Paul. Please leave your donation under the Christmas tree in the church. It would be appreciated that the toys are not wrapped.

Also, envelopes are available on the Christmas tree for cash donations. There will be a box available to put these in. St Vincent de Paul members will collect all items after Sunday Mass on 15th December. Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

A communal reconciliation will be held on Tuesday 17 December at 6pm. Followed by a cuppa, please bring a plate.

ADVENT LEAFLETS

There are advent leaflets available in the gathering space. You may like to use these for discussion groups or personal reflection.

MISA DI GALLO

Misa de Gallo Novena will be celebrated from 16th-24th December at 6am at St Brendan's Shepparton. Fr Uday will celebrate Mass on Wednesday 18th and encourages Kyabram and Tatura parishioners to attend. Mass will be followed by breakfast in the Parish Centre behind the church. Please bring a plate to share.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 15th December - 8.30am

Sun 15th December - 12 noon Merrigum

Tue 17th December - 6pm Communal reconciliation

Thu 19th December - No Mass

Sat 21st December - 5pm Individual confession
- 6pm Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 22nd December - 8.30am

Tue 24th December - 7.30pm Carols, 8pm Mass

Wed 25th December - 8.30am

Thu 26th December - No Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 29th December - 8.30am

THAT CATHOLIC SHOP

The catholic shop have a lovely Christmas catalogue for 2024. There are copies of the catalogue available in the gathering space.

HELPERS NEEDED

Helpers are needed for *both the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses* at St Augustine's. Clipboards are available at the back of the church if you can help in any way. We need special ministers and money collectors. Thank you for helping out.

ANOINTING MASS

Please note the next anointing mass will be held on **Thursday 9th January** at 10am, followed by a cuppa.

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

There will be no cuppa and chat in January. See you in February.

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

The next working bee will be on **Saturday 4 January at 9.30am.**

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This Christmas, families like Sakhina's are facing the devastating risk of disease due to a severe lack of clean water and proper sanitation in the world's largest refugee camp. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. As part of the second-largest humanitarian network in the world, Caritas Australia and our partner Caritas Bangladesh are on the ground, ready to act. Together, we can improve access to clean water, provide better sanitation, and help reduce the spread of deadly waterborne diseases this Christmas. Donate today at caritas.org.au/christmas

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KYABRAM COMMUNITY

Christmas CAROLS

MEMORIAL GARDENS

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER

5:30PM - FOOD TRUCKS, CAMEL RIDES & FREE PRE-CAROLS ACTIVITIES
7:45PM - CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH FIREWORKS TO FOLLOW

A KYABRAM COMBINED CHURCHES EVENT

FIREWORKS SPONSORS

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Misa de Gallo, 16-24 December

 Monday, December 16, Fr Japhin Joy, ALCPVDS	 Tuesday, December 17, Fr Joe Taylor, WD	 Wednesday, December 18, Fr Vicky Marven, ALCPVDS
 Thursday, December 19, Bishop Shane Mackinlay, DO	 Friday, December 20, Fr Gail Thomas, MGT	 Saturday, December 21, Fr Rene Ramirez, RCJ
 Sunday, December 22, Fr Adlin Doe, RCJ	 Monday, December 23, Fr Jackson Saunders	 Tuesday, December 24, Fr Rudi Deconarade, RCJ

Join us for our nine novena Masses, held each day at 6am as we prepare for Christmas.

There will be live music each morning with breakfast served afterwards. This is a great way to enter more deeply into the Advent season.

6.00am, St Brendan's Church
121 Knight Street, Shepparton



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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.

"Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?" – St. Gerard Majella