



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 9 August 2026



*Readings for
this week:*

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Matthew 15:21-28



Liturgy Jottings

Liturgy and Nature I

The ecological crisis has heightened interest in the relation of worship to the natural world. Now the world of nature, the matrix within which human life is set, can no longer be taken for granted, and the salvation of this world has suddenly become a priority. Within our tradition, the Psalms provides a view of the natural world by displaying the glory and providential care of the Creator. The “land” was always an essential part of Israel’s relationship to God. In the Eastern church liturgies, an important theme is salvation as a cosmic process restoring both humanity and nature to their original purposes. In the Western church mystics such as Hildegard of Bingen, Mechtilde of Magdeburg, Meister Eckhart, Julian of Norwich, Thomas Aquinas and Francis of Assisi, celebrated the interrelatedness of humanity and nature. The forms and emphases of worship respond to the felt needs of every age.

Looking at the Readings

We have not seen God. Not even Abraham, Moses, Elijah or the Apostles have seen God. Yet the Apostles had come close because in seeing Christ the Lord they have “seen” an image of God. We do see a lot of images of God in Artworks, Poems, Stories, Songs and human experiences. Most of these images have been inspired by sacred scripture and meditation on the Word of God. We hear how Elijah, who wanted to see God, was told to leave the cave and stand at its entrance on the mountain and God would pass by. Elijah saw God not in the terrific forces of nature but in the silence of a gentle breeze.

Those terrific forces of nature: storms, earthquakes, wildfires floods and droughts are sometimes described by insurance companies and the like as Acts of God. But God was not in the storm, the earthquake or the fire. The Apostles in the boat were terrified by the fierce storm on the lake but also terrified by Jesus walking on the lake and calming the storm. We need to recognise Jesus, Father and Spirit in the ordinary and quiet moments of our lives. It is in the ordinary that God performs extraordinary actions. It is doing ordinary things extraordinary well we fulfil God’s call to service. (Spiritual “Little Way” of Thérèse of Lisieux.)

Sunday ClipArt

This week’s image depicts Elijah at the cave covering his face as God passes by as a gentle breeze (1Kings 19:12-13).

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Quote of the Week

The doctrines of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. *Abraham Lincoln*

Prayer for the Day

God of all power, your sovereign word comes to us in Christ. When your Church is in danger, make firm our trust; when your people falter, steady our faith. Show us in Jesus your power to save, that we may always acclaim him as Lord, who lives and reigns God for ever and ever. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

A chef wants to publish a cookbook that teaches people how to prepare nutritious and tasty meals using meagre rations after cyclones, earthquake, floods or bushfires.

It sounds like a recipe for disaster!



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: Josie Abbate (1 Month)

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 16 August 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – B Elliot

Special Minister – A Brunt

Saturday 22 August at 5pm

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – M Tesoro

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 23 August 8.30am

Commentator – P Jenner

Lector – B Elliott

Special Minister – M Elliott

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 958.55

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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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.

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 12th August at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822754.

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 2026**.

Register with the Parish Office on (03) 5852 1026 or email: kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au to register your details.

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 16 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.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 8th August - 5pm Mass

Sun 9th August - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

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

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

Thu 27th August - 11.30am Augustine' Feast Day
Whole School in the Brigidine Centre

Sun 30th August - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 1st September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 3rd September - 9am School Fathers Day Liturgy

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.

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. **SUNDAY 16 August, 10.30 am–1 pm, on Church grounds.**

GROWING COMMUNITIES OF MISSION

Sandhurst Formation Institute Registrations close 14 August!

What are you waiting for? Your parish needs you. Don't miss this brilliant opportunity to deepen your faith, learn from inspiring presenters and connect with others from across the Diocese. Register for the Sandhurst Formation Institute today. For more information, go to our website: <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3078-sandhurst-formation-institute-2026>

SANDHURST YOUTH: DON'T WAIT FOR THE CHURCH OF TOMORROW, START CREATING IT TODAY

Are you looking for a place where you can ask honest questions, share your faith, find your people and discover your mission? **The Sandhurst Formation Institute Youth Stream** (21 & 22 August) is a space for young people (16-35) to come together, explore faith, share ideas and imagine what a vibrant, invitational, mission-focused Church can look like. Bring your voice, your ideas and your passion as we walk together on our journey with Jesus. You belong, you are seen and you are sent. Register today: <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3078-sandhurst-formation-institute-2026>

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.

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday - Men's Group 5pm

1st Thursday - Anointing Mass 10am

1st Saturday - Monthly working bee 9.30am (church cleaning)

2nd Wednesday - Ladies Cuppa and Chat 2pm

2nd Saturday - Adoration 4pm

3rd Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 5.30pm

Please note these dates and times 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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"When one does one's own duty, one must not be concerned, because God's help will not be lacking." – St. Gianna Beretta Molla

GOSPEL

MT 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered, 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

TOWARDS UNKNOWN SHORES

There are times when we struggle, as though we are personally battling against a strong headwind and can't move out of our physical or spiritual slump. Today's Gospel reflects something of this experience. Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat (a symbol of Matthew's Gospel household) to sail to the 'other side'. This 'side' is unfamiliar and frightening. Jesus spends time on the land praying while the boat, in the meantime, is battling heavy seas and a strong headwind.

All this is a powerful image of the community of Jesus' disciples and, at times, like us or our experience of Church: battling, trying to move forward as we feel alone. At this point in the story, Matthew draws on imagery used of God from the First Testament to describe Jesus walking on the water, coming towards a boat filled with terrified disciples. When they see Jesus, their terror heightens thinking he is a ghost. Jesus reassures them.

Peter, the leader and spokesperson, then asks to come out to be with Jesus on the water. While Peter's focus is on Jesus all is safe as he steps from the boat on to the water. But when he becomes distracted by the wind and waves and takes his gaze off Jesus, he begins to sink. Jesus responds immediately to his plea for rescue and the scene concludes with the disciples worshipping Jesus as God's saving agent. This story speaks forcefully to our community of struggling believers. Jesus seeks to be with us in this 'boat' called 'Church' as we sail together, in that synodal spirit, towards unknown and frightening shores while subject to fearful and unsettling conditions.

Fr Michael Trainor

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

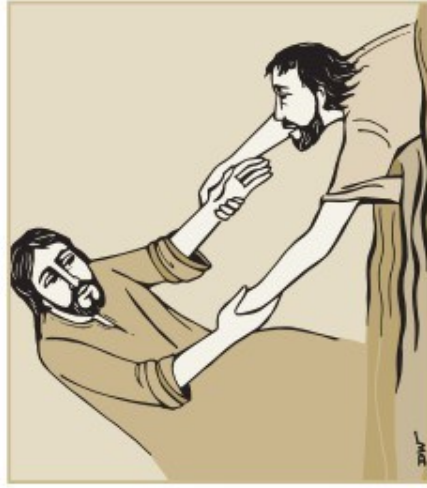
Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! / I hope in the Lord. / I trust in his word. / Alleluia!