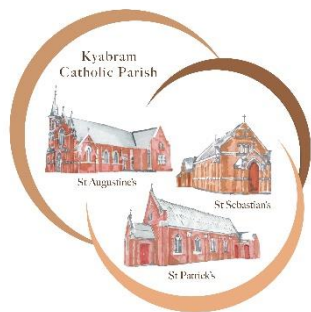




KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Second Sunday of Advent ~ Cycle C

Sunday 8 December 2024



Readings for
this week:

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6



Readings for
next Sunday:

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18



Liturgical Jottings

Springtime of the Liturgy III

The sources of liturgy in the first four centuries include Scripture texts, early collections of prayers and a third group of writings from the Catechesis of Cyril of Jerusalem (347) his Mystagogia text (ca 400), Baptismal Catechesis of St John Chrysostom (386-398) though only discovered in 1955. Instructions and homilies of St Ambrose (Milan, 389-410) on the sacraments, liturgy and catechetical instruction. A very rich firsthand witness of the liturgy comes from of a fourth century nun. Etheria, a colourful Hispano-Roman Christian woman. She authored a detailed account of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where she witnessed and recorded many of the liturgies, including Holy Week and Easter. These sources were sometimes controversial but always illuminating on the birth of Christian liturgy.



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Focus on the Readings

Last Sunday's readings directed our attention to the second coming of Christ at the end of time, this Sunday we focus at his first coming. But not his coming as an infant born in Bethlehem, but as one coming as the Messiah. But he does not appear in the Gospel just yet. The way for his coming among use must be prepared. The Prophet's secretary, Baruch (see below) spoke of making the road clear and safe, flattening mountains and levelling the ground and providing shade on the road. John the Baptist makes full use of this prophetic image in his emphatic words: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

The first time I heard this in song was the opening lines of the musical "Godspell". It was chilling. It reached into the depths of my being. I can only imagine how the first witnesses to John's cry must have received it. Many people took his words to heart, they confessed their sins and went into the waters of the Jordan to be baptised. May we hear the awesome cry anew and really prepare our ears and hearts to hear "Godspell" (German for Good News) and experience that change on which the prophets insist.

The Book of Baruch

The Catholic and Orthodox Churches include this book in the canon of the bible, others may include it as a deuterocanonical book. Baruch is the faithful secretary of Jeremiah, the prophet, after the Exile. The book comprises five very different parts: an introductory account, a psalm of repentance, a hymn of instruction, a message of consolation, and the letter of Jeremiah. The Book of Baruch has the honour of revealing the profoundly religious soul of the Jews dispersed throughout the world.

Excerpts for the Synod 2024

The local Churches are asked to continue their daily journey with a synodal methodology of consultation and discernment, identifying concrete ways and formation pathways to bring about a tangible conversion in the various ecclesial contexts (parishes, religious institutes, movements of the faithful, dioceses, national bodies, groupings of Churches, etc.). The Document expresses awareness that the call to mission is, at the same time, the call to the conversion of each local Church and of the whole Church, in line with the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium. (nn. 9 & 11)

Quote of the Week

The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

On the Lighter Side

A child asked: Why did John eat crickets and golden syrup?



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Joseph Ike Cameros

Anniversaries: Alvin Stanley Brunt

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 15 December 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – A Snell

Special Minister – B Lyon

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection: \$ 944.40

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.

ST VINNES 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.

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 8th December - 8.30am

Tue 10th December - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 12th December – No Mass

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 - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822754. There will be no cuppa and chat in January.

THAT CATHOLIC SHOP

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

LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

The escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah has pushed Lebanon into severe turmoil, with tragic consequences that have spread from Southern Lebanon to the entire nation. The situation is dire: over 3,000 lives have been lost, more than 13,000 people injured, and critical infrastructure has been destroyed.

In response to a heartfelt plea for assistance by Bishop Tarabay and Bishop Rabbat, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in partnership with Catholic Religious Australia, Caritas Australia and Caritas Lebanon, has launched the Lebanon Appeal. This appeal aims to provide essential humanitarian aid to our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon, especially those who are displaced and without homes or shelter. **Donate today:** www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate



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

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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.

"The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God." – St. John Damascene