



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 3 August 2025



Readings for
this week:

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
Luke 12:13-21



Readings for
next Sunday: Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Hospitality III

Liturgical Hospitality is important.

It reflects the nature of God:

Hospitality is a divine attribute, reflecting God's unconditional love and acceptance.

It enhances liturgical participation:

When people feel welcome and comfortable, they are more likely to engage with the liturgy and experience its transformative power.

It builds community:

Hospitality fosters a sense of belonging and connection that strengthens the bonds between members of the faith community.

It witnesses to the world:

A welcoming and inclusive parish can be a powerful witness to the love and compassion of Christ.

It reflects Christ's ministry:

Christ invites us to share meals: he received from and gave hospitality to many: Martha and Mary, Simon, Zacchaeus and at Emmaus. He invites us to the wedding banquet in the heavenly kingdom and to celebrate in his memory the Last Supper.

Looking at the Readings

Normally during the Season of Ordinary Time the first reading and the Gospel are connected thematically. This is most evident today with the sage in Ecclesiastes classifying our efforts and cares as vanity and the Parable of Jesus on the rich farmer consumed by pride and foolishness. But Jesus in other parables commends the labourer, vineyard owner, the merchant for their work, enterprise, social justice. We must see in our lives times for discernment of priorities, industriousness and perception of what is important and necessary.

The second reading is not intentionally connected to the first reading and the Gospel, often providing a semi-continuous reading of the Letters from the New Testament. Today we continue with the reading of the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Sundays: 15th to 18th). Yet there is a connection with the other readings, not in parallel but in contradiction. While the first reading warns of vanity and the Gospel of avarice and foolishness, this excerpt from Colossian presents a counterbalance to their negativity. It speaks of hope and virtue awarded by our baptism into the risen life of Christ. The old vices are thrown off to bring in a new way of life through the love and mercy of God.

Quote of the Week

He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever. *Mark Twain*

Prayer for the Day

O God, who alone can satisfy our deepest hungers,
protect us from the lure of wealth and power;
move our hearts to seek first your kingdom,
that ours may be the security and joy
of those who place their trust in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Text of Today

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

On the Lighter Side

"Vanity and pride are different things, though the words are often used synonymously. A person may be proud without being vain. Pride relates more to our opinion of ourselves, vanity to what we would have others think of us." — Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Tom Atkins

Anniversaries:

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 9 August at 5pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 10 August 8.30am

Commentator – **Help required**

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – M Elliott

Sunday 17 August 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – A Shaw

Special Minister – J Stockdale

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 689.15

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

PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Mary Zobec – 0427 190 282

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am-4pm

PRINCIPALS

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

St Patrick's Primary - Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday wishes to Joe Chant who celebrates his 80th
birthday in August. Happiest of birthdays to you Joe.
Parishioners please make sure to wish him a happy
birthday.

BAPTISM AT TONGALA

This weekend we welcome William Gordon into our faith
community. William is being baptised at St Patrick's
church Tongala. Please keep Chad and Kristen his parents
and his godparents in your prayers, as they continue on
their faith journey.

INVITATION - SANDHURST MISSION AND PASTORAL GOALS WORKSHOP

Fr Uday warmly invites all Members of the Parish Pastoral
and Parish Finance Councils of St Augustine's Kyabram
and Sacred Heart Tatura, together with all interested
parishioners, to come together for an important workshop.
The objective of the workshop is to break open the
Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Goals.

The expected outcomes include an understanding of the
visionary intent and language of the goals as well as
considering and reflecting on current parish activities,
initiatives and actions in the light of the goals.

The Workshop will be facilitated by Geoff Gowdie,
Assistant Director of Mission and Pastoral Life. "Geoff's
work is centered on helping individuals and communities
deepen their relationship with Jesus and grow in their
ability to live out the church's mission through outreach,
belonging and formation." Please keep the date and give
prayerful consideration to attending this important event.

Date: 7 August. Time: 4 pm. Duration: 90 Minutes.

Place: St Augustine's Church Kyabram. RSVP: Sunday
3rd August by phone 5852 1026 or email
kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

FR AWAY ON LEAVE

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

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 3rd August - 8.30am Mass

Sun 3rd August - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 5th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 7th August - 10am Anointing Mass

Sat 9th August - 5pm Mass

Sun 10th August - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 12th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 14th August - Foundation & Year 12 Liturgy

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

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

The next ladies cuppa and chat will be held at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 13th August at 2pm. All ladies welcome.

ANOINTING MASS

Did you know that the Anointing Mass is not only for the sickly and fragile but for anyone who is in need of healing of mind, body and spirit? The next anointing mass will be held on Thursday 7th August at 10am, followed by a cuppa.

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 6.00pm. Fr Michael will be there from 5.00pm 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.

ST DONATO FESTA - TATURA

Saturday 9 August 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. 11.30am doors open to Tatura Italian Social Club. Lunch four course meal. Adult \$60 Youth (5-12 years) \$25. Entertainment by Rick Brun. Bookings essential by 1st August. Phone: Pino Lagozzino 0427 677 943, Mary Zobec 0427 190 282, Frank De Palma 0427 552 686, Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989. Prepay Tickets: BSB: 083 709 ACC: 9191 54865, reference your name please.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA INVITES US TO LIGHT A CANDLE AND PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GAZA

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

*Every year, when we light our Easter candle,
we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory dispel the darkness of our minds
and hearts.'*

*We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of
violence and war.*

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace.

Amen.

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

VOCATION PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

We invite interested young people and young adult to join in our Vocation Discernment Session program. **Vocation Discernment Sessions** Date: 10 August 2025 Location: Shepparton (St Brendan's or St Mel's) Time: 2:30pm - arrival and afternoon tea Time table: 3:00-4:30pm – Talk : The Gift of Manhood (Family Life) followed by sharing 4:30-4:50pm - break 4:50-6:00pm - Holy Hour (Vespers) Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:15pm - fellowship dinner and departure Priests in-charge: Fr Ruel D & Fr Adi For more details please contact Fr Nathan on 5721 1970.

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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Enjoy yourself as much as you like – if only you keep from sin. - Saint John Bosco

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT

Unfortunately, arguments do sometimes happen within families on the death of a family member. These often revolve around property, ownership and how the Will is divided. Family disputes are not unknown. The same occurred in Luke's day.

Today's Gospel begins with the dispute between two brothers over an inheritance claim. One of them wants Jesus to arbitrate. But Jesus moves the issue to the deeper level of encounter. He names it as greed. The wisdom that emerges is that human security is never guaranteed by property ownership or possessions. This is a familiar theme in Luke's Gospel. It is an issue among those whom Luke addresses. Reading behind the lines of today's Gospel, the evangelist responds to concerns about wealth, greed, inheritance disputes and inner tensions.

The second part of the Gospel explores these issues further: A farmer decides to build bigger barns to store his harvest. But what he has forgotten is that he is not the one responsible for the bumper harvest. It is the earth. In his avariciousness he has lost his ecological connectedness. Greed blurs his spiritual vision and sensitivity to God's earth. The farmer seeks rather a life of ease and comfort. The evangelist reminds the Gospel's audience to keep things in perspective. The disciple's real focus is on one's soul and relationship with God. Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder of what is truly important.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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FIRST READING

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that



are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

■ The word of the Lord.