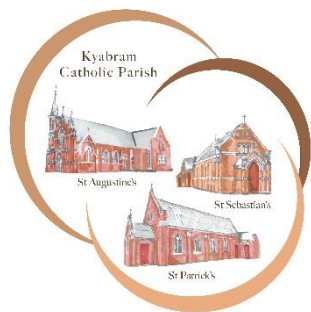




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Feast of the Holy Family Cycle C

Sunday 29 December 2024



Readings for
this week:

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Family

“Within the family ‘which could be called a domestic church’ (Lumen Gentium, art. 11), individuals enter upon an experience of communion among persons, which reflects, through grace, the mystery of the Holy Trinity. ‘Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated – forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer. (Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis 2016) Here Pope Francis emphasises how the family becomes the teacher of prayer and liturgy to its members. The Family is the place for prayer and leads to community liturgy. The Roman Missal and the Rites of the Sacraments refer to family in four ways: 1. God’s family or the family of the church, 2. The family of humankind, 3. The Holy Family (today’s feast) and 4. The domestic family. The Missal contains a Mass for the Family under “Various Needs and Occasions” in which we pray for charity, peace, grace and sharing in God’s love and life.

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Looking at the Readings

Samuel and Jesus have a few things in common. Both had miraculous births, albeit 1000 years apart. Their mothers, Hannah (1Sam 2:1-10) and Mary (Luke 1:46-56) gave songs of praise to God for his marvellous works. They contain many common phrases. Both Samuel and Jesus had a very special mission. Perhaps the most striking similarity are their experiences in the temple we read today in the lectionary readings. Both are presented in the temple after their births. Samuel stays in the temple and is taught by Eli. Jesus returns home but frequently revisits with his parents. Today’s passage relates the teaching he received from the elders in the temple.

The relevance of the story is not so much an adolescent causing his parents worry and stupefaction which many parents experience in the lives of their children, but rather the unfolding of the mystery of salvation. This mystery is slowly revealed: Who is Jesus? What is his relationship to the Father? What are his Father’s business and Jesus’ mission. Later he asks: “Who are my brothers and sisters and mother?”. While Mary and Hannah pondered many things in their hearts, we too ponder on our lives and relationships, on our vocations now and our destinies in the future.

Quote for the Day

Peace in society depends upon peace in the family. *St Augustine*

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. *Theodore Hesburgh*

Pope Francis’ Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection & division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God’s plan. (from *Amoris Laetitia*, 2016)

On the Lighter Side ~ Family Riddles

Q: Your mother’s brother’s only brother-in-law is asleep on your couch. Who is asleep on your couch? A: Your father.

Q: A doctor and a boy were fishing. The boy was the doctor’s son, but the doctor was not the boy’s father. Who was the doctor?

A: His mother.



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: Antonino Barca

Anniversaries:

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 5 January 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M DiPetta

Special Minister – K McGlade

Saturday 11 January at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Cosgriff

Sunday 12 January 8.30am

Commentator – A Snell

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – B Lyon

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 927.20

Christmas Collection: 1652.90

St Vinnies Collection: 478.60

Charity Raffle \$315.00

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish.

PARISH DETAILS

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Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

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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.

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 nominations forms in the gathering space and nomination forms can then be given to Fr Uday or placed in the mailbox at the presbytery or handed into the office.

THANK YOU FROM FR UDAY

Fr Uday thanks all parishioners for yours prayers and wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM FR UDAY

Fr Uday wishes all parishioners a prosperous New Year 2025. May God bless and fill your families with His love and graces.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Kyabram Catholic Parish would like to wish all parishioners, teachers, staff and students a very Happy New Year and an enjoyable break over the school holidays.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Three620 – Joyce Caiafa

2nd Prize \$50 Open House – Lysie Busch

3rd Prize \$20 Open House – Eileen Sullivan

Thank you to all who supported the raffle.

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 save the date and please share with past parishioners. More details to come.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 29th December - 8.30am

Tue 31st December - No Mass

Thu 2nd January – No Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 5th January - 8.30am

Sun 5th January - 11.30am Tongala

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

Thu 9th January – 10am Anointing Mass

Sat 11th January - 6pm

Weekly Masses

Sun 12th January - 8.30am

Tue 14th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 16th January – No Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 19th January - 8.30am

Sun 19th January - 12 noon Merrigum

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

Thu 23rd January - No Mass

Sat 25th January - 6pm Mass

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.

CALENDARS

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

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.**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA 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

VANUATU EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties. Hundreds of people are injured or trapped under rubble. At least 14 people have died with the death toll expected to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis. This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are with emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts. Donate via QR Code or at <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

SHORT RESIDENTIAL RETREATS IN SANDHURST TAKE TIME – TO PRAY, TO REST A WHILE, TO RECONNECT

A short residential retreat may be just the thing. The Sandhurst Retreat and Accompaniment Team (formed by Spiritual Directors, Mary Murphy, Mark Needham, Paul White, and Fran Smullen) offers Retreats in our Diocese at a minimal cost to groups or individuals. If interested contact: Sandhurst Retreat & Accompaniment Team. E: retreatteaminfo@gmail.com

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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