



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Sunday 23 February 2025



Readings for  
this week:

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Luke 6:27-38



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Sirach 27:4-7  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Luke 6:39-45



## Liturgical Jottings

### Holy Year 2025: Prayer

There are many reasons and ways to pray, but at the root of prayer is always the desire to be open to God's presence and His offer of love. It is the Spirit of the Son that calls the Christian community to prayer and allows for each person to return to the Father.

Prayer opportunities on the Holy Year journey show that pilgrims hold the path to God "in their hearts" (Psalm 83:6). Pope Francis gave us this prayer ending in:

... May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

## Looking at the Readings

Revenge and Retaliation are Reproached in the Scripture readings today. Sometimes we are quick to attribute vengeance to the Old Testament and mercy to the New but justice and mercy are very much present throughout all of the scriptures. David had the cause and the opportunity to deal revenge and retaliation on his enemy Saul but thought better of it. Christ is quite unambiguous about love of enemies, bless and pray for those who do you harm. We see very clearly in our current societies around the world how violence begets violence and systems of retaliation escalates capital crimes. Jesus offers a better way.

Luke's Gospel passage continues from the Beatitudes we heard last week, with a series of statements of ethical ways to live. Yet the Gospel is just not a collection of doctrines and moral instructions but God's self-revelation and God's plan for salvation. These statements are very similar to Matthew's account but with a notable exception. Matthew's discourse ends with the admonition to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. Luke's version ends with: "Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate. Jesus reveals God's person and actions to us.

## Fourth Papal Encyclical (Excerpts)

On the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ

1. "He loved us", Saint Paul says of Christ (Rom 8:37), in order to make us realise that nothing can ever "separate us" from that love (Rom 8:39). Paul could say this with certainty because Jesus himself had told his disciples, "I have loved you" (Jn 15:9, 12). Even now, the Lord says to us, "I have called you friends" (Jn 15:15). His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us his love and friendship. For "he loved us first" (1Jn 4:10). Because of Jesus, "we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us" (1Jn 4:16).

Pope Francis Oct 2024

## Quote of the Week

What is perfection in love? Love your enemies in such a way that you would desire to make them your brothers ... For so did He love, Who hanging on the Cross, said "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) Saint Augustine

## On the Lighter Side

Forgive your enemies but never forget their names.

John F. Kennedy

A wise person gets more benefit from his enemies than a fool gets from his friends. Baltasar Gracian

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Norris Bell, Olive McElroy, Jodie Potts, Frances Corso, Philip Bowman.

Ron Florence, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

**Recently Deceased:** Rafareli Sicari, John Moran

**Anniversaries:** Rocco De Maio

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

## ROSTERS

### Sunday 2 March 8.30am

Commentator – A Snell

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – A Brunt

### Saturday 8 March at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – A O'Meara

### Sunday 9 March 8.30am

Commentator –

Lector –

Special Minister –

## PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

**Last weekend Collection: \$1062.80**

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday of month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

World Day of Prayer this year will be held at St Andrew's Anglican Church at 10am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March followed by morning tea. Focus country this year will be Cook Islands. All welcome.

### HARVEST MASS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual Harvest Mass especially the donations for St Vincent's DePaul. God bless you all.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence.

### PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Project Compassion Sunday will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Project compassion boxes and envelopes will once again be available to take home. The theme this lent is Unite

Against Poverty. There will be also a cuppa after mass to launch and acknowledge Project Compassion.

Please bring pancakes or pikelets to share. QR Code to donate to Project Compassion and still register with Kyabram Parish.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed during lent before mass on Saturdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 5.30pm, 12<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday) at 4.30pm and Good Friday at 2.30pm.

### 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 **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am, followed by a cuppa.

## MASS TIME TABLE

### Weekly Masses

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 6pm

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> February - 8.30am

### Weekly Masses

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> February - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 27<sup>th</sup> February - School Liturgy

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 8.30am

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 11.30am Tongala

### Weekly Masses

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> March - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 6<sup>th</sup> March - 10am Anointing Mass

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> March - 6pm

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> March - 8.30am

### Weekly Masses

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> March - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> March - 9.15am Foundation and Year 12

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> March - 8.30am

### Weekly Masses

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> March - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

## MONTHLY WORKING BEE

Monthly working bees are being held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 9.30am to do some general cleaning in the church e.g., dusting, cleaning glass doors, cobwebs, sweeping steps, etc. If you are able to help, we would love to see you. The next working bee will be on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2025**.

## SAFEGUARDING

Two years ago Diocese of Sandhurst implemented safeguarding training for all volunteers. Volunteers who completed their course online will be receiving an email to recomplete the training. All volunteers are required to repeat this training regularly. Volunteers who completed their training online will receive an email from [support@saltcompliance.com](mailto:support@saltcompliance.com).

Once completed please if able print your certificates, email them to [kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au), drop into office or give to Mary Zobec or Annette Ryan. Volunteers who did a group training will be notified of a training session in the coming months.

The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all persons, especially children, young people and adults at risk and has a zero tolerance of abuse.

The Diocese is committed to nationally established standards and protocols of the Catholic Church, as well as being compliant with all government legislation. For further inquiries please see Mary Zobec or Annette Ryan.

## A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH

Have you thought about leaving a bequest to the church? The forms are available in the office if you would like to leave a bequest.

These can be filled in and left with your will. Please contact Vicki or email the office for a copy.

## DECOMMISSIONING BOOKLETS

If any parishioners would like a copy of the booklet from St Sebastian's decommissioning Mass, copies are available in the gathering space.

## 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.

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT SACRAMENTALS ARE?

Sacramentals are powerful & blessed objects that can be a means to express your faith in God and are instruments of grace that God uses to draw us closer to Him and to work through our lives to protect and sanctify us. Sacramentals come in different forms like rosaries, medals, pictures, statues of saints, scapulars, crucifixes, incense, salt, water, oil etc. When a Sacramental is blessed, they have the power to bring down God's graces upon the user, they protect us and have power to bring a soul to conversion and lead them to the sacraments. Sacramentals can bring spiritual healing to a soul, give you grace to fight temptations and deliver you from many dangers. ([www.scapulars-au.com](http://www.scapulars-au.com))

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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.

*"The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope." "No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ." – St. Leo the Great*