



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17 August 2025



Readings for
this week:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30



Liturgical Jottings The Crucifix

Liturgy and Charity I

In the New Testament the word "liturgy" refers not only to the celebration of divine worship but also to the proclamation of the Gospel and to active charity. In all of these situations it is a question of the service of God and neighbour.

In a liturgical celebration the Church is servant in the image of her Lord, she shares in Christ's priesthood (worship), which is both prophetic (proclamation) and kingly (service of charity): Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 1070

Charity is not just an abstract concept but a living virtue that should be cultivated and expressed in all aspects of Christian life, including liturgical participation and works of service. Liturgy, in turn, provides the framework and inspiration for growing in charity, making it a vital component of the Christian journey.

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Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah and Jesus were both men of peace. Jeremiah and Jesus preached repentance of sin and a change of heart. Jeremiah's words were rebuked by the king and the people under the king's influence. The words, miracles and witness of Jesus were scorned by the elders and rulers of his day. The prophet and the Christ challenged their opponents: Jeremiah wanted repentance and conversion as the instruments to counter the threat of war and certain defeat at the hands of the Babylonian army. Jesus preached and taught forgiveness and the power of love to defeat the enemy within people's hearts and bring true freedom.

Jeremiah's prophecies of destruction stood as a warning for the nation. Jesus' image of a blazing fire and words of division likewise stood as a wake-up call to the complacent and those rejecting his message. Jeremiah and Jesus are men of peace: we are called to listen and turn back to God. The image of the well, a storage of water vital to life became a place of impending death for Jeremiah. "And in the mud, he sank" dramatized well the predicament he faced and difficulties that we may all face. The image of the blazing fire alludes to a fire that destroys, a fire that purifies and a fire that provides baking, melding and warmth serves as necessary instrument for change and renewal that we all must experience.

Words of Pope Leo

The ministry of St Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did. *Inaugural Homily given by Pope Leo XIV, 18 May 2025*

Prayer for the Week

God of fire and light, you draw your servants out of darkness and out of the mud of human difficulties. Lead us by your light, so that we may find you and rejoice. Help us to persevere in hope and to grow in faith, that we may give you thanks and sing your praise, through Christ, our Light.

Quote of the Day

Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die. *G K Chesterton*

On the Fire Lighter Side

Which English king invented the fireplace?

Alfred the Grate.

What do you call a jacket that goes up in flames? A blazer.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Angelina Barca

Anniversaries: Anna McCullagh, Ida Mazzucco,
Rosario De Pasquale, Concetta De Pasquale

ROSTERS

Sunday 24 August 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – K McGlade

Sunday 31 August 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – B Lyon

Sunday 31 August 8.30am

Commentator – **Help Required**

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – J Chant

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 831.70

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

Vicki Arnel – 0417 147 695

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Mary Zobec – 0427 190 282

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am-4pm

PRINCIPALS

St Augustine's College -Tim Campbell – Phone 5851 3000

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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.

MARGARET BINION 90th BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday wishes go out to Margaret Binion who
celebrates her 90th birthday this month. Happiest of
birthdays to you Margaret. Parishioners please remember
to wish her a happy birthday when you see her.

THANK YOU TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS

This weekend we welcome and thank Fr Michael Grace
for coming to celebrate Mass for us. On Sunday 24 August
we will welcome Fr Micheal Morley and Sunday 31
August and 7th September we will welcome Fr Michael
Grace once again. Many thanks to these priests for their
time visiting us during Fr Uday's leave.

FORMATION MEETING

On Thursday, Geoff Gowdie, Assistant Director, Mission
and Pastoral Life led the Dioceses' first workshop on the
Sandhurst Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals at St
Augustine's Kyabram jointly with parishioners of Sacred
Heart Tatura. The purpose of the workshop was to
familiarise with Pastoral Goals Strategic Directions.
Geoff challenged parishioners to reflect on the goals and
directions which engaged all to participate in meaningful
and valuable discussion. Thank you to all those who
attended.

FR MICHAEL MORLEY JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Fr Michael Morley this year is celebrating his 50th Jubilee.
You are invited to join Fr Micheal for dinner at the
Kyabram Club on Saturday 23rd August at 6pm. Fr
Michael will be there from 5pm for a catch up for those
who cannot stay for dinner. Please RSVP for numbers to
Parish Office on 5852 1026 or to Mary Zobec 0427
190282 or email kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au by
Tuesday 19th August. Fr Michael will also celebrate Mass
on Sunday 24th at 8.30am while Fr Uday is away on annual
leave.

PPC MEETING

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on
Tuesday, 18th August commencing at 5pm (following
Liturgy).

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 17th August - 8.30am Mass (Fr M Grace)

Weekly Masses

Tue 19th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 21st August - Year 3/4 & Year 9 & 10 Liturgy

Sat 23rd August - No Mass

Sun 24th August - 8.30am Mass (Fr M Morley)

Weekly Masses

Tue 26th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 28th August - 11.30am St Augustines Feast Day
School Mass

Sun 31st August - 8.30am Mass (Fr M Grace)

Weekly Masses

Tue 2nd September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

FR UDAY AWAY ON LEAVE

Fr Uday will be away on annual leave from 11 August until 12 September. There will be no Mass on Saturday 23 August during his absence.

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.

CHILDRENS DRAWING ACTIVITIES

We now have available some clipboards with pictures and pencils for colouring in for the younger members of the church. These are located in the gathering space in the church. Please offer to our younger members.

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.

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

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH MOYHU:

You are warmly invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Holy Cross Catholic Church 2335 Whitfield Road Moyhu. Sunday, September 14, 2025 Thanksgiving Mass 10am. Followed by a light luncheon and historic display at the Moyhu Soldiers Memorial Hall.

RSVP by Wed. August 27 for catering and planning purposes Vicki 0488 177 713, or Joan 0427 276 392. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 13 at 10am at St. Joseph's Church, Whitfield as part of the celebration.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH STRATHMERTON

St Patrick's Parish Strathmerton, celebrates 90 years of at ST PATRICK'S STRATHMERTON on Saturday 13th September. Mass at 6pm with refreshments and fellowship to follow at The Railway Hotel Strathmerton. Contact: Colleen 0429334458 or Chris 042873488.

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.

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What do you possess if you possess not God? - Saint Augustine

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

BAPTISMAL COMMITMENT

Over these Sundays we continue to steep ourselves in Luke's journey teaching. Over Chapters 9 to 19, Luke offers readers teaching about discipleship and fidelity amid the struggles that they experience in their Greco-Roman world. One of them is the struggle to live out authentic discipleship as Jesus' followers when the temptation is otherwise.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers this late first century audience a sobering reminder. Faithful discipleship is not easy. It will come at a cost and struggle. It will touch the very heart of life. Jesus looks towards his passion. This is the 'baptism' that he will undergo. But the very mention of 'baptism' in the Gospel's opening words reminds listeners that their baptism connects them to Jesus. They, too, will suffer – not because this is God's intent or 'will' (which some even today think) – but because of the very nature of the life of discipleship lived within the particular social and cultural context of their world.

Baptismal commitment does not, then, equal tranquillity and a life of ease. These matters have already been reflected upon over the last few Sundays. For some, the struggle to remain true to one's baptismal commitment will affect even core relationships. This is seen in the divisions experienced in Luke's day within households. The shocking nature of Jesus' words would be felt by Gospel listeners. The family household and its internal relationship were the building blocks for a secure society with the Greek (and Jewish) world. Baptismal fidelity to Jesus will at times be a struggle and may even cause family division and conflict.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

17 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14

R. Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. **R.**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, / from the miry clay. / He set my feet upon a rock / and made my footsteps firm. **R.**
3. He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. / Many shall see and fear / and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**
4. As for me, wretched and poor, / the Lord thinks of me. / You are my rescuer, my help, / O God, do not delay. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

■ The word of the Lord.