



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 2 August 2026



*Readings for
this week:*

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35,37-39

Matthew 14:13-21



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33



Liturgy Jottings

Liturgy and Social Issues III

Building on biblical renewal and the Roman liturgy, God's word now has a position of paramount importance in all sacramental celebrations. Not only is the word proclaimed more generously in the various liturgies, but the word makes the Lord present to the assembly and manifests the primacy of the Lord in the church, its life, and its worship. The effort to read the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the gospel reflects a greater historical consciousness and the imperative to subordinate all human activities to the word of God. This has led recent social teachings to highlight the affinities between faith and social issues and between liturgy and efforts on behalf of justice and peace. This more integral outlook can be expected to continue to mature. It should contribute to a positive reception of Catholic social doctrine and a better appreciation at the local level of the dynamic bonds among God's word, liturgy, and conscientious work for justice and peace in human society. *New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship.*

Looking at the Readings

"For although the Lord had the power to supply wine to those feasting, independently of any created substance, and to fill with food those who were hungry, he did not adopt this course of action; but, taking the loaves which the earth had produced, and giving thanks, and on the other occasion making water into wine, he showed that the God who made the earth, and commanded it to bring forth fruit, who established the waters, and brought forth the fountains, was he who in these last times bestowed upon mankind, by his Son, the blessing of food and the favour of drink: the incomprehensible by means of the comprehensible, and the invisible by the visible." St Irenaeus

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is a prevision of the disciples' faith to believe in Christ Jesus as the one who meets their needs. The miracle prefigures the miracle of the Eucharist that we may have food for the journey and the life of Christ within us and about us.

From the Archives (August 2014)

I write these reflections with a heavy heart. More than usual the world seems in disarray. The crisis in Gaza continues and claims the lives of more and more innocents caught in the violence of an intractable conflict. Violence continues in Ukraine, Nigeria, Sudan, and Somalia. Writing to the Romans for the persecuted Christians of his day, St Paul empathizes that God's love for us is stronger than earthly or cosmic powers. Our faith in this love is ultimately not something we do for God, but it is rather something that God does for us. *Chicago Theological Union 2014*

Saints of the Day (2 August)

St Mary of the Angels (Franciscan Feast)

St Eusebius of Vercelli (283 - 371) First Bishop of Vercelli

Saint Peter Faber (1506-1546) co-founder of the Society of Jesus

St Peter Julian Eymard (1811 - 1868) Founder of Congregations of the Blessed Sacrament for Priests, Brothers and Sisters

Quote of the Week

"Seek grace for the smallest things, and you will find grace to accomplish, to believe in, and to hope for the greatest things. Attend to the smallest things, examine them, think about putting them into effect, and the Lord will grant you greater." Saint Peter Faber.

On the Lighter Side

Give a man a fish, and he'll eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he has a livelihood. Eat you lunch and you eat for one, hand your lunch to Jesus, and you'll feed 5,000.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Cheryl Pearce (Baker), Brian Mangan, Agnes & Frank Mangan

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 8 August at 5pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 9 August 8.30am

Commentator – L Sorbello

Lector – **Help Required**

Special Minister – M DiPetta

Sunday 16 August 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – B Elliot

Special Minister – A Brunt

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1022.85

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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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.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH DEBUTANTE BALL 2027

St Augustine's Parish is seeking expressions of interest from young people wishing to participate in the **2027 Debutante Ball**.

If you are interested, please register your expression of interest with the Parish Office by **1 September 2027**.

Contact the Parish Office:

- **Phone:** (03) 5852 1026
- **Email:** kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

For further information, please contact **Alana Brennan** at brenpk1@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is the spiritual practice of spending time in the presence of the exposed consecrated Host. Through this practice, we are invited to spend time alone with God in his real, physical form and to bring to Jesus all our cares, concerns, prayers, hopes and thoughts. Adoration will be held on the **2nd Saturday** of the month from 4-45pm. Please consider spending some quiet time in the presence of Jesus. For more information, please check in with Fr Uday or Mary Zobec.

SACRAMENTALS

On **19 August**, we welcome a visiting supplier who will have a selection of religious articles available for purchase. Items will include statues, holy pictures, and other devotional articles. Parishioners are warmly invited to browse the selection following 8.30am Mass.

ST AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY

St Augustine feast day will be held on Sunday 30th August at 8.30am Mass. You are warmly invited to bring a plate to share and to enjoy fellowship as we celebrate our patron saint together.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

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

Thu 13th August – 9.15am Year 1/2 and Year 11

Sun 16th August - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 18th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 20th August - No Mass

Sat 22nd August - 5pm Mass

Sun 23rd August - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 25th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

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.

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

ST MARTIN OF TOURS, MUSKERRY 150TH

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 30 August 2026 - You are invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the blessing and consecration of St Martin of Tours Church in Muskerry. Starting at 10am with Mass celebrated by Bishop René RCJ, followed by a BYO picnic lunch in the church grounds. All are welcome to join.

LET'S HELP ST MARY'S ECHUCA GET AN ACCESSIBLE TOILET

Join Echuca parishioners at their first Mini-Market and help raise funds for a new accessible toilet, making the church more welcoming and accessible for everyone. Shop with purpose, enjoy the community atmosphere, and support this important parish project.

Saturday 16 August, 10.30 am–1.00 pm, on Church grounds.

CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE 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.

SEASON OF CREATION MASS

The annual Diocesan Season of Creation Mass will take place at Huntly Streamside Reserve at 11 am on Tuesday, 1 September. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate all Creation at this outdoor Mass. A BBQ will follow. BYO chair, water bottle, hat!

MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Tuesday - Men's Group
- 1st Thursday - Anointing Mass
- 1st Saturday - Monthly working bee (church cleaning)
- 2nd Wednesday - Ladies Cuppa and Chat
- 3rd Wednesday - Prayer Meeting

Please note these dates are subject to change, please check bulletin for updates, times and venues.

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 Annete 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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"How good and pleasant it is to dwell in the Heart of Jesus! Who is there who does not love a heart so wounded? Who can refuse a return of love to a Heart so loving? Amen." – St. Bernard of Clairvaux

GOSPEL

Mt 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

JESUS NURTURES US

Have you ever experienced a time when you needed to rest, restore yourself and, perhaps, even reflect on the direction in which your life is moving? Today's Gospel can speak to this experience. Jesus, accompanied by his disciples, steps ashore from a boat and discovers a troubled crowd in need of healing. It is evening, a *lonely* (literally, 'a desert') place and the crowd needs to eat. Figuratively, this crowd represents how we might feel at times, in need of care, comfort, healing and sustenance. The disciples have the solution. They want *him* to send the people off to purchase food from the local villages. But Jesus surprises the disciples with another solution: *they* are to find the food that is necessary. The Greek text can also be interpreted, 'You give them *yourselves* to eat!' This gets to the heart of the issue. The disciples retort that they don't have what is needed (either physically or personally?) to satisfy the hungry crowd, only five loaves and two fish, representative of the average food allowance for one household in the ancient world.

Jesus gets the crowd to sit down (literally, 'recline'—the dining posture in the Greco-Roman world) on the 'grass' (but isn't this a desert?) takes the meagre offering of the disciples, prays a eucharistic blessing over the loaves and fish, then gets the disciples to distribute to the crowd. They eat, are satisfied, and there remains enough leftovers, twelve baskets full, for the future. Our deepest need for spiritual restoration and nurture is met in today's celebration of Word and Eucharist. Jesus nurtures us.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

2 AUGUST 2026

Isa 55:1-3

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty, though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

■ The word of the Lord.

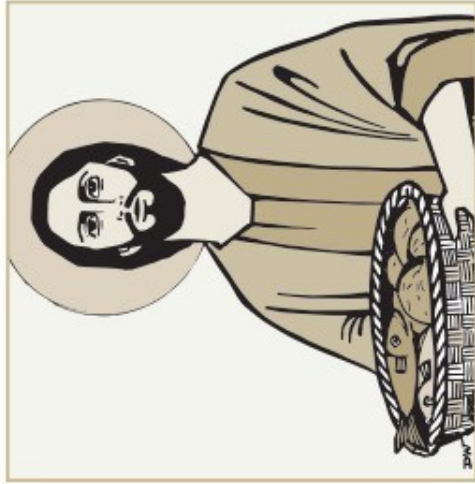
RESP PSALM Ps 144:8-9, 15-18. R. v. 16

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you / and you give them their food in due time. / You open wide your hand, / grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways / and loving in all his deeds. / He is close to all who call him, / call on him from their hearts. **R.**



Rom 8:35, 37-39

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

Mt 4:4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Allchua, allchua! / No one lives on bread alone, / but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. / Allchua!