



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 19 July 2026



Readings for
this week:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43



Readings for
next Sunday:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52



Liturgy Jottings

Liturgy & Social Issues

The relationship between liturgy and social issues is ecclesiological in nature and has important theological and pastoral aspects. At issue is the liturgy's function in the church and the church's mission in the world. There will always be some relationship between liturgy and mission, but its nature and content will reflect what the liturgy does and is expected to do in the life of the church. Important developments in this area is underway, the relationship between liturgy and social issues continues to evolve. The church certainly recognises human distress and the many serious problems in the human community. Its liturgical life has been shaped in part as a response to them. Baptism confronts sin and alienation in human life and reconciles people to God and the church. The Missal used at Mass provides prayers for the unity of Christians, peace and justice, refugees and exiles, and relief from famine. *New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship*

Looking at the Readings

The first reading from the book of Wisdom begins with the God of Justice and sovereignty over all. Perhaps an enduring image of God for many people is of a judge, hence the illustration given here. The reading, however modifies the image of God as a judge. Also the concept of God's strength is also modified. In a worldly sense judgment and strength means control and domination, paying out punishment and exercising power over others. Yet we are reminded that God's strength brings *leniency*, God's judgement is *mild*. The scales are tipped in our favour.

This reading complements the Gospel in a subtle way. There is a critique on the image of God. The Judaic and Christian image of God is that he is a just and merciful God. The Greek image of God prevalent in the time of the writing of the Book of Wisdom is that God is a stern judge in a world of good and evil. Jesus' parables on the mustard seed and the yeast speak of inclusivity, growth and change. The parable on the wheat and the darnel speak of the co-existence of good and evil. The mustard bush was considered a weed in the time of Christ - but it provided goodness to the birds of the air. The darnel is also a weed has no future. It cannot change; It is good for nothing. We live in a world that includes all. We can change, convert, grow and able to respond to God's call and live in harmony with all God's creation.

Weed of the Week

Darnel (*Lolium temulentum*) is a species of ryegrass that is toxic to humans and animals. In ancient agriculture, its similarity to wheat made it a significant problem, as it could easily contaminate a crop. The difficulty in distinguishing darnel from wheat until maturity underscores the parable's message about the challenge of discerning true believers from false ones.

Saints this Week:

Saint Mary Magdalen The Apostle to the Apostles, Wed 22 July

Saint Charbel Makhlouf, Maronite monk, Friday 24 July

Saint James, first Apostle to be martyred 44AD. Sat 25 July

Quote of the Day

If I am worth anything later, I am worth something now. For wheat is wheat, even if people think it is a grass in the beginning. Vincent Van Gogh

On the Lighter Side

What did mustard say to tomato sauce during the race? "You'll never ketchup!"

Why did mustard break up with mayo? It found someone zestier.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Michael Ianacone, Barbara Cameron, Joanne Cox, Shane Boyd, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Noreen Gallardo, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased: Thomas Myers

Anniversaries:

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 25 July at 5pm

Commentator – **Help required**

Lector – S Carroll

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 26 July 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – M O'Shea

Sunday 2 August 8.30am

Commentator – B Elliott

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – A Ryan

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 749.65

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

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PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT

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PRINCIPALS

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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.

COMBINED FELLOWSHIP DAY

You are invited to a combined Fellowship Day on Monday 27th July at 1pm at St Andrew's Anglican Church. Guest Speaker is Rev Elwyn Enos. Theme for this year is 'Be not afraid. He will not let your feet Slip.' Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of worship, encouragement, and fellowship as we gather together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We would love you to join us and support this special time of Christian fellowship. Please bring a plate to share.

MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

Men's group will gather on the First Tuesday of the month. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday 4th August at 5pm-7pm in the Presbytery. Come along for an enjoyable evening of fellowship, conversation, and sharing. All men welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

ST DONATO FESTA TATURA

Saturday 1st August 2026. 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church Tatura. 11.30am doors open at Tatura Italian Socaial Club. Lunch 4 course meal Adults \$65 Youth \$25. Payment at the door. Bookings essential: Pino Lagozzino 027 677 943, Mary Zobec 0427 190 282, Frank De Palma 0427 552 686. Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989.

SACRED HEART CORNELLA CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Sacred Heart Church, Cornella, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, 1 November, with Mass at 10am, followed by a light lunch. Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop René Ramirez RCJ and priests of the Diocese. Everyone with a connection to Cornella is warmly invited to attend. Organisers are also seeking historic photos and stories to include in a commemorative publication. Please email contributions as soon as possible to Glen Avard at jgavard@bigpond.com.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 19th July - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

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

Thu 23rd July - 9.15am Year 3/4 & Year 9 & 10

Sat 25th July - 5pm Mass

Sun 26th July - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 28th July - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 30th July - 9.15am Year 12 & Foundation Liturgy

Sun 2nd August - 8.30am Mass

Sun 2nd August - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

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

Thu 6th August - 10am Anointing Mass

Sat 8th August - 5pm Mass

Sun 9th August - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 11th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

CWLV PRAYER DAY 7 OCTOBER, HOLY ROSARY WHITE HILLS 9:15 AM

Catholic Womens' League Victoria invites you to join them for Mass, Rosary, a Talk and time for building and renewing friendships. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. Contact: Margaret 0409 621 080. All Welcome. We would love to see you.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK (3-9 AUGUST)

The **Serra Club** of Bendigo invites all to attend **Mass, Rosary, and Prayers** at St Therese's Church, **Kennington**, for National Vocations Awareness Week. Commencing Monday 3 August at 9:15 am each day, please join us to pray for our wonderful Priests, Religious, Seminarians and for Vocations. A cuppa and morning tea will follow. Your attendance every day, or even one day, would be warmly welcomed. Enquiries to Anne O'Brien 0447 390 162

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

Catch up on news and events across the Diocese with the latest edition of the Sandpiper. You can find it on our website under "News".

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday 1st September, Celebration of the Season of Creation. Sandhurst Diocese's now annual event to mark the Season of Creation begins with an outdoor Mass at 11am in the beautiful bushland of Huntly Streamside Reserve followed by a Picnic Lunch. Bishop Rene Ramirez, our newly installed bishop, will be the main celebrant. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate this occasion.

SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE "GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION"

Join people from all over the Diocese at the SFI; two days to explore "Gospel, Mission, and Pastoral Outreach"; the First Direction of the Sandhurst Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals. Opening Reflection and Closing with Bishop René Ramirez RCJ; Keynotes on both Friday and Saturday: "What is the Mission and What Does that Mean?", and "Growing as Communities of Mission". Many seminars to choose from, inter-parish dialogue, intergenerational dialogue and a special Youth Stream (16 – 35s). Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton For more information, go to our website:

<https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3078-sandhurst-formation-institute-2026> Or the Facebook Event: [\(20+\) Diocesan Formation Institute | Facebook](#)

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

As our access to low-cost nonperishable food from Food Bank Victoria was lost due to insatiable demand. Demand from families in need within our community is also high and supporting them with pantry food made a difference. Our pantry is empty. To provide an opportunity for parishioners to contribute nonperishable food items for our pantry, a basket is located at the rear of the church. The QR code can be used for online donations.

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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 honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence."
– St. Francis de Sales

Breaking Open the Word

kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the damel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the damel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the damel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Fr Michael Trainor

GOOD AND EVIL

Why do bad things happen to good people? It is a question often expressed in different ways. Bad people seem to get away easily with their bad deeds. Today's Gospel teaching speaks into this perspective. Jesus' parable teaching from last Sunday with his focus on seed continues today. Grain was an important agricultural commodity in the ancient world. It was the source of food and the means of addressing stressing taxation demands. Like last Sunday, the parable is about the Kingdom of God. In the parable, the farmer sows good seed but, unbeknown, a nighttime enemy sows damel in the same field. Both seeds sprout and produce. The workers query the farmer about the reason for the presence of the damel. It is the classic query of life: why is there evil in a world that is essentially good? Why damel among the wheat when only wheat was sown?

The solution offered by the farmer recognises the presence of 'an enemy' and the need to allow both seeds to grow until the harvest when the wheat could be gathered into the barn and damel destroyed. Jesus' wisdom in this parable is salient. We live in a world and faith communities where good and bad co-exist. The coexistence of 'damel' and 'wheat' should not surprise us—but it is not forever. There is the harvest time when justice will be meted out. This awareness of a definitive act of divine justice at time's end, one for which we pray in every celebration of the Eucharist for the coming of Jesus at the end of time, allows us to live in this in-between time as we seek to do good but, at times, experience the presence of evil and the agency of the 'enemy'. Nevertheless, God's kingdom will be ultimately fruitful.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Wis 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, / to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. / Your justice has its source in strength, / your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. / You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned / and you expose the insolence of those who know it; / but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, / you govern us with great lenience, / for you have only to will, and your power is there. / By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people / how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, / and you have given your sons the good hope / that after sin you will grant repentance.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v. 5

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, / full of love to all who call. / Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer / and attend to the sound of my voice. R.

2. All the nations shall come to adore you / and glorify your name, O Lord: / for you are great and do marvellous deeds, / you who alone are God. R.

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, / slow to anger, O Lord, / abounding in love and truth, / turn and take pity on me. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our

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hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth: / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed damel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the damel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the damel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the damel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest: and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the damel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The



SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2026

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TATURA SACRED HEART CHURCH**

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